

Minutes of Kilmeston Parish Meeting held 17th January 2023.

Present: - Mr Simon Young – Chairman (SY)
Mr Jason Bridgen (JB)
Mr. Nick Gerrard (NG)
Mr Charlie Parry (CP)
Mr Kenrick Fell - Clerk
Approx. 17 residents.

1. WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that a meeting with representatives of the National Trust would follow this meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Rob Humby, Cllr. Hugh Lumby and Cllr. Hannah Beckett-Pratt.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Nil.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 15th NOVEMBER 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: -

a) Lengthsman (CP)

CP stated that the lengthsman had visited the village and they had carried out some work near to the telephone box.

b) Footpaths (JB)

JB stated that the footpaths were OK. The Chairman stated that the area close to St. Andrews House needed some attention. CP will add to his list for the lengthsman.

c) Trees and Village Green (NG)

No problems.

d) River Itchen. (HB)

The Chairman stated that Hannah had met Southern Water staff. The road near the notice board had been dug up and a small leak detected. However the water was still flowing. The Chairman had spoken the National Trust. The box at the bottom had been removed and the wires dealt with.

e) Highways (SY) The Chairman said that there were one or two potholes in the village.

f) General Maintenance

Nil.

g) Councillor's Reports.

Rob Humby's Report and Hugh Lumby/Neil Bolton's reports had been distributed to Members. Cllr. Bolton spoke about two matters

i) Election changes and ii) The Coronation and the deadline for road closures etc.

7. COMMUNICATIONS.

The Chairman said that the project of a new website was with Hannah. Members discussed the ideal of residents signing up to receive emails from the Parish Council. The Chairman asked JB to investigate.

8. BROADBAND (JB).

JB stated that Openreach had laid the fibre cable in the main part of the village and at the extremities the cable would be above ground. He had been advised by the Project Officer that residents may have the service before the next PC meeting. A number of residents had received an email from Open Reach but those who had not will still receive the service.

9. PLANNING.

SDNP/22/05708/HOUS

1 Gards Cottages, Kilместon Road.

Loft conversion with rear traditional dormer window with slate hipped roof and cheeks to match neighbouring properties. Two new roof lights to front elevation.

PC No objection.

In progress.

10. SUCCESSION PLANNING.

The Chairman stated that he would call a meeting to discuss this matter. It was intended to encourage younger members of the community to join the Parish Council and Members were actively seeking to recruit residents.

11. CORONATION ACTIVITIES.

The Chairman was asked to organise a meeting with the various groups, Village Hall Committee, Fete and Parish Council to discuss whether villagers were interested in organising an event to mark the Coronation.

12. OPEN FORUM.

During discussions Mike Curtis referred to Cllr. Beckett-Pratt as the "Chairman's bird" which was considered inappropriate language by the Parish Council and some members of the audience objected to this.

Mike Curtis referred to the water problem on Kilmeston Road and stated that there was a leak in a water pipe.

Graham Tarbuck spoke on behalf of Ian Dobbie with regard to a consortium for Broadband to maximise savings.

Edward Pitts said that the ditches were full of leaves and asked who was responsible for cleaning them. The Chairman stated that CP could organise a working party as before to clear the ditches.

13. CORRESPONDENCE (KF)

SENT

RECEIVED

Correspondence emailed to Members.

14. ACCOUNTS (KF)

The Clerk gave details of the current bank position. The Clerk had given up on the Co-operative Bank and will continue with just 3 recognised signatories.

PAYMENTS

Clerk's exps.	£168.84
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Proposed N. Gerrard Seconded J. Bridgen

BUDGET 2023-24

The Clerk had produced a draft budget, however a decision on the Precept was delayed until a later date. The Precept recommended was £5,000 as the previous year and this was later agreed and forwarded to Winchester City Council.

15.ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Succession Planning and Coronation Activities.

16.DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 21st March 2023.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.