

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk – Mrs. L. C. Wood

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 24th November 2016, 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, N. Meeker & C. Reeves.

Also Wiltshire Councillor George Jeans

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).

- None

Apologies for absence – none received.

162. 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 Kilmingdon Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.

- None received

163. Minutes – RESOLVED that the Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 15th September 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

164. Matters Arising

a) Superfast Broadband – The Chairman informed members that the Broadband situation had moved in a direction we were not expecting. Openreach had now erected a green cabinet in The Street and fibre optic runs from the cabinet to the B3092 and connects to the electrics so progress is being made and it seems that Superfast Broadband will now be provided in the village. The working group therefore now feels that any further investigations into alternative providers should be halted until it is known how far the superfast broadband will reach within the village. Theoretically, this fibre optic should reach within 1600m of the cabinet and it should go live within 4 months of the cabinet having been installed. Cllr. Jeans said that this has been provided with 'Intervention Area' funding which is provided for areas that are not targeted commercially.

b) Transparency Code & website – The Clerk reported that she had not received any draft content to circulate to members for comment.

c) Report on bonfire night activities – The Chairman reported that bonfire night was very successful and the event went off very smoothly. He thanked Cllr. Reeves for all his help and input. The Chairman pointed out that it had been necessary to call in the help of Mr. Bill Deeker for the letting off of the fireworks in order to fulfil one of the insurance conditions. He said that although Mr. Deeker had kindly offered to help out again next year, it was felt that it would be useful to get the operatives trained so that they could hold the required certification. The Chairman agreed to find out details of training courses (costs, locations etc.) and the Clerk was asked to write and thank Mr. Bill Deeker for his help.

165. Reports

a) Wiltshire Councillors report – Cllr. Jeans reported that the SWW Area Board had set aside money for non-statutory white lines. He had put forward a request to carry out renewing white lining on junctions in and around the parishes of Kilmingdon and Stourton. He also mentioned the fact that some Parish & Town

Councils were carrying out minor works on or adjacent to the highways e.g. putting out street closure notices, repairing road signs etc. and said that NRSWA Street Works Operative Training was required in order to carry out this work. The SWW Area Board is now allowing Parish & Town Councils to put Speed Indicator Devices on the highway as long as the Parish or Town Council has £5m public liability (this does not preclude permission from the Parish Council's insurance company who may require the NRSWA accreditation). Cllr. Jeans also asked if there was any need for replacement fingerpost signs within the parish as the Area Board still had funding available for these signs. The Chairman agreed to assess the fingerpost signs around the village and let Cllr. Jeans know the outcome.

b) Neighbourhood Police report – None

166. 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: None

b) Applications considered/determined since last meeting:

Application Ref: 16/08317/FUL

Proposal: Demolish outbuilding and erect two storey side extension and single storey front extension.

Address: 2 The Street, Kilmington. BA12 6RG

Parish Council response: Support subject to conditions **Wiltshire Council's decision: Approve with conditions**

Application Ref: 16/009920/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective application for construction of a dormer window to front elevation.

Address: 2 Green Ride, Kilmington. BA12 6QT

Parish Council response: Support **Wiltshire Council's decision: Approve with conditions**

Application No: 16/07860/FUL (Full Planning) + 16/08246/LBC (Listed Building Consent)

Proposal: Carry out full repair and complete renovation of buildings and conversion of farmhouse and attached barn to 2 dwellings, repair of detached outbuilding for use ancillary to adjacent dwelling.

Site address: Thenford, The Street, Kilmington BA12 6RG

Parish Council response: Support **Wiltshire Council's decision: Approve with conditions**

167. Highways, Rivers, Footpaths & Transport

a) Highway & footpath issues for Parish Steward – The Clerk reported that the next scheduled visit for the Parish Steward to come to Kilmington is due to take place on Monday next week. Members identified the following jobs for The Chairman to report:

- Not all grips in Cote Lane been cleared out.
- Mess across B3092 in Norton Ferris where water has run across road & culvert needs clearing out – water doesn't drain away
- Drain blocked at bottom of The Street

The Clerk gave an update on incidents that had reported on the MyWiltshire Report site:

- 27.9.16 – Stop/give way lines at junction from The Street, Kilmington to B3092 worn away – Wiltshire Council Response (30.9.16): Sites where there has been an injury, accident or other identified problem treated as priority, other sites dealt with as resources permit.

