

Minutes of Kilmeston Annual Parish Meeting held 16th May 2023

Venue Kilmeston Village Hall

Present: - Mr Simon Young (SY) – Chairman
Mr Charlie Parry (CP)
Mr Nick Gerrard (NG)
Mr. Jason Bridgen (JB)
Ms. Hannah Beckett-Pratt (HB)
Mr. Graham Tarbuck
Mr. John Hankin
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis
Mrs Kelly Bridgen
Mr. and Mrs. Robinson
Mr. S. Ford
Mr. Kenrick Fell - Clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting after the Annual Assembly

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 21st MARCH 2023.

The Minutes were agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Nominations were invited for Chairman. Charlie Parry proposed Simon Young, and he was seconded by Jason Bridgen.

Simon Young agreed to continue as Chairman **but for one year only and cease to be a Councillor. Hence the need to find a replacement.** It is necessary to produce someone willing to be Chairman in May 2024 and to have received some training before that date.

3. MATTERS ARISING.

Covered under other items.

4. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF PREJUDICIAL INTEREST.

Nil.

5. PARISH MATTERS AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS.

- a) Lengthsman (CP) Cllr. Parry stated that there would be a reduction in the service this year with only 4 visits to Kilmeston. The normal work of strimming and hedging would continue to be carried out.
- b) Footpaths (JB) Cllr. Bridgen had nothing to report, no problems had been reported. There was a discussion regarding certain stiles as Mrs Robinson considered one was not safe. The Chairman thought a working party was needed.
- c) Trees & Village Green (NG) Cllr. Gerrard commented that more cuts to the Green were needed early in the season in view of the cutbacks that the Parish Council had had to make as the cost of cutting by Idverde had tripled. The Clerk had produced a new schedule with the Chairman, and this had been agreed by Idverde.
- d) River Itchen (HB) No further information on this.
- e) Highways (SY) The Chairman spoke about the condition of the Kilmeston Road. Hampshire Highways had visited but when the Chairman attended, he found a leak close to the noticeboard and water bubbling up in cracks in various places in the road. Two residents cleared their channels, but one resident did not which contributed to the problem. There was also a resident who regularly parked over the channels. HB will speak to the driver.
- f) General Maintenance. Cllr. Beckett-Pratt spoke about the NT grips filling up with water, also the fact that Cheriton were taking on board the 20 mph consultation.
Members discussed the speed through Kilmeston and whether a survey was required.
- g) HCC & WCC Reports. These had been circulated to Members.

6. BROADBAND (JB).

Cllr. Bridgen said that Open Reach were working in the village but there was a problem as Southern Electric had refused permission to use their poles. However Open Reach were working to overcome this problem.

7. PLANNING (SY).

SDNP/23/00920/LIS Kilmeston Manor

Minor internal alterations of 2 first floor bathrooms.

Approved.

8. OPEN FORUM.

Mike Curtis referred to the water on Kilmeston Road and John Hankin suggested a County Surveyor should be requested. Graham Tarbuck spoke about the visit by the water authority, but it was very dry at the time.

Cllr. Young outlined the problem if a chairman is not found. None of the rest of the Parish Council wish to take up the position and WCC have stated that they would not continue Kilmeston PC, therefore it is in the interests of the village that someone is found to take over.

9. CORRESPONDENCE.

Clerk & Councils Direct May

CPRE Fieldwork, Countryside Voice, Members Guide, Renewal

HCC & WCC Reports.

10. ACCOUNTS.

The Clerk gave details of the current financial position.

The Clerk also gave Members a breakdown of the Insurance Schedule.

Kilmeston Parish Council was in the process of changing banks from the Co-op to NatWest.

The papers had been prepared for the Internal Auditor.

TO PAY:

Zurich Insurance	£349.36
HCC Paper 50%	£20.55
Clerk's exps	£106.48

Proposed Mr Gerrard

Seconded Mr Parry

11. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

To be agreed.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 18th JULY 2023

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.