

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs. P. Ball (Chair), K. Veberth, A. Dare, M. Jones
S. Seward, B. Reed, O. Miller

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

Cllr. N. Bayley & Cllr. Collier

2. 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)

Cllrs. Dare, Miller, Veberth and Reed declared an interest in Item 5a

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th February 2024

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

None

Cllr. Miller and Cllr. Veberth left the meeting at this point due to their declared interest in Item 5a.

5. Planning Applications

**a) 24/0363/FUL - Millers Farm Shop Gammons Hill Kilminster Devon
EX13 7RA**

Construction of 1 no. timber frame commercial unit

Cllr. Seward proposed that the Parish Council had no objection to this planning, seconded by Cllr. Jones, Cllr. Ball in favour. Cllrs. Dare and Reed took no part in the discussion or vote. Cllr. Miller and Cllr. Veberth then returned to the meeting.

6. Finance

a) Current Financial Position

The Clerk advised that the present balance in the Lloyds Account was £3,019.06

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 £365.72 to A. Jenkins for the Clerk's salary for the month of March 2024 (29/02/2024 to 31/03/2024)

2) Payment of £121.00 to HMRC for PAYE

3) Payment of £325.43 to DALC for Councillor training.

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

d) Change of bank signatories

The Clerk to check that the bank had completed the change.

e) Section 106 monies

Cllr. Ball advised that his enquiries on the section 106 and possible CIL monies were continuing

f) Grant application - Axe Valley and West Dorset Ring and Ride Service.

Deferred to next meeting

7. Reports:

a) Police

None

b) District and County Councillors

None

c) Clerk

The Clerk suggested that Council should consider holding the Annual Council meeting and the Annual parish meeting on separate evenings and not on the same evening, one after the other. Councillors agreed with his suggestion and Cllr Ball proposed that the Annual Council meeting be held in the Cricket Pavilion on Monday 20th May 2024 at 7.00pm and the Annual Parish Meeting be held in the Village Hall on Monday, 13th May 2024 at 7.00pm. He also proposed that a speaker be invited to give a talk at the Parish meeting on a topical subject which is relevant to the Parish and of interest to parishioners.

The Clerk and the Chair to confirm the bookings for the two meetings and make enquiries of a possible speaker.

d) Highways Matters

1) 30 to 20 mph Speed limit

Cllr. Ball advised that he had gone back to Highways asking them to go ahead with necessary legal work and to submit an invoice to the Parish Council for the agreed cost of £3,000. He had also resubmitted a new revised application for the 2024 30 to 20 for the Trenche 3 submissions.

2) Speed Watch Scheme

Cllr. Seward reported that one speed watch session had been held in the last month

3) A35

Cllr. Ball advised that there was no progress to report

4) Other matters

Cllrs. advised that some reported potholes had been repaired.

e) Playground

The Clerk advised that the RoSPA survey was due to take place later in the month.

f) Allotments

Cllr. Veberth reported that the trailer for the green waste was due to be placed at the allotments this coming weekend and all the allotment holders had been asked to place their green waste in it. The trailer would be removed by the beginning of next week.

g) Trees – Safety Survey report – action plan

Cllr. Jones advised that trees T149 had been done, T354 is to be reduced, 355 has been reduced to a monolith, 1001 in the allotments had been done, G1 had not yet been done and G2 was not urgent. He will advise further at the next meeting.

h) Footpaths

Cllr. Ball advised that Tom Cook was relinquishing his role as the footpaths officer and that Cllr. Miller was prepared to take on this role. The Clerk will meet with Cllr. Miller to pass on the relevant paperwork, maps etc.

i) Defibrillators

Defibrillator at The New Inn

Cllr. Ball advised that the brewery were not prepared to accept the defibrillator being placed on the front of the New Inn and that an alternative solution had been agreed with them for it be mounted on a tubular metal frame by the sign by the wall. Cllr. Ball advised that steelwork had been ordered to fabricate the metal frame which would then be powder coated. The brewery electrician would install the electrical connection for the defibrillator. The Parish council would pay for the steelwork and powder coating from the funds raised for the defibrillator and the brewery would meet the costs of their electrician.

j) Any Other Reports

None

8. Correspondence

The Clerk reported that EDDC had advised the dog waste collection charges are being substantially increased for 2024/25 with a further increase following for 2025/26. He was waiting for further documentation to follow.

9. 80th Anniversary of D-Day

Cllr. Seward will advise further at the next meeting

10. Response to Devon & Torbay Combined County Authority Consultation

Cllr. Ball proposed that the Parish Council respond to the Consultation stating that:-

The majority opinion of the Kilmington Parish Council (KPC) is that the current Devolution proposal leaves too many questions unanswered, this makes it challenging to assess what impact the CCA and a Devolution Deal will have for Devon's communities.

KPC is fully supportive of devolution providing more powers to local authorities that are closest to communities, with the objective of strengthening their influence and improving the cost effectiveness and speed of public service delivery.

However, KPC were against adding what appears to be another level of authority (DTCCA), required to deliver the proposal, thereby introducing another level of bureaucracy, additional cost, and delays. We fail to understand how or why the implementation of another level of

authority is required? With devolution one would normally expect powers to be devolved to existing areas.

KPC on the whole agrees with the DALC response, especially with devolving more powers to local Parish and Town Councils, who have a better understanding of the requirements of their parishioners and local areas. We also support DALC's concerns relating to the long-term funding of the CCA. While we accept that funding has been acquired from the centre until 2027, if this ceases and the two leading authorities are then responsible for funding the CCA, this money would have to be found by reducing expenditure in other areas. Within the current proposal there is no confirmation of any additional funding that the CCA would generate from the centre, only what is already generated in the region.

In conclusion, in its current form, KPC is not able to support the proposal of a CCA that does not appear to be fully funded or provide greater powers to the authorities already in place. Seconded by Cllr. Seward, all in favour. The Clerk to submit the response.

11. Grass Cutting contract

Deferred to June meeting

12. War Memorial

Cllr. Seward advised that his enquiries were progressing and will advise further at the next meeting.

Cllr. Reed left the meeting at this point

13. 'The Green' - water course

Deferred to next meeting

14. Awards, Gifts & Honours for ex Councillors

Deferred to next meeting

15. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

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16. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed *P. Ball*

Date *08/04/2024*