

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk – Mrs. L. C. Wood

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 14th September 2017, at 7.30 p.m. in Whitesheet CE Primary Academy.

Present: Councillors G. Cotton (Chairman), Mrs. E. Hames (Vice-Chairman), M. Curtis, R. Flower, G. Hunt, I. Meeker & C. Reeves

Also: Wiltshire Cllr. George Jeans, P. Booth, Mr. & Mrs. Pelham, A. Goodhew & S. Henderson

Public Session

This provides an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions about and comment on items on the agenda. The Chairman will re-convene the Parish Council meeting after the public session (please note that members of the public are no longer permitted to speak unless invited to do so by the Chairman).

Mr. Henderson questioned some of the comments made at the last Parish Council meeting held on 29th August. Mr. Henderson was shown a copy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 29th August.

Apologies for late arrival received from Cllr. Giles Hunt.

24. To receive any declarations of interest from Members and to consider requests for new DPI dispensations.

Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Kilmington Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.

- **None received**

25. Minutes – **RESOLVED** to approve Minutes of Annual Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 11th May 2017, Minutes of extra Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd August 2017 and Minutes of extra Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 29th August 2017.

26. Matters Arising

a) Superfast Broadband (Minute 13a) – The Chairman said that those who had signed up for Superfast Broadband living in The Street seemed to be receiving fairly good speeds. Mr. Henderson said that he gathered fibre optic cable had been laid along The Common but was yet to be activated. The Chairman said that he had heard that there was a delay and would make further enquiries about this.

b) Kilmington & Stourton Cricket Club Grant Application (Minute No. 13b) – The Clerk confirmed that the funds had been processed. The Parish Council had received the R2 funding and passed it onto the Kilmington & Stourton Cricket Club. The Clerk understood that Stourton with Gasper had done the same.

c) Bus Shelters (Minute No. 13c) – Cllr. Reeves confirmed that he had not yet carried out the work.

d) Training course for fireworks (Minute No. 16) – Cllr. Mrs. Hames said that she had spoken to Steve (?) from Northern Lights Company in Trowbridge to try and get our two men on the training course but had left it too late. However, a trained representative from Northern Lights is willing to come and help us out in the same way as Bill Deeker did last year so that our H & S Risk Assessment and Insurance requirements are met. He is going to contact Darren & Cllr. Mrs. Hames again in the near future and will also to a deal with the fireworks. Because of the availability of this certified Iso try and do a deal on the fireworks. The event will need to be held on Sunday, 5th November.

e) South West Wiltshire Area Board Community Speed Indicator Initiative 2017 (Minute No. 21) – The Clerk pointed out that it had been established that Zeals & Stourton with Gasper Parish Council's had

agreed that they would like to join a consortia with Kilmington Parish Council for an application to the SWW Area Board for a grant for a Community SID. The Clerk also confirmed that she had received the following response from the Council's insurers: *'Public Liability Insurance is provided automatically for any assets that the Council own or are responsible for. This will therefore apply to the speed indicator Device. However, in order for cover the equipment against loss or damage, I need to know its replacement value. Once this is established please let me know and I will amend the policy accordingly and advise of any additional premium. With regards to other Council's using the equipment, they will need to possess their own Public Liability Insurance for this activity. Turning to loss or damage cover, whilst the Council's policy would cover the assets anywhere in the UK, we would normally expect to see the other Council's arranging their own cover as it is unlikely that Kilmington Parish Council would wish to have a claim on their policy should loss or damage arise whilst the equipment is under the control of one of the other Councils.'* The Clerk said that she would ask the other two Parish Councils if they could confirm that they would be covered for public liability and for loss or damage cover and then it was a case of deciding on the specifications for the SID and getting quotations. Cllr. Jeans said that he was concerned that there would be more applications than grant money available and urged the Parish Council to submit their application as soon as possible.

f) The future of Whitesheet Primary Academy (Minute No. 21) – Cllr. Reeves confirmed that he had attended a meeting and said that the new Headteacher was looking to use the building at Kilmington again for the odd session and occasion and that the cleaner has been given extra hours to clean it up. If the number of school children attending Whitesheet School increases then there would be an opportunity to bring the Kilmington building back into use. The school at Zeals is currently having their meals delivered from Wincanton 'Our Ladies' school but they are up to the maximum capacity and it might be possible that the kitchens at Kilmington could be brought back into use. The current Headteacher is appointed on a temporary basis but they are advertising for a new Headteacher. The Chairman said that it was reassuring to hear that the school was keen to use the building as he was aware that parishioners were very concerned about this. There was a question about the freeholder and it was explained that the building was given to the Diocese in 1929 by Henry Hoare on the basis that it is used as a school. If the building is no longer used as a school then it would be for the diocese to hand it back to Mr. Hoare.

