

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING ON MONDAY 2nd FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs B. Trott (Chair), M. Collier, S. Huscroft,
A. Dare, P. Ball, Julia

In Attendance: A Jenkins (Clerk/RFO),

Members of Public: 0

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

No matters raised

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Apologies

Cllr. M. Jones and Cllr. S. Seward

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Dare on Item 9a.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January 2021

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

None

5. Reports:

a) Police

None

b) District and County Councillors

None

c) Clerk

None

d) Kilmington Neighbourhood Support Group

None

e) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Ball advised that emails and notices will shortly be sent out to publicise the publication of the Neighbourhood Plan and the public parish consultation meetings.

The consultation period finishes on the 18th March 2022 and it is planned to hold the public meetings the week commencing the 7th March.

f) Highways Matters

Cllr. Mear reported that the Devon Highways officer had recently inspected Bimbom Lane and had advised that two potholes had been marked for patching. Unfortunately the road was too narrow for the Dragon patching machine to be used.

Cllr. Ball said that he had submitted a request to DCC Highways for the Kilmington 30mph speed limit area to be considered for a speed reduction to 20mph.

g) Trees

1) Arboricultural Assessment Resurvey

The Clerk reported that Advanced Arboriculture had quoted £660.00 for the resurvey. Cllr. Trott proposed that they be instructed to proceed, seconded by Cllr. Huscroft, all in favour.

2) Tree Management Plan

Deferred to a future meeting once the arboriculture resurvey report had been received.

3) Kilmington Common Management

Also to be deferred until the Tree Management plan can be discussed

h) Footpaths Report

None

i) Any Other Reports

1) Damage to Car Park wall

Repairs to be carried out shortly

2) Bonfires on Shute Road

Cllr. Ball reported that recently on the 20th January there had been another bonfire on the storage/waste ground on the edge of woodland on Shute road. Over several years we have received complaints from a number of residents regarding the bonfires at the same woodland site being used for commercial activities.

Materials burnt are waste material consisting of building materials, household waste such as old furniture, mattresses, foam and plastic. Trailer loads are brought to the site for disposal; most waste burnt does not originate from within the site.

Fires can be reasonably frequent, around one or two a month; they can be midweek or at weekends. This has been an ongoing problem over several years. Fires are left unattended overnight and sometimes for days, so safety and changes in wind direction are not monitored. The fires are within woodland and close to storage sheds on the same site. Smoke from the bonfires can be thick and can smell toxic at times. It blows across residential properties and gardens. It also sometimes blows through the trees and across the A35 trunk road reducing visibility for drivers on this very busy road. Smouldering can result in continuous smoke and smell for several days. Axminster Fire Brigade attended on 20th January at around 11:30 to extinguish one of fires as smoke was thick and blowing around houses and across the A35. This fire had household waste within it including a mattress. The Fire Officer attending said the incident would be logged.

Council requested that the Clerk report this statutory nuisance to EDDC Environmental Health for them to officially investigate the matter.

