

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Zoom on Wednesday 10 March 2021 at 7.00pm

Present

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

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk) and County/District Cllr Connett. There were no members of the public present.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

210310.01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr Dare
- Peter White

210310.02 Open Forum

There were no members of the public present.

210310.03 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.

Cllr Appleton declared an interest in item 8 as an allotment holder.

210310.04 Ratification of Minutes

Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 10 February 2021. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

210310.05 Reports

5.1 Police Report for Kenton, Powderham and Starcross

Reported crimes from 02/02/2021-28/02/2021

Starcross/Kenton (7 crimes)

- Criminal Damage x 1
- Malicious Communications x 1
- Harassment x 1
- Public Order offence x 1
- Firearm related offence x 1
- Driving Offence x 1
- Theft of a motor vehicle x 1

Powderham (0 crimes)

5.2 District/County Councillor's Report

Cllr Connett advised that he had been keeping the Parish Council up to date with the flytipping issues and the actions that he had been taking. The issues are complex but he is taking the matter very seriously. The issue is also causing anxiety to other residents and the District Council should be taking action to ensure compliance of the rules. Various options are currently being explored by various agencies. Members expressed their appreciation to Cllr Connett for everything he was doing.

5.3 Village Tidyman's Report

No report.

5.4 Delegate Reports

5.4.1 Dementia Friendly Village

Cllr Blount reported that it was not possible to hold the AGM on 12 February as planned. It has been rescheduled and will be held on Zoom on Friday 12 March. A volunteer has come forward to help Annette German look after the sensory garden.

5.4.2 Community Forum/Playing Field

Cllr Appleton reported that there had been a community forum meeting a couple of weeks ago. He was unable to attend but understood that nothing was discussed which was relevant to the Parish Council. The harris fencing at the playing field has now been removed and the grass is looking good. The moles are currently absent and grass cutting will start either this or next week.

5.4.3 Climate Emergency

There was nothing to report.

210310.06 Finance and Governance

6.1 Members received the invoices for payment and it was agreed unanimously that the payments as listed are approved (attached).

210310.07 Planning

7.1 New applications/appeals:

7.1.1 21/00394/CAN – 1 Torrington Place, Kenton

Crown reduce one Turkey oak by up to 4m and prune line of trees to clear footpath

Members agreed to support this application.

Members enquired whether Powderham had many progress establishing the responsibility for the wall adjacent to the footpath by the church. The clerk advised that she had received no further updates but would follow this up.

7.2 Decisions:

None

210310.08 Kenton Village Allotments

Members received a draft underlease. Various amendments and suggestions were proposed which would be fed back to the solicitor.

210310.09 Flytipping around the village

Members noted the actions of Cllr Connett to try and resolve the issue of rubbish being dumped

around the village. It was noted that whilst this problem had been going on for many years, it had become considerably worse over the last 3-4 months. It was acknowledged that the issues were complex and that various agencies are currently involved in trying to resolve them. After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would support Cllr Connett's actions by also writing to those agencies and insisting that some action is taken.

210310.10 Playing Field/Hard Court

Members noted that the school has requested the opening of the hard court so that it can be used for their PE lessons now that schools have reopened after lockdown. It was noted that government guidance stated that hard court areas should remain closed to the public until 29 March. It was therefore agreed to erect a notice on the gate of the hard court to that effect and that only the school would have access. It was further agreed that the school should be asked to ensure that the gate is closed after it has been used.

210310.11 Highways & Footpaths

11.1 The clerk advised that she had asked TDC whether they would be able to survey the wall on Brook Path but no response had yet been received as the officer was on an extended period of leave. This will be followed up before the next meeting.

11.2 There were no other highways issues.

210310.12 Members' items for information or general discussion, for inclusion on future agendas and/or items requiring urgent attention

[Members were reminded that they have not received the statutory notice of this business to be transacted and should therefore recognise that any decision made may be taken to be unlawful if challenged in the future]

None

210310.13 Correspondence

None

210310.14 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 21 April 2021 at 7.00pm on Zoom.

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Chairman

10 March 2021

Item 6:

Expenditure

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
Standing Order	Salaries	February	£718.60
Online	G Maycock	Allotments fencing (reimbursement)	£395.14
Online	S Hughes	Zoom subscription	£14.39
Online	The Earl of Devon (Powderham Estate)	Half yearly rental for allotments	£650

Income (7 February – 5 March 2021)

Date received	Received from	Details	Amount
3 March 2021	DCC	P3 grant (2020-21)	£500

Bank Balance at 5 March 2021

Current account	£45,879.78
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