

Minutes of Kilmeston Parish Meeting held 15th November 2022.

Present: - Mr Simon Young – Chairman (SY)
Mr Jason Bridgen (JB)
Ms. Hannah Beckett-Pratt (HB)
Mr. Nick Gerrard (NG)
Mr Charlie Parry (CP)
Mr Peter Tuffin
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. Neil Bolton & Cllr. Hugh Lumby.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Nil.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 20th September 2022.

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

5. MATTERS ARISING.

The Chairman raised the matter of Succession Planning, and a date will be agreed to meet Councillors and discuss before the next meeting.

6. PARISH MATTERS AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS: -

Lengthsman (CP)

a) CP stated that the lengthsman had visited the village and they had carried out some good work in the village. There was one more visit this year.

b) Footpaths (JB)

JB stated that the footpaths were in good order. The Chairman stated that he had dealt with one footpath.

c) Trees and Village Green (NG)

No problems.

d) River Itchen. (HB)

The National Trust had opened up a way for the water to flow off the road. They had also carried out some work on the hedge.

e) Highways (SY) The Chairman said that the potholes had been repaired.

Members discussed the speed of vehicles through the village and the Chairman referred to the advice from Andy Smith, Hampshire Highways/Police. A police check would cost £200. In view of the cost Cllr. Parry suggested the PC provide its own signs.

Road closures - there had been a closure with no advance warning and the Clerk was asked to investigate future closures.

f) **FLOODING**

HB gave details of her discussion with the appropriate agents i.e. Southern Water, National Trust and Hampshire Highways. Paul Collins - Ranger had been involved. There was an issue with funding. HCC were concerned with mains water, but Southern Water were not going to dig. The NT would allow water to drain into the field. All the parties were continuing to discuss. However the Clerk was asked to contact Rob Humby again to progress the situation.

g) **General Maintenance**

There was a speed sign that required tightening.

h) **Councillor's Reports.**

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

7. COMMUNICATIONS.

Discussion took place regarding a new website, a donation of £300 was available from the Fete Committee. HB knew someone willing to create a website for the PC and she stated that he was willing to produce a mock up of a suitable website for Members to view.

8. BROADBAND (JB).

JB was pleased to report a breakthrough on Broadband with a date of the next 8 months. The number of people with vouchers was 233 and they should have been contacted by Open Reach. However there had been a procedural error and not everyone had been contacted. Committed people will have an internal connection. Permission to lay the cable had been agreed. The Chairman thought that a huge thank you should be given to all concerned and JB to let the Clerk have the names of the group. JB mentioned how many emails he had dealt with in his communications.

9. PLANNING.

Enforcement update.

10. OPEN FORUM.

Mike Curtis mentioned the water problem on Kilmeston Road and stated that he had been pursuing his own investigation. It was pointed out that it was a Parish Council matter which HB was dealing with and any meetings should include the PC representative.

11. CORRESPONDENCE (KF)

SENT

Various emails re the Bank signatories.

Email to Rod Humby, HCC re the water problems in Kilmeston Road.

RECEIVED

Reports - HCC Rob Humby, WCC Hugh Lumby/Neil Bolton.
WCC Update Election Register, Parish Briefing, Local Plan Update, Coronation - Street Closures.
Local Gov't Pay Award
Tom Haye re Defibrillator Battery
Co-op Bank more signatures
Cherry Tree Playgroup - donation. (PC No)
SDNP Ballot
Rural Bulletin
CPRE Hants Views
ESSO pipeline update
Hedgerow - community funding.

12. ACCOUNTS (KF)

The Clerk gave details of the current bank position. The Parish Council agreed to the donation to Winchester CAB. Idverde had submitted an invoice for the whole year.
The Clerk was still processing the bank signatories and had had to visit the branch in Southampton.

PAYMENTS

Community Heartbeat	£240.00
Durley PC Pl. Training	£25.00
ID Verde Grass cutting	£403.20
Village Hall	£12.00
Clerk's exps. & Back Pay	£290.98
Winchester CAB	£120.00
ICO subs	£40.00

Proposed H. Beckett-Pratt Seconded J. Bridgen

The Chairman mentioned the bus shelter and a comment from our Internal Auditor regarding its Asset Value. His view was that it was not an asset and should not be shown as such in the accounts. Members went on to discuss its value and whether it should be repaired. It was noted that it is insured in case part of it falls down on a resident etc.

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Succession Planning and Coronation Activities.
NT Update on their plan - Gordon Gardner.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17th January 2023.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.38 pm.

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