

Minutes of Kilmeston Parish Zoom Meeting held 17th NOVEMBER 2020.

Present: - Mr Simon Young – Chairman (SY)
Mr Michael Curtis (MC)
Mr Charlie Parry (CP)
Mr Jason Bridgen (JB)
Mr Nick Gerrard (NG)
Cllr. Laurence Ruffell – City Councillor
Mr Kenrick Fell – Clerk
Around 9 Parishioners.

1. WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from City Cllr. Hugh Lumby and County Cllr. Rob Humby.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Nil.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 15th SEPTEMBER 2020.

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

5. MATTERS ARISING.

New posts for the Green - NG had viewed the trees and he was waiting for a quotation for the posts.

6. PARISH MATTERS AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:-

a) Lengthsman (CP)

CP gave an update on the lengthsman scheme. SY asked if on their visit the grips below the Church could be dug out. The ditches at the village hall were also mentioned.

b) Footpaths (JB)

The Chairman will contact the Ramblers Association regarding a gate on Geoff Smaile's land.

c) Trees and Village Green (NG)

NG stated that the trees on the Green had been trimmed back and were now OK.

d) River Itchen and South Downs (MC)

MC mentioned the email received from Barry Frampton. A survey has been carried out on the field opposite the source of the Itchen and found that the water from the source was not going through the drainage pipe but underneath the road. This could cause flooding and therefore the NT and the Environment Agency have been informed.

e) Highways (SY)

The Chairman said that generally the village was OK. The bends were not as bad as they have been.

f) General Maintenance

No points were raised

g) Parish Plan (CP & SY)

The Chairman stated that he was waiting for Chris Paterson at SDNP to come back with his comments and as he has had the draft for some time SY will contact him. WCC had agreed the Plan.

The Parish Plan will then be published. A resident asked if the Plan would be available for resident's comments, however the Chairman stated there was no plan to consult residents as the draft had been written and approved by the committee, and the report was based on the resident's views via the survey.

7. BROADBAND

JB had collected a list of all the residents interested in receiving a higher Broadband speed. BT had 88 names. On the Bramdean exchange there were 205 premises and BT had quoted £501,807, £2,447 per property.

Cllr. Ruffell stated that there was some support from HCC, around £1,300 per premise.

Cheriton PC had negotiated a price including other than private houses. JB had spoken to David Arnett and the list of names had been combined.

SY said that a resident was getting high speed Broadband with a download of 85 Mbps for £25/month using an aerial with a private company called Redraw from Exeter. Others in the village were also using 4 G masts which they had funded themselves.

8. PLANNING – SD63 (National Trust / Hinton Marsh development)

The Chairman stated that Cllr. Lumby had been liaising with him concerning this NT development SD63. This is listed in the SDNP Development Plan P195.

The site is earmarked for potential development and is quoted that access will be via the A272.

Cllr. Ruffell said that WCC and SDNP met a long time ago to discuss this site but until such time as a Planning Application is received no further action can be taken.

SY said that Cllr. Lumby has offered to facilitate a meeting with all three Parish Councils when the NT are ready.

MC mentioned the water problems with the site.

9. A272 Update.

The Chairman pointed out that HCC had recognised that the junction needs improvements. However they state that speed is not an issue as they have monitored this recently. On Friday next HCC Officers are meeting with Kilmeston & Cheriton Cllrs. to inform the Councils what they propose to do to improve the junction. It appears that this will take the form of white gates and more white lining.

SY also referred to Cheriton PC's purchase of two speed indicators and asked Members if they would agree to a one off payment of £300 to fund one solar panel. Members agreed.

The Chairman will email Members after the Friday meeting.

Members went on to discuss traffic calming measures and it was pointed out that the planning application at Bramdean for huge grain dryers would significantly increase the traffic. MC stated that he would be attending the SDNP Planning meeting.

Janet Backhouse was concerned at the parking at the crossroads on the Cheriton side.

10. OPEN FORUM.

Chris Robinson enquired if the seat for the Green was being progressed. SY stated that he now had details of suitable seats for around £1,500 and it was agreed that this should be around the large tree on the Green.

Geoff Smailes was concerned at the amount of diesel fuel on the roads around Kilmeston and was anxious to find out who was dropping it. No one on the Zoom meeting knew.

Geoff Smailes also asked for a pothole by his driveway to be reported.

John Hankin mentioned the increased flow of traffic through the village with increased speeds and was concerned that with the narrow width of the road someone could get hurt. There were many walkers with dogs and cyclists. He thought 30mph was too fast. A discussion took place as to how to check the speed. For residents to operate a HCC recognised speed check the participants have to be trained and take all the necessary safety precautions. John could coordinate it.

Chris Robinson asked if the Minutes could be placed in the Church but SY stated that it was sufficient if they were on the noticeboard and on the website.

SY had cut down the weeds at the bottom but the board still presented problems with access and water.

Richard Tatner had complained to HCC Highways about a pothole which was filled then the contractor threw the cones over the hedge. There is also a broken phone cabinet at the crossroads but is not BT's.

11. CORRESPONDENCE (KF)

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

RECEIVED

CPRE Hampshire Views, Support letter

Neil Saunders – tree felling/works

SDNP CIL Project bids, Chris Paterson – Road Safety Trust, Response to Planning Whitepaper, News.
Kelly Bridgen Placement
South East Water –Bottled Water stations
HCC Information, Road enforcement & safety survey.
WCC Cllrs. Report – Nov., Community Guidance, Civic Award.
Cheriton PC – email from Barry Frampton
Census – ONS Census 2021 Online.
SDNP Parish Workshop 8th December 2020

12. ACCOUNTS (KF)

The Clerk gave details of the current bank position.

PAYMENTS

Solar Panel A272 joint project with Cheriton PC	£300.00
Clerk's exps. Incl. back pay	£123.85
Proposed M.Curtis Seconded Simon Young	

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Seat on the Green.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 12th January 2021.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.