

## KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 9 January 2023 at the Stourton & Kilmington Home Guard Club commencing at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Councillors G Cotton, R Flower, Mrs E Hames, G Hunt, A Reeves, C Reeves, C Webster  
Also in attendance, Cllr George Jeans (Unitary Wiltshire Council), the Clerk (Mrs Ruth Burrows) and 1 member of the public.

**Public Open Session** – there were no comments.

#### 126. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

#### 127. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & 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.* Cllr Hunt declared an interest in item 129.1 Planning Application PL/2022/09585 being an employee of the National Trust.

#### 128. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14 November 2022 were approved and signed as a correct record.

#### 129. PLANNING

(All applications can be viewed on Wiltshire Council's website [Planning - Wiltshire Council](#) – and type in the relevant application number)

##### 129.1 Application to consider at the meeting:

**PL/2022/09485 Installation of additional signage, (free) parking ticket machines and dog waste bins at the National Trust King Alfred's Tower and Six Wells Valley visitor car parks on Tower Road.**

Cllr A Reeves questioned why the National Trust (NT) were installing parking ticket machines if there was to be free parking.

*At 19.46hrs the Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow Cllr Hunt to make a comment as a member of the public (as he had declared an interest in this item).*

Cllr Hunt explained the NT's general rationale on such matters in that each NT property relied on visitor numbers to determine how much revenue they were given by head office each year and by installing parking machines, this will enable them to obtain the necessary data.

*At 19.50 hrs the Chairman reconvened the meeting.*

It was RESOLVED to support this application and Clerk requested to submit form to WC Planning.

**Action: Clerk**

##### 129.2 Applications which may have arrived after issue of the Agenda.

**PL/2022/09526 Proposed larger porch at Hill View, Kilmington Common BA12 6QY** – the Clerk apologised for having omitted this application from item 129.1. Details had been circulated to councillors before Christmas and it was RESOLVED to 'Support' this application; the Clerk was requested to submit form to WC Planning.

**Action: Clerk**

##### 129.3 Applications considered determined and/or awaiting WC decision:

**PL/2021/09744** erection of single unit of holiday accommodation at Street Farm, The Street.

**PC Response:** No objection subject to conditions

**LPA:** Not yet determined

*WC has confirmed there will be a decision on this application within the next few weeks.*

**PL/2022/03915** (resubmitted) erection of a workshop building and provision of an extended service yard for A R Diesels Ltd, Cote Lane.

**PC Response:** Object

**LPA:** Not yet determined

*WC has extended decision deadline until 24 January.*

**PL/2022/07851** construction of hay and machinery store at Nettlebed Farm, Butts Lane, BA12 6RB

**PC Response:** Support subject to conditions

**LPA:** approved 01.12.22

**130. TRAFFIC ON KILMINGTON COMMON** – the Chairman said he had received confirmation that Aitkens would be undertaking the speed limit assessment w/c 23 January with the results likely to be available in March. He stressed the importance that residents recognize that whilst the Parish Council would like to see a reduction to 30mph, if the final assessment states it should remain at 40mph, then there is nothing else we can do.

**131. BROADBAND** – Cllr Webster had nothing further to report at this time.

**132. VoIP and MOBILE PHONE SIGNAL** – Cllr Webster said that he had received a message from EE in December indicating that the wayleaves are still under review meaning that the fibre trunk has not been installed. He mentioned that Stourton and Gasper PC had received an application for an additional mobile phone mast to be sited near Bonham Farm and if this goes ahead it could improve the signal in Kilmington.

*(20.15hrs Cllr Jeans left the meeting)*

**133. HIGHWAYS, RIVERS, FOOTPATHS & TRANSPORT**

**133.1 Speed Indicator Device** – Cllr Flower said that Cllr A Reeves had fixed the unit into position today which was a week late but he had been unable to do it due to illness. It will remain on The Common for the remainder of January.

**133.2 Weight restricted HVG route** – the Chairman said that following prompting from Cllr Jeans a response had been received from Alan Creedy who has confirmed that WC's Local Transport Plan is under review and Freight Strategy is part of that. In the meantime, Maiden Bradley has been in the news regarding this subject and our local MP Andrew Murrison is now on board and involved in trying to get something done. All agreed there is nothing the Parish Council can do and this item will not appear on our future meeting agendas. *(Item Closed)*

**133.3 Road Repairs Butts Lane & The Street** – Cllr Cotton said despite chasing up by email and 'phone, he had no further news on either of these repairs.

