

**Minutes of Kilmeston Parish Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021.**

Present: - Mr Simon Young – Chairman (SY)  
Mr Michael Curtis (MC)  
Mr Nick Gerrard (NG)  
Cllr. Laurence Ruffell – City Councillor  
Mr Guy Hornsey  
Mr Graham Cresswell  
Mrs Annie Cresswell  
Mr Chris Robinson  
Mr Kenrick Fell - Clerk

**1. WELCOME.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Rob Humby, Cllr. Hugh Humby, Cllr. Charlie Parry and Cllr. Jason Bridgen.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

Nil.

#### **4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021.**

The Minutes were Proposed by MC and Seconded by NG. and were signed by the Chairman.

#### **5. MATTERS ARISING.**

Nil.

#### **6. PARISH MATTERS AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS: -**

##### a) Lengthsman (CP)

Going well, Chairman to talk to CP.

##### b) Footpaths (JB)

There had been a complaint from a resident Mark Wilks at the bottom of the village. The Chairman had written to him explaining that in the Southern end of the village, residents get together and form a working party to take care of the footpaths.

##### c) Trees and Village Green (NG)

NG said that the village green was OK.

The Clerk had asked Idverde if they could cut an additional strip of grass at the back of the Green. No reply had been received but it appeared that they were cutting this strip now that it been cleared of brambles etc.

NG stated that the planings will be used to fill the potholes in the car park area when haymaking had finished.

##### d) River Itchen. (MC)

MC stated that a meeting had been held with the NT and the pond will now be cleared. The tree work had also been approved hopefully this will be carried out this side of Christmas.

Barry Frampton was testing the river water.

e) Highways (SY)

The Chairman said that there were two potholes near Mrs Gruber's property. Mike had spoken to the NT about the water problem at the bottom.

f) General Maintenance

Nil.

g) Councillor's Reports

Cllr. Ruffell stated that WCC had funds available from the Government to assist businesses. On Planning the site at Bar End which was proposed for a 280-space car park had received a further objection at the last minute when the Planning Committee were about to debate the application.

7. **BROADBAND** NB This item taken first as Graham Cresswell had to leave early

Graham gave an account of the progress on the scheme. He had met with the Chief Engineer of the SE England area who was very supportive of the Kilmeston teams' efforts to provide High Speed Broadband. There was no fibre yet in Kilmeston, the trench that had just been dug held copper wire with fibre to be added later. There is fibre to Beauworth but that has been put in at the request and expense of the farmer.

Open Reach would be happy to trench it to Kilmeston. The capacity will cover Kilmeston. He stated that there were lots of poles in Kilmeston which made it easier. Graham had produced a map of the village and the Engineer was very interested in it and took a copy away with him.

High Speed Broadband will not happen in 2021. Laurence Ruffell said that WCC had been told 2022, Government funding was delaying the projects. Graham will write to the local MP, and It was suggested that residents also write.

## 8. PLANNING.

Nil.

## 9. OPEN FORUM.

Mr Chris Robinson asked about the new posts for the village green. These will arrive after the harvest.

The Village Hall Committee were looking at additional storage facilities for the nursery furniture and equipment. This is in order that they can be removed prior to other events in the Village Hall.

The Chairman had received an email requesting that Alpacas be put on the Village Green and the public use the facilities of the Village Hall. Members discussed and were happy for the owners to go ahead on a one-off basis and then the PC would review it. It was proposed that it should be restricted to that part of the Green behind the bus shelter.

MC said that David Paine's wife had died, and he suggested a letter of condolence be written to David. SY will write.

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE (KF)

### SENT

Emails sent to David Hill re village seat.  
HCC re collection of sign  
Email thanking Robert Boyle

### RECEIVED

WCC Review of Statement of Principals Gambling Act 2005, Next Generation,  
Register of Electors Update  
Census newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.

Came & Co. Insurers new name Gallaghers, Newsletter Aug.  
CAB First Aid Advice  
Esso Update Sept.  
Clerk & Councils Direct Sept.  
ROW Newsletter Sept.  
HCC re sign  
Elan City Speed Indicators – Special Offers  
Mark Wilks – footpath. Chairman replied.  
Env. Centre re wood burning  
CPRE Fieldwork & Countryside Voices Summer  
Robert Boyle re Audit  
Laurence Ruffell/ Hugh Lumby Report for meeting  
David Hill re cheque  
Chris Robinson re Green telephone trench  
Tom Hayes re the same  
Kerry Berry re Alpacas on the Village Green.

## 11. ACCOUNTS (KF)

The Clerk gave details of the current bank position. The half Precept had been received; however, the PC was still awaiting the funds £1,300 for the village seat as the first cheque had bounced because Barclays Bank had closed the account. This was being rectified.

### RECEIVED

WCC Half precept	£2,282.00
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### PAYMENTS

HCC Paper etc	£36.28
Clerk's exps.	£82.64
Proposed N. Gerrard Seconded M. Curtis	

**12. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.**

As normal.

**13. NEXT MEETING – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.57 pm.

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