

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.00PM IN THE CRICKET PAVILION

Present: Cllrs. P. Ball (Chair), A. Dare, N. Bayley, B. Reed,
K. Veberth

In Attendance: A Jenkins (Clerk/RFO), DCC/EDDC Cllr. I. Chubb

Members of Public: 1

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Council meeting and outlined / reminded everyone of the Covid-19 measures which had been adopted for Council meetings.

OPEN SESSION

A resident said that he had heard a rumour that the Parish Council were going to move the War Memorial from its existing location to a new location and asked if this was true and if so why had it not been discussed with the parishioners.

Cllr. Ball informed him that the rumour was not true. The existing War Memorial would remain where it is and the Parish Council would continue to maintain it. The Parish Council were proposing to erect a new memorial in the Village Hall car park which would be a much safer location for persons attending the Remembrance Services. Parishioners had been consulted on the matter. Cllr. Seward had also fully explained the proposal for the new Memorial to parishioners at the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting and they had shown their support for it and had indicated their preference of the two design options.

The resident also complained about the state of the Common and the problem with brambles, gorse and stinging nettles in certain parts of the Common particularly at the narrower bottom end in the vicinity of the grit bin and the seat. Cllr. Ball said that the Council had a management plan for the Common which took into account all the various areas of the Common and the different management methods required for each area. He said that he would look at the matters raised by the resident.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

**24/085 To receive apologies for absence and to approve reasons given
LGA 1972 S.85 (1)**

Cllrs. O. Miller, S. Seward & A. Collier

**24/086 To receive any declarations of interest relating to items outlined
in this agenda (this does not preclude the duty to declare further
interests as applicable)**

None

24/087 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th October 2024

The minutes were declared a true record of the proceedings, proposed by Cllr. Bayley, seconded by Cllr. Ball, all in favour.

24/088 Matters arising from the Minutes

Cllr. Ball advised that he was monitoring the reported matter of 5 or 6 cars almost continually parking by the phone box library causing a nuisance to users of the library.

Cllr. Ball reported that the required signed account reactivation forms and proofs of identity had earlier this day been given into the Santander Bank Honiton branch for them to forward onto the relevant Santander Business accounts office.

24/089 Planning Applications

a) 24/2142/FUL - Oaklands Kilmington Axminster EX13 7DR

Proposed two storey rear extension (in replacement of two single storey lean-to extensions) and enlargement of front porch

Cllr. Dare proposed that the Parish Council have no objection to this planning application, seconded by Cllr. Reed, all in favour.

24/090 Finance

a) Current Financial Position

The Clerk advised that the present balances are:-

Lloyds main account	- £11,089.33
Lloyds Allotments account	- £ 675.00
Lloyds CIL account	- £ 1,185.00
Lloyds War Memorials account	- £ 1,916.44
NSI Account	- £38,397.33
Santander Account	- £ 1,095.66

b) Expenditure to be ratified

None

c) Expenditure to be approved for which bills have been received

- 1) Payment of £553.00 to A. Jenkins for the Clerk's salary for the month of November 2024 (26/10/2024 to 30/11/2024) and the 2024/25 Salary Award increase backdated to 01-04-2024
- 2) Payment of £231.80 to HMRC for PAYE for the month of November 2024 and in respect of the backdated salary award increase.
- 3) Payment of £16.00 to Kilmington Playing Fields Committee for Pavilion room hire on 11/11/2024
- 4) Payment of £33.60 to Axminster Printing Co. Ltd for stationery
- 5) Payment of £708.00 to CS Garden Services SW Ltd for works on the 02/10/2024 and 30/10/2024 at the village greens, and on the 28/10/2024 tidying up allotment plots.
- 6) Payment of £90.00 to Geosphere Ltd for the annual renewal (Nov 24/25) of the Parish online mapping software.
- 7) Payment of £23.25 to A. Jenkins for reimbursement of postage for the allotment renewal letters.
- 8) Payment of £90.00 to Harry Miller for the road side allotment hedge trimming.

