

Minutes of Kilmeston Parish Meeting held 14th JULY 2020.

Venue Kilmeston Village Hall garden.

Present: - Mr Simon Young – Chairman (SY)
Mr Michael Curtis (MC)
Mr Charlie Parry (CP)
Mr Jason Bridgen (JB)
Cllr. Hugh Lumby - WCC
Mr Kenrick Fell – Clerk
Ms. Janet Backhouse.
11 other residents.

1. WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were apologies for absence from Mr. John Hankin.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 28th JANUARY 2020.

The Draft Minutes were agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

Nil.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Nil.

6. PARISH MATTERS AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:-

a) Lengthsman (CP)

Scheme working well however they can only carry out simple tasks.

b) Footpaths (JB)

JB stated no issues with any paths. One kissing gate repaired yesterday and one to be replaced. Asked residents to inform him if there were any issues with any of the paths.

The Chairman explained that the HCC Countryside staff could not carry out as much work this year and therefore he had cut back some of the paths.

c) Trees and Village Green (NG)

SY to ask NG to cut back some branches of the trees on the Green and also carry out a Risk Assessment of the PC's trees as required by the insurers.

d) River Itchen and South Downs (MC)

MC explained that HCC, NT and the local NT Estates Manager had held a meeting but the clearing of weeds had ceased because of the lockdown. It is planned to clear the pool and improve the bridge when it is possible.

The Chairman asked MC to explain his role with South Downs.

e) Highways (SY)

The crossroads had become the main topic of conversation in the village as there had been two accidents last week. Cllr. Lumby had spoken to Rob Humby, HCC who will assess the site, however this is a situation which has been happening over many years and no improvements have been made. The resident from the White House on the corner was present at the meeting. This is the house that blocks the view of motorists approaching the junction from the A272. Janet Backhouse said that this property had been there for many years. There was a suggestion that the 30mph should be moved much farther up the hill on the A272

Graham Cresswell stated that the hedge was partly responsible for the reduced sightline, and Helen from the White House agreed to keep it cut back.

The Chairman stated that the cars parked close to the junction were not breaking the law.

Helen Tatler said that the police had carried out speed checks recently but not caught anyone however it was very confusing for motorists driving along the A272 from Bramdean with all the different levels of speed restrictions.

The other problem close to this junction was the large pothole which had been reported to Rob Humby, HCC by both the Clerk and Cllr.

Lumby following representations from John Hankin. Apparently, the hole had been filled but only as a temporary measure as HCC Highways needed to get a Road Closure notice to affect a permanent repair.

The Chairman had reported some potholes in the village.

f) General Maintenance

The Clerk stated that the grass cutters were cutting the Green for the same rate as last year but also cutting a further patch of grass. It was considered that Idverde were producing a much better finish than the previous contractor.

g) Parish Plan (CP & SY)

The Chairman explained that a meeting had been held with Jack Burdett, Alex Wilson and SY and Alex will finish the project and produce a draft for the Parish Council hopefully in September.

Janet Backhouse gave Alex all the paperwork.

7. BROADBAND

The Chairman stated that JB was looking at progressing this item. Cllr. Bridgen gave details of the present systems i.e. copper cable or telephone masts and stated that he was investigating whether Kilmeston could improve its Broadband speed. However, there may be a substantial cost to residents which could possibly be offset by a grant. OpenReach require the names of people who wish to receive high speed Broadband. In Cheriton they received high speed because of the school and in Upham it took 4 years and cost £1,000 per house.

8. PLANNING.

Ref. SDNP/20/02707/TCA * Greys Farm Close. Mr Philip Housden

Previous application approved by WCC & KPC.

Single storey rear extension, convert existing garage, new single garage and new front porch.

Clerk to distribute the details to Members.

9. CITY COUNCILLORS – Cllr. Laurence Ruffell & Cllr. Hugh Lumby.

The City Councillors had forwarded a report which had been passed on to Members.

Cllr. Lumby explained the new procedures regarding garden waste. £59 for the larger bin and target start date February '21.

10. COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Cllr. Rob Humby.

Nil.

11. CHERITON PLAYGROUND.

It was agreed to continue paying £300 to Cheriton PC towards the play equipment.

12. OPEN FORUM.

Chris Robinson asked about the missing posts on the Green as it was mentioned at the last meeting. Chairman to ask NG to look at how many, type etc.

The grass hedge at the bends required cutting back to provide a better sightline. Lengthsman to action.

The notice board at the bottom of the village was not easy to view and was affected by brambles etc. Parish Council to view and consider moving elsewhere.

13. CORRESPONDENCE (KF)

The file of correspondence was passed to the Chairman for distribution.

14. ACCOUNTS (KF)

The Clerk stated that both the Internal Audit and External Audit had been completed and the Account Statement was on the noticeboard.

RECEIVED

VAT returned	£156.92
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PAYMENTS

Idverde grass cutting	£100.80
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Clerk's exps.	£128.48
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CPRE subs.	£36.00
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Cheriton PC Playground donation	£300.00
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The Chairman received a statement showing the current bank position.

15. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Normal agenda.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 15th September 2020.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7pm.