

Minutes of Kilmeston Parish Zoom Meeting held 15th SEPTEMBER 2020.

Present: - Mr Simon Young – Chairman (SY)
Mr Michael Curtis (MC)
Mr Charlie Parry (CP) (not able to take part)
Mr Jason Bridgen (JB)
Mr Kenrick Fell – Clerk
Mr Philip Housden
Mr Ian Dobbie
Mr Alex Wilson
Mrs Rachel Greenwood (Clerk to Bramdean PC)

1. WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Mr Nick Gerrard absent.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 14th JULY 2020.

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

4. MATTERS ARISING.

Pothole in Kilmeston Road close to A272. Clerk reported again to Rob Humby, HCC.

New posts for the Green. Clerk to ask Cllr. Nick Gerrard to view and provide cost of replacements including some at Jack Burdett's side of the Green.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Nil.

6. PARISH MATTERS AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:-

a) Lengthsman (CP)

No update

b) Footpaths (JB)

JB stated that some clearing had been carried out and the Chairman will trim some paths. He had received some thanks from residents for the condition of the footpaths. SY asked the Clerk about the grips at the bends, Clerk to follow up.

c) Trees and Village Green (NG)

NG tree Risk Assessments and the Green posts as per Matters Arising. SY to speak to NG later.

d) River Itchen and South Downs (MC)

MC stated that there was a new NT Land Agent – Lucinda Finley. No further work at the pool at the bends but Barry Frampton has been clearing on the Cheriton side and Kilmeston clearance will commence later. MC also spoke about SDNP planning and his group were looking at enforcement.

e) Highways (SY)

With regard to the crossroads an email had been received from Rob Humby, HCC, however there was not a lot he could do to improve the junction. Road Safety Officers were concerned generally about the A272 and Cheriton and Bramdean PC's were working with Kilmeston to reduce the speeding along the A272. The Clerk of Bramdean, Rachel Greenwood informed the meeting that they were purchasing two speed signs from SDNP funds and were also investigating gates at either end to help reduce traffic speeds.

The situation regarding the use of mirrors was raised again but it was pointed out the HCC do not approve their use.

f) General Maintenance

Nil.

g) Parish Plan (CP & SY)

The Chairman stated that it was finished in draft and it will be emailed to Members after the meeting. Thanks were expressed to Alex Wilson for completing the Plan. Chairman to send copy to WCC. Alex suggested that the PC should just receive comments and not re-write any parts of the Plan. The Plan Committee or the PC will have to decide on the winners of the child and adult competition.

7. BROADBAND

JB said that stage 1 of the project was to determine how many residents were interested. An email had been sent out to villagers and so far 30 responses had been received. 29 will be willing to pay up to £500 towards fast broadband. A resident in Braeburn

Close had already carried out the exercise and therefore the total number now was 70. Members discussed a data base of residents email addresses. JB will contact Open Reach to obtain costings. To a question from a Member JB replied that HCC had not contacted the PC.

8. PLANNING.

Ref. SDNP/20/02707/TPO - 8 Greys Farm Close. Mr Philip Housden

T1 No. 7 Copper Beech Cut back crown, raise canopy and thin.

T2 No. 8 Copper Beech Reduce crown, raise canopy and thin.

T3 No. 9 Copper Beech Reduce crown, raise canopy and thin.

Reasons – Retain tree line and give more light.

The Clerk had distributed the details to Members and the PC had no objected to the tree application.

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

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

10. COUNTY COUNCILLOR – Cllr. Rob Humby.

Nil.

11. OPEN FORUM.

N/A

12. CORRESPONDENCE (KF)

The file of correspondence will be passed to the Chairman for distribution.

Mrs Rachel Greenwood, Clerk Bramdean PC stated that her PC had received funds from SDNP to provide two cameras for the A272 and they were also investigating roadside gates to reduce the speeding traffic. The cameras were £2,500 each and sockets would be placed in several positions for moveable posts. The site survey had been delayed due to Covid but it was hoped they would be in place by the end of the year.

13. ACCOUNTS (KF)

The Clerk gave details of the current bank position. One half of the Precept had been received. The Local Government Pay Award had been agreed at 2.5%. Members agreed the increase.

RECEIVED

Half Precept

£2,282.00

PAYMENTS

Nil.

14. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Seat on the Green.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17th November 2020.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8 pm.