

Minutes of Kilmeston Parish Meeting held 20th September 2022.

Present: - Mr Simon Young – Chairman (SY)
Mr Jason Bridgen (JB)
Ms. Hannah Beckett-Pratt (HB)
Mr Charlie Parry (CP)
Cllr. Hugh Lumby – WCC/HCC
Cllr. Neil Bolton - WCC
Mr Tom Beckett
Mr Graham Cresswell
Mrs Anne Cresswell
Mr Philip Housden
Mr Ian Dobbie
Mr Graham Tarbuck
Mr John Hankin
Mr Kenrick Fell - Clerk

1. WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that he wanted to offer the Parish Council's deepest sympathy to the Royal Family upon the death of Queen Elizabeth.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Rob Humby, and Cllr. Gerrard.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Nil.

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

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

The Chairman referred to the lateness of the Minutes and he wished to see them within 10 days. (The Clerk later checked the facts and found that they were produced in 11 days but delayed with the Chairman.)

5. MATTERS ARISING.

With regard to communication a meeting had been held between the Chairman, Graham Cresswell and HB to discuss an improved website. The Village Fete Committee had donated £300 towards a new website.

6. PARISH MATTERS AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS: -

a) Lengthsman (CP)

The Clerk had passed on a new timetable from the Co-ordinator.

CP stated that the lengthsman had visited the village and they were due to visit again next Tuesday. Various problems were mentioned for the lengthsman to carry out.

b) Footpaths (JB)

JB stated that the footpaths were in good order. Mud Lane was clear.

The Chairman referred to the Ramblers Association who had mentioned putting kissing gates across Hinton Ampner to improve accessibility.

c) Trees and Village Green (NG)

No problems.

d) River Itchen. (HB)

HB stated that there was a meeting held at the end of August with the NT, Barrie Frampton and others to report parishioner concerns and the survey on Slack. The NT committed to better maintenance. The purpose was to improve the relationship between the NT and the Parish Councils. The culvert was raised, and the NT will clear the vegetation. The footpaths will be cleared and the water run-offs, plus the nitrates will be monitored. An ecological report had been produced but Cheriton did not accept the findings. The ditches will be cleared, and Paul Collins/Barrie Frampton will hold further meetings.

Cheriton PC were concerned about the increase in footfall that may occur with the NT plans.

HB said that updates would be given to Members.

No date had been produced for the NT work on trees.

The Chairman referred to the flooding at the crossroads. Southern Water had visited however water was now coming out in the road. There were 2 drains on the A272 which were HCC property and water ran permanently. The Chairman asked the Clerk to forward an email to Rob. Humby

Graham Tarbuck spoke about the water problem with the field being higher than the road.

The water table was very low at the moment

John Hankin stated that the Beauworth Road had the same problem, and they dug a sump which works. The NT had agreed that digging was now permitted on their land. He also said that the small ditch across the entrance to Hopton's Retreat had never been cleared. It was suggested a working party could be formed to clear this ditch.

Graham Tarbuck said that a meeting had been arranged on site, but this had been put off. HB will contact Paul Collins.

d) Highways (SY)

The Chairman said that there was another pothole outside the village hall.

e) General Maintenance

Nil.

f) Councillor's Reports.

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

The Chairman asked if they had anything to add but there was nothing further.

7. BROADBAND (JB).

JB was able to report some better news with regard to the service.

Residents will have received an email from Graham Cresswell. £237,500 was required and £100,000 had been raised. There were 142 houses and 7 businesses. A survey had been completed and there will be a mixture of underground and overground cables.

The landowner Neil Saunders had been contacted and he had agreed to allow trenching from Down Farm to the village. JB asked that anyone who has not pledged to do so. Kilmeston service has been fast tracked, however the timing is currently not known.

Graham Cresswell stated that residents do not have to choose BT.

8. PLANNING.

Nil.

9. SPEED CHECK IN THE VILLAGE.

The Clerk contacted the Police and was directed to the Speedwatch Team who suggested that the PC contact HCC regarding road strips to find out the actual speed of the traffic. Clerk to organise.

10. OPEN FORUM.

Graham Cresswell stated that he had spoken to the Cheriton web site organiser.

He also spoke about possible broadband costs with 70 megabits/sec of £19/month including the landline, which was cheaper than his existing service. There would also be 12-month contracts available.

Anne Cresswell said that the stiles were in a poor condition, and she will send a list to the Chairman.

SY said that he would talk to the landowners and also the Ramblers Association appeared to have funds for replacement stiles

John Hankin stated that cyclists could be a problem if 20mph was adopted as according to the law if the width law was enforced a motorist would not be able to pass a cyclist throughout the length of Kilmeston Road. He had recently had problems with a cyclist in the village.

John also referred to communication and members discussed the alternatives. The Chairman stated that he wished to use the website more and not Slack as a means of communication. There was a problem with emails in that permission from users has to

be given before the PC can issue wholesale emails. John Hankin offered to collect residents' details and permission in the North of the Parish.

11. CORRESPONDENCE (KF)

SENT

Contacted the Police re speed check.

Various emails re the Bank signatories.

RECEIVED

SDNP Removal of Publicity for Submitted Pre-Application Enquiries

SAAA Option to opt out of Central Ext. Auditor arrangements

SDNP Launch of call for sites & local green space.

Boomtown Pl. Application - David Pain.

CPRE newsletter

Planning Training - Durley PC

Reports - HCC Rob Humby, WCC Hugh Lumby/Neil Bolton.

12. ACCOUNTS (KF)

The Clerk gave details of the current bank position. The Auditor had queried the bus shelter on the Asset Register and had discussed this with the Chairman. It was proposed to change the value to nil.

The Clerk was still processing the bank signatories as it was proving difficult to obtain Cllr. Gerrard's signature. The Chairman will obtain the signature.

PAYMENTS

HCC Paper	£25.69
Clerk's exps.	£153.45

Proposed J. Bridgen Seconded S. Young

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

The Chairman wished to include Succession planning as he was not seeking re-election in the New Year.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 15th November 2022.