- 9) Payment of £2,291.33 to EDDC for the 2024/25 dog waste collection service for the 4 dog bins (3 times per week)

Payments proposed by Cllr. Dare, seconded by Cllr. Veberth, all in favour

24/091

Reports:

a) Police

None

b) District and County Councillors

Cllr. Chubb reported that Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) and Airband (contracted to deliver full fibre broadband) have agreed to significantly scale back Airband's contract agreements to deliver full fibre to properties in the two counties.

This has meant that there are many communities in Devon and Somerset who were due to receive full fibre broadband from Airband by the end of 2024 will now not receive it.

CDS is now urging BDUK, the Government's national agency responsible for the delivery of Gigabit Broadband to re-enable rural voucher applications to open promptly in communities where Airband will no longer be delivering. This should offer communities a potential alternative.

He advised that colleges in Devon are working with the County Council to provide more places specifically to support and enhance the further education of hundreds of young people with special educational needs and disabilities, (SEND).

He reported on how the Devon Highways teams were preparing for all possible winter weather conditions over the next few months.

He also reported on Positive and exciting news about renewable electricity generation that positively affects Devon. The Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project will be a new electricity generation facility entirely powered by solar and wind energy combined with a battery storage facility. Located in Morocco's renewable energy rich region of Guelmim Oued Noun, it will be connected exclusively to Great Britain via 4000km (2485 miles) HVDC sub-sea cables.

This first of a kind project will generate 11.5GW of zero carbon electricity from the sun and wind to deliver 3.6GW of reliable energy for an average of 19+ hours a day. This is enough to provide affordable, clean power to the equivalent of over 7 million British homes and once complete, the project will be capable of supplying 8 percent of Great Britain's electricity needs.

Alongside the consistent output from its solar panels and wind turbines, an onsite 22.5GWh/5GW battery facility will provide sufficient storage to reliably deliver each and every day, a dedicated, near-constant source of flexible and predictable clean energy for Britain, designed to complement the renewable energy already generated across the UK.

When domestic renewable energy generation in the United Kingdom drops due to low winds and short periods of sun, the project will harvest the benefits of long hours of sun in Morocco alongside the consistency of its

convection Trade Winds, to provide a firm but flexible source of zero-carbon electricity.

Agreement has been reached with National Grid for two 1.8GW connections in Devon.

Cllr. Ball asked Cllr. Chubb if he was still interested in becoming the appointed Road Warden for Kilmington Parish and undertaking the necessary training if the Parish Council were to appoint him for this role. He indicated his willingness to take on this role.

c) Clerk

The Clerk recommended that the Parish Council meeting dates for 2025 be:-

Monday 6 th January	Monday 7 th July
Monday 3 rd February	Monday 4 th August
Monday 10 th March	Monday 1 st September
Monday 7 th April	Monday 6 th October
Wednesday 7 th May	Monday 3 rd November
Monday 2 nd June	Monday 1 st December

Cllr. Ball proposed that these dates be approved, seconded by Cllr. Dare, all in favour.

d) Highways Matters

1) 30 to 20 mph Speed limit

Nothing to report

2) Speed Watch Scheme

Cllr. Veberth advised that a speed watch session is due to be held on the 20th November 2024.

3) A35

Cllr. Ball reported that he had submitted a Freedom of Information Request to National Highways (NH) asking for details of the NH decision making process for the 13 villages in the South West who will get a severance survey for a pedestrian crossing and why was Kilmington not included.

His request had been passed onto various NH departments/teams who were not the right teams and were unable to answer the request. He now understood that the request had been passed onto the correct team and he was waiting their response.

4) Other matters

None

e) Playground

None

f) Allotments

The Clerk reported that letters and renewal agreement forms had been issued to all existing allotment holders detailing the new terms and conditions and the renewal fees due. He had received some payments and signed agreement forms back.