27. Reports

a) Wiltshire Councillors report – Cllr. Jeans reported on pothole repairs along the B3092 and Cllr. Meeker said that some highway repair works had been carried out along Druly Hill.

b) Neighbourhood Police report - None

28. Planning

(All applications can be viewed on Wiltshire Council's website

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/environmentandplanning/planninganddevelopment/planningapplicationssearchonline/planningsearch.htm> – and type in the relevant application number)

a) Applications to consider at the meeting:

Application No: 17/07108/LBC

Proposal: Alterations and extension to former barns at Dairy House, Norton Ferris

Site address: Dairy House, Norton Ferris, BA12 7HT

RESOLVED to recommend approval of the above application on proposal made by Cllr. Reeves, seconded by Cllr. Curtis and carried with a unanimous vote.

Application No: 17/06736/FUL – AMENDED PLANS

Proposal: Extension and alterations

Site address: Great Ground, Kilmington Common, Kilmington BA12 6QU

The Chairman & Clerk pointed out that the amended application related to the fact that one of the elevations on the North East was no longer going to be clad and one of the elevations on the North West was no longer

going to be clad. There was a new door on the north west elevation, the extension was smaller and now had a hipped roof. Cllr. Meeker asked a question over the colour of the cladding and the Chairman said that it was his understanding that it would be locally sourced wood which would be left in its natural colour which, when weathered, would turn from a brown hue to a grey hue. Cllr. Reeves said that he was happier now that the plinth would return to brick. Cllr. Meeker said that he would abstain from voting on this application. RESOLVED to recommend approval of the above application on proposal made by Cllr. Reeves, seconded by Cllr. Flower and carried with a vote of 6 for and 1 abstention.

Application No. 17/07820/FUL – Full Planning
Proposal: Proposed extension and conservatory
Site address: Wisteria Cottage, Coombe Barn Lane, Norton Ferris BA12 7HS
RESOLVED to recommend approval of the above application on proposal made by Cllr. Mrs. Hames, seconded by Cllr. Meeker and carried with a unanimous vote.

b) Applications considered/determined since last meeting:

Application No: 17/04134/FUL
Proposal: Erection of extension and increase parking provision
Site address: Cote Farm Works, Cote Farm, Kilmington BA12 6RF
Parish Council response: Support with concerns/conditions Wiltshire Council decision: Approved with conditions 6.7.17

Application No: 17/04139/FUL
Proposal: Extension to existing covered livestock yard.
Site address: Coombe Barn farm, Coombe Barn Lane, Norton Ferris BA12 7HS
Parish Council response: Support Wiltshire Council decision: Approve with conditions 17.7.17

Application No: 17/05759/FUL
Proposal: Creation of a new vehicular access, driveway and parking area
Site address: Great Ground, Kilmington Common, Kilmington BA12 6QU
Parish Council response: Support Wiltshire Council decision: Approve with conditions 7.8.17

Application No: 17/05607/FUL
Proposal: Change of use of land to erect 4 shepherd huts for holiday let accommodation. Erect shower facilities and provide parking for 4 cars.
Site address: The Cowshed, Kilmington Common, Kilmington. BA12 6QU
Parish Council response: Object Application Withdrawn

b) Draft Wiltshire Housing Site Allocations Plan – Cllr. Jeans informed the Parish Council that the Mere Area had an overall housing requirement of 285 houses (235 in Mere itself and 50 in the Mere Community Area) of those 235, 163 had already been completed and there were developable commitments for 144, leaving a residual requirement of only 8 houses which indeed, were for the Community Area and not for Mere itself. However, because Kilmington is classified as non-sustainable village there is no housing boundary as Wiltshire Council does not want to promote housing here. Cllr. Jeans said that he does not want to see the area become a dormitory village full of older people with no younger people to look after them. He pointed out that he had suggested to other villages in the area, also classified as non-sustainable, that they might respond to say that they felt they should be allowed a small number of dwellings for local people and those working locally. Cllr. Meeker agreed and said the Parish Council had a duty to look to the future of this village and should fight for some development otherwise they just as well not fight for the future of the school etc. There was a discussion about exception site development and Housing Association schemes and the Clerk explained that some Housing Associations are willing to operate a priority scheme for people with local connections. Cllr. Jeans explained how the scheme is working in Stourton. RESOLVED

on proposal made by Cllr. Meeker, seconded by Cllr. Hunt and carried with a unanimous vote – to submit the following response:

Due to the settlement strategy set out in Core Policy 1 and the fact that the village has no Housing Settlement Boundary as it is regarded as non-sustainable, the village is at risk of becoming a dormitory village full of elderly people with no younger people around to look out for them. Kilmington has a village school that is in imminent danger of closing because there are very few young people left in the village. Rural businesses in the area struggle to find employees. Whilst members accept the fact that it would be wholly inappropriate to encourage any large-scale development within the village, the current limitations would appear to prohibit any form of development for local workers and younger families other than via an Exception Policy.

The Parish Council would like to see some relaxation in the policies in order to allow some minor low-key development for local employees and young people.

c) Report on Wiltshire Council's Planning Training Event – The Chairman reported that he, Cllr. Flower & Cllr. Reeves had attended the planning training event in Tisbury. He came away feeling it was a wasted opportunity as he felt that, as Parish Councillors, they were hoping to better understand the input from Parish & Town Councils and the weight that is given to that by the planning authority or the committee. The Chairman said that he would be making a feedback response which he would circulate to members.

29. Highways, Rivers, Footpaths & Transport

a) Highway & footpath issues for Parish Steward – Members pointed out that the gully down in the dip by Wylve Head filled up the other day and probably needed to be cleared. The Chairman said that he would complete the Parish Stewards task sheet form accordingly asking him to clear ditches and gulleys. The Clerk pointed out that she had received an email from Mr. T. Davis asking for action to be taken to stop people from parking their vehicles on the pavements along Kilmington Common. The Clerk had suggested that she write a standard letter to all residents of the area affected pointing out the safety hazards to pedestrians and asking them not to park on the footpath.

b) Highway & Transport Newsletters + CATG meeting reports - Noted

c) Parking outside Playing Field – Cllr. I. Meeker said that since he had asked for this to be raised on the agenda, he had spoken to his father and hadn't realised that it was a contentious issue and one that the Parish Council had explored in the past. He said he now understood that the Parish Council had considered providing a car parking area in the playing field and that there were legal issues. Cllr. Meeker suggested that maybe there could be an opportunity to explore the provision of parking outside the play area. He said that the verge was wide and the hedge could be taken out. Cllr. Jeans said that he would find out if this was feasible and said that it could be an option to take to the Community Area Transport Group. Cllr. Jeans also said he would ask Wiltshire Council's Housing Revenue department if there might be an opportunity to improve parking on the piece of wasteland.

30. Play Area

No issues.

31. Finance, Policy & Resources

a) RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

T. J. Thornley	Website updates	120.00
Mere Town Council	Contribution towards office facilities	150.00
L. C. Wood	Clerks Salary – July - Sept (Q2)	305.05
HMRC	PAYE – Q2	76.20
D. L. Davis	Play Area Inspections –	130.00

Playsafety Ltd	Annual Play Area Inspection	130.20
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b) Conclusion of Audit for accounts year ended 31 March 2017 – the Clerk reported that the External Auditor’s report & certificate had not yet been received.

32. General Items

a) Close of Lloyds Bank Mere and location/times of mobile bank – The Clerk reported that the bank will close on 25th September. The new mobile bank will be in The George Car Park on Tuesdays 2.00 – 3.30 p.m. and then again on Friday 9.30 – 11.00 am.

33. Forthcoming meetings/events

19th September – Community Area Transport Group Meeting – 2.00 pm, Nadder Centre, Tisbury

27th September – South West Wiltshire Health & Wellbeing Fair – 2.00pm – 5.00 pm, Nadder Centre

27th September – South West Wiltshire Community Safety Partnership meeting – 6.00 pm, Nadder Centre

Meeting closed at 21.12

Members are reminded that the Parish Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime and Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

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