

## **Minutes of Kilmeston Parish Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

Present: - Cllr. Simon Young – Chairman (SY)  
Cllr. Nick Gerrard (NG)  
Cllr. Hannah Beckett-Pratt (HB)  
Cllr. Charlie Parry (CP)  
Cllr. Jason Bridges (JB)  
Mr Kenrick Fell - Clerk  
Cllr. Jerry Pett - WCC

### **1. WELCOME.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Neil Bolton WCC, and Cllr. Rob Humby.

### **3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

Nil.

### **4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2023.**

The Minutes were agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

### **5. MATTERS ARISING.**

Nil.

### **6. PARISH MATTERS AND COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS: -**

#### **a) Lengthsman (CP)**

CP gave details of the lengthsman work at the end of November. Next visit 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Concern as to whether the Lengthsman scheme would be shut down in view of the HCC review. However Cllr. Pett said that as it was part of Highways, he thought it would continue.

#### **b) Footpaths. (JB)**

The Chairman mentioned fly tipping (bin bags) opposite Stanmore House. Reported.

#### **c) Trees and Village Green (NG)**

NG said that the trees on the green were OK. The Chairman suggested that the heading trees on this item could be taken off.

d) River Itchen. (HB)

The water table was very high and on one particularly wet night the water was flowing 6ins deep down Kilmeston Road, below CP's house, out of Joe Corbett's field.

There was a broken manhole cover on the A272 close to Kilmeston Road which needed to be repaired or replaced as it was causing a disturbance to nearby residents.

Cllr. Pett had mentioned the water problem on the road to the South Downs Ranger, however they were not interested.

e) Highways (SY) The Chairman said that some potholes had been marked but there were quite a lot in the village needed attention.

f) General Maintenance

The Chairman reported that Alice Gruber had spoken to him about the water problem, the level and the impact on wildlife. She also asked about another salt bin higher up the Kilmeston Road. Members discussed and thought that it was unnecessary and finding hard standing would be a problem.

g) Councillor's Reports.

Rob Humby's Report and Hugh Lumby/Neil Bolton's reports had been distributed to Members. Cllr. Pett gave an update on the 20mph situation. In view of the current financial situation any Parish Council considering introducing 20mph would have fund it themselves. It was believed that Cheriton were in the process of attempting to raise the funds for their scheme.

## 7. **BROADBAND.**

Cllr. Bridgen stated that Open Reach had paid Southern Electric for 17 poles and 16 were OK.

## 8. **PLANNING.**

SDNP/23/03369/TPO Kilmeston Manor Kate Richdale

Numerous tree requirements.

Application withdrawn.

SDNP/23/05352/HOUS Marne Cottage, Kilmeston Road Mr Daniel Pulling

Replace the current porch and replace with a slightly larger porch.

PC No objection.

## 9. **OPEN FORUM.**

The Chairman reported that he had been contacted by a resident after the publication of the recruitment notice on the notice board. However he had not responded to emails etc, but the Chairman will attempt to contact him. It is intended to invite a number of residents to drinks in the first week of February as a Chairman has to be found.

## 10. **CORRESPONDENCE (KF)**

SENT

RECEIVED

Report from Cllr. Bridgen.

Report from Cllrs. Bolton & Pett WCC

HCC Future Services Consultation

Chairman – thankyou to Members

HCC Minerals & Waste Plan

Clerks & Councils Direct Jan. issue

WCC Mayor's Community Awards 2024

South Downs Planning News, Call for Projects for CIL funding, Settlement Facilities Assessment, Interim Chief Executive Tim Slaney.

HCC Admissions to Schools Sept. 2024

CPRE Annual Appeal

HCC Hampshire Forest Partnership – Funding Support for Community Orchards

**11. ACCOUNTS (KF)**

PAYMENTS

Friends of St. Andrews	£120.00
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Clerk's exps.	£87.12
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Accounts agreed and Monthly Financial Statement signed.

**12. BUDGET.**

The Clerk had submitted a draft budget for 2024/25. This was discussed by Members and an increase in the Precept was agreed to cover the grass cutting cost for the full number of cuts and an expected increase in the cost of insurance.

With the WCC Base Rate for this year of £139.90 the cost for a Band D property will be £42.88.

The Precept of £6,000 was submitted to Winchester City Council.

**13. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA.**

Succession Planning.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 19th March 2024.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.38 pm.