Cllrs. Bayley and Veberth reported that CS Garden Services had cleared the three vacant plots and that they were taking photographs of those plots

in order to confirm their state when offered to new tenants. They advised the Clerk as to which new tenants were taking on these plots and other tenant changes on some other plots. The Clerk to write out to them with the agreement forms to be signed and advise them of the fees due.

Cllr. Bayley advised that the farm trailer which had been placed in the allotment had been filled with green waste and removed from the site.

Cllr. Bayley proposed that the Parish Council hire a skip in order that other waste from the allotments can be placed in it by the allotment holders and removed from the site, seconded by Cllr. Veberth, all in favour. Cllr. Bayley to contact Axminster skips and order the skip.

Cllr. Ball thanked Cllrs. Bayley and Veberth for all the work they had done.

g) Trees & Trees Safety Survey Report

Deferred to next meeting

h) Footpaths

Cllr. Ball said that he understood that two of the damaged footbridges had been repaired. The Clerk to check with PROW if the repairs had been fully completed and if the affected footpaths were now fully open to the public.

i) Defibrillators

1. Defibrillator at The New Inn

The Clerk reported that £200 had been received which had been donated by parishioners towards the costs of the defibrillator.

The Clerk to arrange for a further defibrillator awareness session to be held on a Saturday morning in January or early February 2025.

2. Defibrillator at the Village Hall

None

j) Hitchcock Trust

Nothing to report

k) Road Warden/Self help scheme for Kilmington PC

Following Cllr. Chubb's earlier agreement to take on the role of Road Warden for the Parish, Cllr. Bayley proposed that the Parish Council appoint him as their Road Warden, seconded by Cllr. Dare, all in favour. The Clerk to contact Dave Ashford, the Devon Highways Officer to advise him of the appointment and submit a request for Cllr. Chubb to be given the required training course.

l) Any Other Reports

None

24/092 Correspondence

a) Letter to EDDC from Lympstone Parish Council

Noted

b) Signage - Access to Kilmington Primary School

The Clerk advised that a reply had now been received from the School to the Parish Council's request for more details and an illustration of the signage which they had asked to attach to the Council's noticeboard. They had advised that they had received quotes for the signage, however until they place an order the design drawings would not be produced. They have said that it would be a sign attached to the underside, so it would not have

hanging chains or similar, just the sign which would be attached/screwed in to the underside of the noticeboard.

They are unable to attach signage to any highways signs or road name signs. They are happy to pursue alternative locations for the sign if the option to attach it to the Council noticeboard is not possible.

Cllr. Ball said that he would discuss the matter with the School.

c) Lloyds Bank – Changing from Treasurer accounts to Community accounts and the key changes in terms and conditions with charges applying

The Clerk outlined the changes which were noted

24/093 TRIP

The Clerk reported that Axe Valley & West Dorset Ring & Ride Service had ceased and that TRIP in Honiton had taken on the Axe Valley part of the service and the two vehicles and two drivers. The Clerk gave Cllr Ball the Trip leaflets on the services they offer. Cllr. Ball said that he would contact the TRIP manager to discuss the services they can offer to Kilminster parishioners.

24/094 Kilminster War & New Memorial

The Clerk said that he had last week submitted to Planning revised drawings showing details and illustrations of the proposed fencing to be around the obelisk.

The Clerk confirmed that the new War memorial bank account had been set up and that the donation of £1,916.44 from RBL Kilminster had been received.

24/095 KPC Facebook page

The Clerk had previously circulated a Draft Facebook Social Media Policy to Councillors for their consideration. Cllr. Veberth proposed that the Parish Council adopt this policy, seconded by Cllr. Bailey, all in favour.

The policy to be reviewed annually.

Cllr. Ball proposed that Cllr. Veberth be appointed as the moderator to set up the Kilminster Parish Council Facebook page and for the posting and monitoring of official KPC content in accordance with the Social Media Policy.

24/096 Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None

24/097 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 2nd December 2024 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed *P. Ball*

Date *06/01/2025*