

**Minutes of Kilmeston Parish Zoom Meeting held 16th MARCH 2021.
Recorded.**

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. No one objected to the meeting being recorded.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

No apologies were received.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Nil.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 19th JANUARY 2021.

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

5. MATTERS ARISING.

Nil.

6. PARISH MATTERS AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:-

a) Lengthsman (CP)

New contract signed and returned to Soberton PC.

CP stated that there was a visit tomorrow. On the list were the brambles opposite Long Cottage, the repeater 30MPH sign will be able to be seen.

NG mentioned the ditch on the village green but members discussed as it requires a digger. SY to investigate.

b) Footpaths (JB)

JB stated that the footpaths were OK.

c) Trees and Village Green (NG)

NG said that the trees were all OK With regard to the posts for the village green he was awaiting a price. SY suggested the supplier be chased.

d) River Itchen.(MC)

MC stated that there was no movement on the source of the Itchen.SY had met with NT staff to obtain permission to dig grips near the A272. NT will not let anyone onto their land. Also they will only remove some dead trees which are in the pond. The bridge has been inspected but no one knows the outcome of the inspection.

e) Highways (SY)

The Chairman said that Hampshire Highways had repaired the pothole on Kilmeston Road but it was breaking up already.

f) General Maintenance

Cheriton PC had received the Speed Indicator and were studying the instructions etc. The work on the A272 crossroads was awaited. SY stated that the bus shelter required some new timbers but the roof was OK.

7. BROADBAND

JB gave an update on this scheme and he mentioned the help from Graham Cresswell and others. Based on 230 residents the cost would be £2,900 per property covered by £1,500 voucher and £1,500 from HCC. The DCMS scheme expires on 31st March but as Kilmeston is in Area 3 (hard to reach) we would still get a voucher. The Government has not released any details of their new scheme. HCC gave a date of early April. The Parish Council Chairman thanked Graham Cresswell for updating the website.

8. PLANNING.

SDNP/20/05411/LDE Mr & Mrs Jarman. Lawful development certificate. Barn classification.

Awaited.

SDNP/21/00290/FUL Boomtown. Matterley Farm. Application aims to remove 6yr agreement. PC Objection. Extended comment date, maybe May.

Chairman carried out a straw poll on SLACK and email and found that of the 49 properties that responded, 30 had no comment and were relaxed about it, 4 were positive and 15 were against. Graham Tarbuck stated that CPRE had objected on the grounds that the location of the Festival would damage the park.

9. OPEN FORUM.

Mrs Cresswell thought that the publicised free tickets should be made available to Kilmeston youngsters and the PC.

Mr Robinson asked about the Parish Plan and whether the PC should have a 5yr strategic plan for the village. SY stated that it was now on the website. It was suggested that the plan would help as an aide memoir when reviewing future planning applications. It will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. The village seat will be bought and erected when the better weather arrives.

WCC Cllrs. Have no idea when staff are returning to the offices.

10. CORRESPONDENCE (KF)

SENT

Email to HCC Highways re the pothole on the Kilmeston close to the A252.

RECEIVED

HCC Ownership of bus shelter
WCC Local Plan Consultations, Update
Cllr. Lumby Updates 5th Mar/15th March.
Clerks and Councils Direct March
SDNP Webinar Invite
Boomtown 25th Feb/12th March
Grants Hants & IOW Trust

11. ACCOUNTS (KF)

The Clerk gave details of the current bank position. Members agreed to give the full £300 to Cheriton PC for the speed indicator solar panel.

PAYMENTS

Winchester Cab donation	£120.00
Idverde Grass cutting	£100.80
Viking	£31.90
Clerk's exps.	£84.67
St. Andrews Church donation	£120.00

Proposed S. Young Seconded C. Parry

12. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Parish Plan.

13. NEXT MEETING – 18th May 2021. Annual Assembly/Annual Meeting NB Four year term ends April 2022.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.08 pm.