

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Zoom on Wednesday 22 July 2020 at 7.00pm

Present

Cllr Thompson (Chairman), D Appleton, D Blount & H Bright

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk)

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

200722.01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr Dare

200722.02 Open Forum

There were no members of the public present.

200722.03 Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensations

Members were reminded of their responsibility to continually update their Notice of Registerable Interests and invited to state whether they have any interest in the items to be discussed during this meeting in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

200722.04 Planning

7.1 New applications/appeals:

20/00710/FUL – Dolphin Inn, Fore Street, Kenton

Demolish extensions, convert main building into two dwellings and construct new public house

After discussion, it was agreed to support this application. However, members agreed to raise the following concerns:

1. It is noted that no parking has been provided for the two dwellings. The issue of car parking in the centre of the village has been specifically addressed in the Kenton Neighbourhood Plan as an issue. It would be expected therefore that minimum standards for parking should be provided for this development.
2. Members agreed that some assurance should be sought that the construction of the new public house will definitely be completed and that plans will not change or conditions removed/varied if, for any reason, the developers are unable to complete the development of the pub. The pub has been registered as an Asset of Community Value until 7 June 2024 demonstrating its importance within the community.

7.2 Decisions:

None

200722.05 Trees on East Town Lane

The Chairman advised that he had met with TDC's Arboricultural Officer to look at the alleged shading and damage to the boundary wall. He advised that as the back of the houses is north facing, very little shading is possible, even considering the height of the trees. The damage to the wall was unlike the damage he has previously seen due to tree roots, which would usually show as cracking at the base of the wall and heave of the surrounding land. The wall is single skin brick without buttresses, and he thought the observable lean of the wall in one position is simply due to poor construction. He did, however, suggest that the Parish Council removes some of the lower branches which are touching the structure, particularly the garage, and also some other work which should be done on the trees in the area, such as around the streetlights, the bus shelter and the large tree on the hill.

Members agreed that the owners of the properties who had raised concerns about these trees should be notified of this advice and informed that the Parish Council intends to carry out some minor works to remove some of the lower branches.

200722.06 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 9 September 2020 at 7.00pm on Zoom.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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Chairman