**133.4 Additional signage for The Street** – the Chairman said that Cllr Mrs Hames and the Clerk had attended the LHFIG meeting at the end of November and our request for the additional sign had been agreed. Paul Shaddock WC hopes that all 3 pedestrian signs should be in place by the end of March. Ringway has lost the WC contract which finishes at the end of March but they have been assigned the works. The cost has increased considerably due to the need to have traffic light controls whilst the work is done. Cllr Cotton will speak to the resident who first raised the request for new signage and offered to make a contribution. *Action: Chairman*

**133.5 Extra safety measures on B3092 at Norton Ferris** – the Chairman reported he had spoken to Paul Shaddock (PS) to establish what paperwork was necessary in order for Wiltshire Council to consider our request for traffic lights at this junction. PS had said this option was a total non-starter and the only solution that might be considered was the total realignment of the junction and he would be interested to hear if we thought any of the affected landowners would be willing to sell land. PS had told the Chairman that throughout Wiltshire there are 80 situations where there have been serious accidents or fatalities in the last three years and that is where any money WC have is going to be spent. Cllr Cotton undertook to find out if a sketch plan could be provided which would highlight the landowners involved. This would be a starting point but it should be realized any such realignment would be 5 years plus away and would cost more than would be available through LH FIG or the substantive bid process. *Action: Chairman*

**133.6 Parish Steward** – the Chairman said that our Steward seems to be working to a totally different schedule and does not appear on the days we had been informed he would. The Clerk offered to contact WC Highways Department and make enquires. A lengthy discussion then took place on various flooding and pot hole issues in and around the village. To date none of these had been reported on the MyWilts App. The Clerk said if the various councillors emailed her the relevant details, preferably with photos, she is more than happy to report them. *Action: ALL*

### 134. PLAYING FIELD

**134.1 Annual RoSPA play area inspection report** – the report had arrived in November and has been circulated to the Playing Field Committee and Darren Davis. There were no high-risk items to be concerned about. One new item was in regard to the Springer Horse which has been part dismantled. The inspector said the base should be removed from site but there is no need for this as Cllr C Reeves is arranging for the top to be refurbished and it will eventually be made complete again. Cllr Reeves said the repair is under way.

**Action: Cllr C Reeves**

Cllr C Reeves had obtained a quote for a pair of wooden goal posts which had come in at £589.49 plus VAT. This is way above what the PC can afford and was not considered. Cllr Webster said he would chase his contact again as there was the chance for us to obtain a set of goal posts plus bar from a Frome football club for a small donation.

**Action: Cllr C Webster**

Cllr C Reeves mentioned the damaged chain-link fence near the entrance gate to the playing field and said he thought it might be possible for this to be replaced at little cost. There is a fencing expert living in the village and he will approach him and further investigate.

**Action: Cllr C Reeves**

Cllr C Reeves said that throughout the report, as in past years, there is mention of splits in the timber of the wooden framed apparatus. These are difficult to repair and at some point, in the not-too-distant future replacement items will be needed. A discussion ensued on the need to build up reserves, the Clerk said this should have been started ten years after the existing equipment was purchased back in 2000. Cllr C Reeves said that perhaps parents of the existing children in the village could start a "Friends of the Playing Field Committee" to raise funds for replacement items.

**134.2 Dog Fouling** -Cllr Mrs Hames reported that Darren Davis has complained he is regularly having to remove dog poo from the area of the public footpath in the playing field and he has requested a larger notice. Investigations are on-going to try to find the culprit so that a quiet word can be had with this resident. Meantime, Cllr Mrs Hames will include a note in the next issue of the 'pink paper' reminding dog owners to pick up after their dogs.

**Action: Cllr Mrs Hames**

**135. SITE OF THE CLOSED WHITESHEET SCHOOL** – the Chairman reported that the school buildings are to be auctioned by Copper & Tanner on 22 February. This lot does not include the Wiltshire Council owned land at the front and behind (playing field) the school. WC have not yet come to any firm conclusions as to what they will do with their land but they would certainly prefer that it stays in Community use. Cllr Cotton understands that Outcomes First, the special needs school that are interested in purchasing the buildings, wanted to make an offer prior to the auction but the Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust (DSAT) would not consider it for various reasons and it must be auctioned and achieve market value.

### 136. FINANCE, POLICY & RESOURCES

**136.1 Receipts and acknowledgements** – NONE.

**136.2 Balance of Lloyds Bank account at 31 December 2022** was £9845.17. This reconciles with the bank statement of the same date; the Chairman signed the bank reconciliation form.

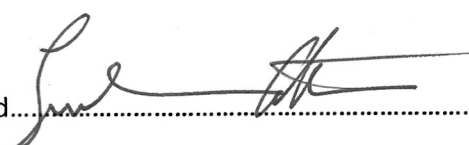
**136.3 Spend v Budget report first nine months Q1 to Q3** – this had been circulated prior to the meeting and there were no questions.

**136.4** To approve the following Faster Payment transactions:

Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual subscription	£73.00
Wilts Council Highways	Additional signage in The Street (contribution)	£480.00
Wilts Council Highways	Enhanced SLOW markings B3092 Norton Ferris (contribution) – *	£TBA

\* Exact amount will be confirmed on next Agenda/Minutes.

**137. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – this was confirmed as Monday 20 March 2023.

Signed.....

Date.....20/03/2023

(These Minutes will be reviewed and formally ratified by the Parish Council on 20 March 2023)