168. Play Area

a) Report on Annual RoSPA Play Area Inspection – the Clerk reported that there were no High Risk or major issues of concern arising from the Inspection which had been carried out on 18th September. There were one or two medium risk issues which could be addressed and may bring the overall risk factor lower. It was agreed that the Clerk should liaise with Darren Davis to get these jobs carried out and for the Clerk to ask Mr. Kingsbury if he was willing to continue cutting the grass next year.

169. Finance, Policy & Resources

a) Payments: RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

Mrs. L. Goodhew	Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Day	17.00 (Pd. 13.10.16)
Jimmy's Fireworks	Fireworks (Entertainment)	395.00 (Pd. 13.10.16)
L. C. Wood	Clerks Salary – July – Sept (Q3)	296.00 (cheque dated 21.12.16)
HMRC	PAYE – Q3	74.00 (cheque dated 4.1.17)
D. L. Davis	Play Area Inspections –	130.00
Playsafety Ltd	Annual Play Area Inspection	130.20 (Pd. 25.9.16)
Cash	Petty cash reimbursement (postage)	10.07
Jim Kingsbury	Grass cutting in Play Area – April – November 2016	550.00

b) Policy R2 contributions – The Clerk confirmed that there was a balance of £5857 in Policy R2 Section 106 funds allocated to Kilmington. £1196.03 would expire 8.5.17, £403 would expire 17.9.17 and £4258 would expire 20.7.20.

c) Request from Kilmington & Stourton Cricket Club for support with their grant application to SWWAB (see email 28.10.16) – The Clerk confirmed that she had received an email from Kilmington & Stourton Cricket Club who had submitted a request for a grant to the SWW Area Board in order to refurbish their practice facilities. In accordance with the policy of the Area Board, the Cricket Club were asking if the Parish Council would be able to offer some financial assistance and said that they would be contacting Stourton with Gasper Parish Council to ask the same question. The Club has 6 junior and 3 senior teams and playing membership of 90+. A copy of a quotation for the proposed works had been provided. The Clerk said that as the Parish Council had nearly £1600 worth of R2 funds that will expire during 2017, it had occurred to her that this might be a suitable use for these funds. RESOLVED that £1599 of Policy R2 funding be allocated towards this project subject to the approval of Wiltshire Council.

c) Request for financial contribution from Citizens Advice Bureau Wiltshire – The Clerk confirmed that a letter from Citizens Advice Wiltshire asking for financial support from the Parish Council. RESOLVED that a £50 donation should be awarded to the Citizens Advice Bureau Wiltshire using S.137 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 which gives council's the power 'to incur expenditure for purposes not otherwise authorised.

d) To consider Budget figures for 2017/18 (draft report attached) – RESOLVED to approve the draft figures with the following amendments:

- Include £50 for donations to Citizens Advice Bureau Wiltshire (as Minuted above).
- Add £500 for election expenses and subtract £500 from Play Area Car Park reserves to offset.

e) To approve Precept on Wiltshire Council for 2017/18 – RESOLVED to approve the precept of £6,175.00 for 2017/18. The Chairman signed the Precept form in the presence of the Parish Council

170. General Items

a) Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme (PEAS) 2016/17 – Cllr. Reeves confirmed that he had collected 40 X 25kg bags of salt from the Mere Depot. Cllr. Reeves was thanked very much for collecting the salt which would be very much appreciated by the community in the event of a bad winter.

b) Wiltshire Council & BT Consultation on current programme of proposed public payphone removals.

(BT is proposing that the Telephone box at The Street, Kilmington be removed [has had 5 calls in last 12 months]) – The Clerk confirmed that she had received a notification email from Wiltshire Council regarding a consultation by BT on their current programme of proposed public payphone removals. Within that consultation they were proposing to remove the telephone box at The Street. The Clerk confirmed that BT wanted reasons for any objections to the removal of specific phones. RESOLVED to lodge an objection to the removal of the telephone box in The Street on the grounds that there is no mobile signal within the village and that the payphone was sited as an emergency phone accessible in the event of an accident in the play area (as per recently erected signs) and may, indeed, be needed by passers-by or visitors in the event of an emergency.

Meeting closed at 20.53 p.m.

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.