

Minutes of Kilmeston Parish Meeting held 21st March 2023.

Present: - Mr Simon Young – Chairman (SY)
Mr Jason Bridgen (JB)
Mr. Nick Gerrard (NG)
Mr Charlie Parry (CP)
Mr Kenrick Fell - Clerk
Cllr. Neil Bolton - WCC
Cllr. Hugh Lumby - WCC & HCC
Ms. Astrea Hurlock - Prospective candidate
Approx. 6 residents.

1. WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Cllr Rob Humby.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

Nil.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 17th JANUARY 2023.

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)

CP stated that the lengthsman will visit the village 4 times now not 5 due to financial increases. It will still be 2 men for 3 hrs. The next visit is in May.

b) Footpaths (JB)

JB stated that the footpaths were OK. The Chairman spoke about stiles. The NT were using the lane at the side of the pond for access to their field and it was now deep in mud. A resident had complained about the state of the lane.

The Chairman had spoken to the farmers and it was hoped that when the work was finished it would be made good. HB will speak to Gordon at the NT.

c) Trees and Village Green (NG)

No problems with trees however BT had dug a trench which needed to be made good. The Chairman and NG will inspect the trench.

d) River Itchen. (HB)

HB said that the water problem at the bottom of Kilmeston Road had been better lately. A small leak had been found and fixed but this did not cure the overall problem. Southern Water had finished their work on the site. The Chairman suggested another email to HCC Highways?

e) Highways (SY) The Chairman said that there were still some potholes in the village.

One had been reported but there was still one in Sandy Lane.

f) General Maintenance

Work outside the village hall was mentioned.

g) Councillor's Reports.

Rob Humby's Report and Hugh Lumby/Neil Bolton's reports had been distributed to Members. Cllr. Bolton spoke about Broadband. There were problems with BDUK and in some instances parishes had to re-apply for vouchers

As Cllr. Lumby was standing down as a Winchester City Councillor Members thanked Hugh for all his help to Kilmeston PC during his term of office. Cllr. Lumby will continue as a HCC Councillor.

7. COMMUNICATIONS.

The Chairman said that the funding for a new website was £300. HB was still investigating the best way forward on this project.

8. BROADBAND (JB).

JB stated that four properties now had high speed broadband. There was one small set back, Open Reach cannot use the SE electricity poles. Cllr. Bolton pointed out that this change could mean an increase in costs.

9. PLANNING.

SDNP/22/05708/HOUS

1 Gards Cottages, Kilmeston 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.

SDNP/23/00920/LIS

Kilmeston Manor

Minor internal alterations of two first floor bathrooms.

The Chairman gave Members details of the work, and the PC had no objection.

10. SUCCESSION PLANNING.

The Chairman called a meeting with Members to discuss this matter and unfortunately the Parish Council was no further forward in agreeing on a new Chairman. The Chairman had met with WCC officers but was awaiting a reply as to what would happen in the event that Kilmeston PC had no Chairman in May.

11. CORONATION ACTIVITIES.

Mrs Rachel Curtis gave details of the Coronation plans. It would be held on Friday the 5th of May. The Village Hall Committee was involved and the event would start early and finish around 6pm. With regard to children's mugs the age was suggested as under 12 and names were being collected.

12. OPEN FORUM.

Nil.

13. CORRESPONDENCE (KF)

SENT

RECEIVED

Correspondence emailed to Members.

14.ACCOUNTS (KF)

The Clerk gave details of the current bank position. It was agreed that the subs. to CPRE and the donation to the Friends of St. Andrews be paid. The donation to Cheriton PC to be discussed at the next meeting.

<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Clerk's exps.	£86.78
CPRE Subs	£36.00
Village hall rent of room	£30.00
Friends of St. Andrews	£120.00

Proposed N. Gerrard Seconded J. Bridgen

15.ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Succession Planning and Coronation Activities.

16.DATE OF NEXT MEETING – ANNUAL ASSEMBLY / ANNUAL MEETING 16th May 2023.

Clerk to change the De-fib sign to Hinton Arms PH.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm.