

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REMOTELY HELD PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING ON TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM

via Zoom platform as per legislation contained within section 79 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

Present: Cllrs B. Trott (Chair), M. Collier, S. Huscroft, J. Mear
S. Seward, P. Ball, E. Styles, A. Dare

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

Members of Public: 0

Chair welcomed all Councillors, to the Council's Zoom virtual remote meeting, made necessary by the current Covid-19 situation which requires social distancing measures. He advised Councillors that the meeting is being recorded but that the recording will be deleted once the minutes are approved at the next meeting.

OPEN SESSION

No matters raised

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Seward declared an interest in item 9 c5 and Item 10a

Cllr. Collier declared an interest in Item 10a

Cllr. Dare declared an interest in Item 10c

3. a) Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th March 2020

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

b) Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th October 2020

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

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes 8th September 2020

Cllr. Ball advised that he had contacted Legacy to Landscape requesting them to submit a proper written request with full details of the planting they wish to undertake on the Common. He had received a reply confirming the management required for the rare Heath Lobelia flower - an annual cut in summer prior to flowering time i.e. by early August, to allow this and other meadow plants there such as the Betony that appears to thrive, to flower and set seed. Ideally cuttings should also

be removed to ensure poor fertility maintained for meadow flowers to thrive and reduce threat of aggressive grasses and bramble that can out compete the flora.

They did not wish to rope off or restrict access to the area of the planting. In fact, the plant thrived through disturbance of the soil caused by footfall across the area.

They had not provided the number of plants, the actual area involved and a map showing the extent and site of the area which they wish to plant. Cllr. Ball said that he would contact them again requesting this information. The Clerk to agenda the matter of Heath Lobelia for the next meeting.

The Clerk advised that he had received the TTRO Road Closure Notice for Remembrance Sunday which had taken place on the 8th November.

The Clerk advised EDDC Street Scene were going to order a replacement 'The Street' street name plate which can take 6-12 weeks to come from the manufacturers.

5. Reports

a) Police

The Clerk advised that he had received a report from PCSO Bolsover for the period 1st October 2020 to 31st October 2020 which showed that there had been 3 reported crimes – 1 of Violence without Injury and 2 of Other Offences.

b) District and County Councillors:

EDDC / DCC Cllr. Chubb said that he would send a written report to the Clerk to forward on to Councillors

c) Clerk

Nothing to report

d) Kilmington Neighbourhood Support Group

Cllrs. Ball, Cllr. Huscroft and Cllr. Seward advised that a newsletter had been sent out to parishioners and also posted on the Noticeboards and on the Website. They reported that they were continuing to provide support to some parishioners.

e) Highways Matters

The Clerk advised that DCC are trialling a reduced 20 mph speed limit in one village and that if this trial was found to be successful, they may consider introducing 20mph speed limits in other villages.

Councillors asked the Clerk to register with DCC the Parish Council's interest in being considered for the existing Kilmington village 30mph speed limit to be reduced to 20mph.

f) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Ball advised that he was continuing to work on the Documents and hoped to get them printed in early December.

g) Any Other Reports

None

6. To consider matters pertaining to Coronavirus and Kilmington Parish Playpark

a) RoSPA Report, Work required & inspections

Cllr. Mear advised that she had received one quote for the new flooring under the swing areas, Hip Hop rocker and the Multiplay area, to replace all the tiles and mesh flooring but was awaiting another quotation. The bearings from Proludic had been received and the caps for the Hippo Rocker had been ordered and that these replacements should be fitted shortly.

b) Risk assessment and Measures necessary for Covid 19 Secure reopening.

Cllrs. reported that many parents had been complaining about the playpark having been closed since the first lockdown and were asking when it was due to reopen. Cllrs. discussed the matter and whilst they appreciated the parents concerns about the playpark being closed, the playpark would have to remain closed until the safety issues highlighted in the ROSPA report had been resolved and the new perimeter fencing/gates had been installed. It was agreed that a notice be placed on the Village website explaining to parishioners the reasons why the playground was closed and that it would be reopened as soon as the necessary safety and installation works had been carried out.

c) New Perimeter Fence.

The Chair to contact Cllr. Jones for an update.

Telephone Box Library

Cllr. Ball advised that the new measures were working well..

Public areas

Nothing to report

Allotments

Nothing to report.

7. Tree Safety & Survey

The Chair to contact Cllr. Jones for an update on the work required on the Oak identified in the report as a Medium Risk.

The Chair advised that he had received a report that a Rowan Tree on the Jubilee Green was damaged/diseased and that he he had instructed C S Garden Services to remove the tree.

8. Correspondence

The Clerk advised that he had received a letter from TRIP Community Transport thanking the Parish Council for the £250 donation.

The Clerk reported that DCC Engineering Group had sent an update on the works at Elford Farm. Following receipt of the consultant's report a detailed design for a permanent repair is due to be carried out and they anticipate having contractors on site in early 2021. However, the condition of the wall and risk of further settlement is still of concern and they have installed a concrete barrier on Nower Road at Elford Farm so as to prevent vehicles continuing to use this section of road.

9. Finance

a) Current Financial Position

The Clerk advised that the Council had now received the payment of £210.00 from the Hitchcock Trust.

The Clerk reported that the present bank balances were as follows:-

Lloyds Bank Account	- £ 12,884.43 after allowing for uncleared cheques and a cheque for £210 yet to be banked.
Santander Bank Account	- £ 1,095.66
NS&I Account	- £57,217.44

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

- 1) Payment of £398.40 for the Clerk's salary for the 17th October 2020 to 21st November 2020.
- 2) Payment of £14.39 to A Jenkins (Clerk) Reimbursement for ZOOM IT Platform Monthly Charge purchased on Clerk's personal card)
- 3) Payment of £50.00 to M Lawson for Website Maintenance in October 2020

- 4) Payment of £75.00 to REJ Wareham for Hedge Trimming
- 5) Payment of £245.00 to CS Garden Services SW Ltd for works carried out 07/10 & 12/10.

Payments 1 to 5 proposed by Cllr. Dare, seconded by Cllr. Collier, all in favour except for Cllr. Seward who took no part.

d) Forthcoming expenditure to approve

1) Passing Place sign

The Clerk advised that the cost of a suitable sign, galvanised post and fittings from specialist online suppliers SSP Direct was £127.72. He had checked with the Highways Officer who had confirmed that this was a suitable sign.

Cllr. Trott proposed that the Council proceed with the purchase, seconded by Cllr. Ball, all in favour.

Cllr. Collier & Cllr. Seward left the meeting at this point and was put in the waiting room due to the declared interest in the following item 10a

10. Planning applications

a. 20/2309/FUL - Fernwood Farm Gore Lane Kilmington Axminster

Councillors had viewed the application documents online and following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Trott, seconded by Cllr. Ball, all in favour that the Council support the application subject to appropriate signage being erected on Bimbon Lane and Gore Lane warning road users of Horses and pedestrians crossing.

Also that the Parish Council has highway safety concerns as access to the proposed new stable block is via Bimbon Lane and Gore Lane both of which are narrow single-track roads with high banks on each side, very few passing places and a 30 mph speed limit. Appropriate signage should therefore be provided to warn of possible horses and pedestrians on the road. It should also be noted that a reduction in the speed limit on Kilmington's village roads from the existing 30 mph limit to 20 mph, would also help to reduce the potential hazard and improve pedestrian and rider safety.

Cllr. Collier & Cllr. Seward rejoined the meeting at this point.

b. 20/2145/TRE - 9 Meadow Bank Kilmington Axminster EX13 7RL

Councillors had viewed the application documents online and following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Collier, seconded by Cllr. Mear, all in favour that the Council have no objection to the application subject to the EDDC Tree Officer approving the proposed work.

Cllr. Dare left the meeting at this point and was put in the waiting room due to the declared interest in the following item 10c

c. 20/2178/FUL - Millers Farm Shop Gammons Hill Kilmington Axminster

Councillors had viewed the application documents online and following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Ball, seconded by Cllr. Styles, all in favour that the Council support this application.. This successful local business provides local employment and a valuable service as the primary village shop to Kilmington. The locations of Millers Farm Shop, and the site of the proposed parlour, office and toilet buildings, are acceptable in what is an already established commercial area on the Eastern side of Kilmington village bordering the A35. The

proposed development is to a scale, mass and character which respect the surrounding buildings and landscape character.

However EDDC should be asked to note that:

- a) access from the Kilmington village residential area, on the opposite side of the busy A35 which has a 50 mph speed limit, can be difficult for pedestrians and cyclists as there is no pedestrian crossing. We know that some residents regularly drive to Millers Farm Shop as they feel it is safer than walking and trying to cross the A35 on foot.
- b) in the longer term, the Parish Council recommend that consideration should be given to improving the Millers Farm Shop site access and number of parking places provided. At peak times, holiday weekends and Christmas, parking places become limited and slow access in to the site can cause vehicle tailbacks to the A35. This can create congestion on the very busy A35 which, with its 50mph speed limit is a significant hazard.

Cllr. Dare rejoined the meeting at this point.

11. Footpath signs & yellow way markers

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from visitors who had recently walked some of the public footpaths in the parish but had encountered difficulties due to missing footpath signs and yellow way markers at certain critical points.. The Clerk to ask the Footpath warden to investigate the matter.

12. Parking on the footpath outside No1,2 & 3 The Cross, Whitford Road

The Chairman reported that he had received an email from a parishioner complaining that vehicles being parked on the footpath outside Nos. 1, 2 & 3 The Cross, Whitford Road were causing a hazard to pedestrians and vehicles travelling along Whitford Road, particularly in the dark when the parked cars are half on the footpath and half on the road with no lights on. The email also mentioned that when planning was passed for these properties that the vehicle parking was to be at the rear of the properties.

The Clerk advised that the Council had received the same complaint the previous November. He had checked with EDDC planning last year if there were any planning conditions. They had advised that whilst the planning permission allowed access to the rear of the properties via the car park of the Old Inn, there was no planning condition stipulating that vehicles relating to the properties had to be parked to the rear.

The Council had asked the PCSO to investigate the matter of vehicles being partly parked on the footpath causing an obstruction and a hazard to road users. The PCSO had reported that he had investigated on a number of occasions but advised that the parked vehicles were not parked illegally on those occasions.

The Clerk said that he would ask the Police to investigate the matter again. Councillors said that they believed that the footpath was a public footpath. The Clerk said that he would ask Highways to confirm this.

13. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Zoom meeting - Tuesday 8th December 2020 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.37pm.

Signed *B Trott*

Date *11/12/20*