

Minutes of Kilmeston Parish Zoom Meeting held 19th JANUARY 2021.

Present: Mr Simon Young – Chairman (SY)
Mr Michael Curtis (MC)
Mr Charlie Parry (CP)
Mr Jason Bridgen (JB)
Cllr. Laurence Ruffell – City Councillor
Cllr. Hugh Lumby – City Councillor
Mr Kenrick Fell – Clerk
Parishioners.

1. WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from County Cllr. Rob Humby and Cllr. Nick Gerrard.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Nil.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 17th NOVEMBER 2020.

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

5. MATTERS ARISING.

Cllr. Ruffell did not receive an Agenda-Apologies.

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

6. PARISH MATTERS AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

a) Lengthsman (CP)

CP gave details of their visit last week.

b) Footpaths (JB)

The Chairman stated that the footpaths were OK and he mentioned the gate on Geoff Smaile's land.

c) Trees and Village Green (NG)

Some timber was required to repair the bus shelter.

d) River Itchen and South Downs (MC)

MC stated that that 2 grips at the bottom had been dug out, but not by the lengthsman. He also said that the Bramdean grain store planning application had been passed. No work had been carried out on the source of the River Itchen but Cheriton PC had written to the NT.

e) Highways (SY)

The Chairman said that Hampshire Highways had approved work on the crossroads. They will fund white gates and additional road markings. A speed camera had been used to assess vehicle speeds and it was found that speeding was not an issue, sight lines were the problem. The speed indicator timeline will be 3 to 4 months.

The Clerk pointed out that there were 40 + other PCs on the order list.

Members discussed the water problems at the bottom of Kilmeston Road. MC said that there were 2 springs giving a permanent problem. Clerk to contact Rod Humby to ask if the situation could be improved and if the various items of equipment left on the site could be removed.

f) General Maintenance

The Green etc. OK.

g) Parish Plan (CP & SY)

The Chairman stated that the Plan had been approved and will be formally adopted by the Parish Council. A copy will be sent to WCC and to Graham Cresswell to place on the website.

7. BROADBAND

JB gave an update on this scheme. He praised the efforts of the Broadband team for their efforts in collecting the names of interested parties but they were still some 30 short. It was good news and Cllr. Ruffell congratulated the team for their efforts.

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

The Chairman stated that Cllr. Lumby had issued an email update on the site after speaking to the NT. The timescale could possibly be late summer. Andy Ruff is currently cutting back tree branches along Kilmeston Road to the stipulated 16ft.

9. A272 Update.

Covered under Highways.

10. OPEN FORUM.

Members discussed the noticeboard at the bottom again as it is difficult to access because of parked cars. Richard Tatner had spoken to one motorist who now parked slightly higher up the road allowing the Clerk to access the board. The Clerk had cleaned the inside and outside of the board as it was covered in algae. It is not in the ideal place but there does not seem to be a suitable alternative.

The Chairman is progressing the new seat on the Green, £1,500 has been donated and the Parish Council will order and reclaim the VAT when the better weather arrives. It will be safely secured to the ground to prevent damage or loss, added to the PC asset list and insured.

Richard Tatner raised a question regarding communications. He thought that the website was great and Graham Cresswell was thanked for setting it up and running it. However, it was felt that it need to be updated and Graham agreed.

Hannah Beckett-Pratt offered to check the houses on the main road for Broadband interest, however JB and Richard Tatner had already covered the area.

11. CORRESPONDENCE (KF)

SENT

Email to Rob Humby re the water on Kilmeston road plus the equipment left on site

RECEIVED

Esso Pipeline Project – update

CPRE Countryside Voice, Fieldwork

HCC Update

South Downs Planning Newsletter

Westcote Speed Indicators

Clerks and Councils Direct Jan.'21

Note from Hannah Beckett-Pratt to join the zoom meeting.

12. ACCOUNTS (KF)

The Clerk gave details of the current bank position.

PAYMENTS HCC Paper	£19.76
Idverde Grass cutting	£100.80
Viking	£41.49
Clerk's exps	£87.82
Zoom Pro 50%	£71.94