**Kelston Parish Meeting**

**7.30pm Thursday 21st September 2023**

**Kelston Village Hall**

**Minutes**

1. **Attendance:**

Chair: Doug Creed; Chris Payne; Hugh Padfield; Trish Bryer; Ken Bryer; Stephen Constant, Gay Padfield; Graham Padfield; Rachel Guest; Mandy Weston; David Withers

**Apologies:**

* 1. Michelle O’Doherty ward councillor
  2. Xavier Fiquet
  3. George Cullimore
  4. Pat Jefferies
  5. Jenny Payne
  6. Vera Constant
  7. Angela Meader

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting** - (none available as previous meeting by Zoom)?
2. **Matters Arising** - n/a
3. **Road Speed on A431 –** Following a number of accidents within the village, and at the bottom of Gammety Hill, and after the removal of the non-slip surfaces on various stretches of the A431, it was felt that action needed to be taken to reduce speed at certain locations. In addition, the reactive slow signs at both ends of the village were not working and on the Bristol side of the village, just outside the 30 mph limit area, there was an unclear transition from 30-40mph with a 60 limit in between which was giving mixed messages to road users. Taking an issue-by-issue approach may not be enough to address the problems, an approach to specialists dealing with road safety, such as HSE or ROSPA, may be required.

**Action DC to contact ward councillor and BANES Highways**

It was also suggested that the village community view the hyperlink below which is a planning application in the adjoining parish for a significant development of 111 commercial units with 2/3 parking spaces per unit that would generate significant additional traffic on A431

<https://developments.southglos.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=S0GV86OKIXR00>



It was also suggested the meeting may be interested to look at the consultation document put forward by BANES for the A4 Bath / Bristol link for the future, which would undoubtedly have a knock-on effect on the A431 as well..

[**https://b2b.haveyoursaywest.co.uk/**](https://b2b.haveyoursaywest.co.uk/)

1. **Fireworks at Park Farm –** There will be a firework event at Park Farm this year with approx £1200 worth of fireworks on Saturday 4th November. Hugh acknowledged the need to take particular care of the Guests thatched roof; and to notify field animal owners. Insurance is covered by the village hall insurance as they are ‘hosting’ the event. Villagers will be mailed by Hugh with details and volunteers will be needed to man the entrances to check tickets (price likely to be +/- £5pp).
2. **Wessex Water Sewage –** It was explained by David (DW) and Rachel (RG) how and why Wessex had come to the conclusion they had; the Environment Agency had found no higher levels of contamination at the point where the outflow from the village reaches the river and hence from their point of view there was no pollution issue to deal with. Since any expenditure would have to be approved by OFWAT, it was believed that WW would have no financial justification for connecting Kelston to the sewerage system. It was the view of the meeting that as a community we should be taking more responsibility for the volume of waste output in the village and therefore direction should be sought from BANES as to what current legislation is, and what we might do locally to improve the situation. DW to help DC prepare communication from the Parish Meeting

**Action DC to contact BANES**

1. **Bristol Water Water Supply –** DC gave a brief update on the water supply situation following the multiple bursts the village had sustained over the last three months or so. Following a couple of calls, Bristol Water (BW) will conduct some trial bore holes and are reviewing the assets and service to the village. As all expenditure had been committed this year, and because it will take some time to conduct a survey of the assets, it is likely that a full replacement will take place next year. Pressure needs to be kept up on BW!!
2. **Kelston Parish Fund Account –** An updated income and expenditure account of transactions from January 2023 to the end of August was presented and approved. It was also approved to pay two outstanding invoices for Food for the Ukrainian Refugee Summer Picnic lunch hosted by Mandy Weston and also an invoice for printing materials again for Mandy Weston who has produced the village newsletter for a number of years and previously not received any support for materials. The meeting made its thanks for the work she has done in this regard. There were further discussions about the use of the precept payment from BANES Council to ensure clarity and transparency, the only upcoming payment was likely to be for a projector and screen.
3. **Village Noticeboards –** Chris Payne asked whether we should consider any new notice boards. The view of the meeting was that technology keeping the village informed through the website, email and whatsapp groups, was probably adequate. Chris will remove the notice board from its position in the Mills and a further discussion next meeting would review the positioning of the notice boards in the future.

**There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.15pm**