

Minutes of Kilmeston Parish Meeting held 19th July 2022.

Present: - Mr Simon Young – Chairman (SY)
Mr Jason Bridgen (JB)
Ms. Hannah Beckett-Pratt (HB)
Cllr. Hugh Lumby – WCC/HCC
Cllr. Neil Bolton - WCC
A number of Kilmeston & Cheriton residents.
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. Parry and Cllr. Gerrard.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Nil.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 19th May 2022.

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

5. MATTERS ARISING.

Nil.

6. PARISH MATTERS AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS: -

a) Lengthsman (CP)

The Chairman stated that the Lengthsmen had been tasked to clear out the grips and also clear the footpaths.

b) Footpaths (JB)

JB stated that the footpaths were in good order. Any work required contact Charlie Parry.

c) Trees and Village Green (NG)

No problems with the trees.

d) River Itchen. (HB)

Hannah now looking after the River Itchen problems.

e) Highways (SY) The Chairman said that he had reported 3 potholes.

f) General Maintenance

The Chairman said there were still a few potholes which will be reported.

New posts installed at the side of the village green.

Northern notice board investigate alternative sites.

Defibrillator sign obliterated.

g) Councillor's Reports.

Rob Humby's Report and Hugh Lumby/Neil Bolton's reports had been distributed to Members.

Cllr. Neil Bolton mentioned the problems currently experienced with collecting garden waste. This was because of contractor's staffing issues.

Hannah asked about the speed cameras. Cllr. Humby gave details of the equipment which will be installed on the A272 between Bramdean, West Meon Hut and Langrish. Possible roll out to the A32.

Regarding the recent publicity re 20MPH limits the Chairman asked if it was possible to carry out speed checks through Kilmeston. It may be possible to borrow a SID.

Clerk to check with HCC/Police.

7. COUNCILLOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Chairman stated that the current Councillors remain with their present responsibilities, with Jason looking after Broadband and Hannah being responsible for activities at the North End of the village.

8. COMMUNICATIONS.

The noticeboards were discussed. Hannah thought that the North End noticeboard should be available to all. It was pointed out that the PC had financed the purchase of a village notice board in the centre of the village as the main noticeboards were for official local gov't papers. However, it was decided to leave the board unlocked and if there was insufficient room for KPC/WCC/HCC papers then the other notices would be covered.

The Chairman stated that we are legally obliged to place official notices on the website and to this end he was investigating the complete overhaul of the website and he had funds in mind. The current website was set up by Graham Cresswell and has been sufficient for the PC needs up to present but with more emphasis on communicating through the internet, Kilmeston needs to move with the times. The village also has the Slack internet site to communicate with villagers.

9. BROADBAND (JB)

Cllr. Bridgen said that they were still waiting for the vouchers to be unfrozen. This has been delayed for weeks. The team have the support of the local MP.

10. CORRESPONDENCE (KF)

SENT

Info to External Auditor

Vat return applied for.

RECEIVED

Boomtown programme – sent to Graham (internet)

SDNP Newsletter

Esso update

WCC Report – Cllrs. Lumby & Bolton.

HCC Operation resilience – Spitfire link & M£ Jct, 9 improvements

SDNP Review of the South Downs Local Plan

11.OPEN FORUM.

Mike Curtis stated that he was attempting to organise a meeting to discuss the water at the bottom. No meeting scheduled at present.

Grubers pre-planning advice. The Parish Council is not normally notified until it receives an official planning application, however SDNP appear to have changed their position and are now notifying PC's. Clerk to ask Graham to remove from the website.

Hannah referred to the condition of Mud Lane. Hannah to speak to Charlie re assembling a team to cut back.

12.ACCOUNTS (KF)

The Clerk gave details of the current bank position. The Auditor had queried the bus shelter on the Asset Register and will discuss with the Chairman and the Chairman to sign the Clerk's expense book.

PAYMENTS

VAT Return (BS)	£547.20
J.N. Hillier Posts	£350.00
Chairman Refreshments	£26.98
Clerk's exps.	£114.85

Proposed J. Bridgen Seconded S. Young

13.ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Speed check in the village.

14.DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 20th September 2022.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.07 pm.