

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Zoom on Wednesday 21 April 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 was one member of the public present who left the meeting after item 2. Two further members of the public joined the meeting at 7.45pm (at the end of item 8).

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

210421.01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr Dare
- Peter White

210421.02 Open Forum

A member of the public raised concerns about the wall adjacent to the church path near the almshouses leading from Church Street to Torrington Place (Parson's Walk). This is a well-used path and if the wall collapses thus forcing closure of the path, it will cause great inconvenience to residents. Not only this, the wall is in the curtilage of two listed buildings and is a heritage asset and should therefore be protected before it is too late. Members were reminded that Powderham's land management agent has been unable to establish who is responsible for it and has erected safety fencing as a precaution.

Cllr Connett offered to email both DCC and TDC to establish who becomes responsible for a heritage asset when ownership is unclear.

It was also agreed to contact Powderham's land management agent to emphasise the importance of the wall as a heritage asset (copying Charlie Courtenay for his information).

210421.03 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.

210421.04 Ratification of Minutes

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

210421.05 Reports

5.1 Police Report for Kenton, Powderham and Starcross

Reported crimes from 01/03/2021-30/03/2021

Kenton and Starcross (x10 Crimes)

- x1 Sexual Offence
- x 4 Assaults
- x 1 Theft offence
- x 1 Fraud related offence
- x 2 Criminal Damage
- x 1 Public Order offence

Other matters

Please report any suspicious persons/activities and record vehicle registration details if used. Please contact the police on 999 if the incident is happening there and then, or by 101 (emailing is quicker) if it is historic.

PACT meetings will resume soon, subject to Government lockdown guidance. Hopefully, we can get together in May 2021.

Shellfish Gathering/Harvesting-River Teign and River Exe

In the next few weeks, we will be addressing the hand gathering of shellfish from the rivers Teign and Exe. We will be looking to hold site meetings with relevant partner agencies to ensure that there are **NO** offences. Any information or concerns with reference this would be greatly appreciated.

Community Speed Watch is currently on hold due to the current lockdown. This will naturally resume when restrictions ease. Hopefully we will have teams up and running in your area soon. Any volunteers would be welcome.

5.2 District/County Councillor's Report

Cllr Connett advised that he continues to report the issues of flytipping around the village and the matter is in the hands of the relevant agencies and he is hopeful that a better outcome is imminent. A resident has drawn his attention to the condition of the brick wall on the steps from Brook Path to Penhayes Road which he has reported to Highways. He has also attended a site meeting regarding shellfish gathering. He advised that the rules relating to this are quite complicated and police will continue to pursue IFCA about byelaws which will give more clarity about the rules. Interest in the enforcement agencies has been ramped up. The intention is to try and stamp out industrial/commercial gathering.

5.3 Village Tidyman's Report

The area near the hut at the cemetery has been cleared and seeded creating 16 new spaces some of which have already been purchased. The next section should create approximately 10 more spaces and after that the last section should create 12 to 14 spaces. A concrete drainage cover was discovered in this first section which was quite a surprise. Peter asked whether anyone has any knowledge of the original plans showing these drainage pipe layouts. The bottom hedge has now been planted with more whips to follow by the Allotment team. George Maycock is watering them due to the dry weather.

5.4 Delegate Reports

5.4.1 Dementia Friendly Village

Cllr Blount reported that officers were elected at the recent AGM: Annette German (Chair), Paul Harmsworth (Treasurer) and Liz Williams (Secretary). The Sensory

Garden is doing well. The Committee continues to keep in touch with all members to ensure they are not going without anything. The next meeting will be held on 14 May.

5.4.2 Community Forum/Playing Field

No report

5.4.3 Climate Emergency

It was noted that correspondence has been received confirming that it is likely that DCC's funding bid for installation of EV charging points in sites which have been previously identified, including Kenton Village car park, is likely to be successful. The clerk advised that she has also put forward the car park as a potential site for EV charging points as part of another grant-funded scheme. If successful, the charging points (2 per four bays) will be installed and maintained. The Parish Council would need to sign a 15-year lease and would receive 3% of the income generated.

210421.06 Finance and Governance

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

6.2 Audit 2020/21

6.2.1 Members received and noted the year end bank reconciliation.

6.2.2 Members received and noted the internal auditor's report to agree that this Council is confident that the internal audit arrangements provided by Lee Accounting (South West) Ltd provides excellent reassurance for the public that the financial systems are robust and fit for purpose and to continue with their appointment as the Internal Auditor to the Parish Council.

6.2.3 Members completed, approved and authorised the Chairman and Clerk/RFO to sign Section 1 of the Annual Return (Annual Governance Statement 2020/21).

6.2.4 Members received, approved and authorised the Chairman and Clerk/RFO to sign Section 2 of the Annual Return (Accounting Statements 2020/21).

6.3 Members noted that the legislation enabling remote meetings will not be extended beyond 6 May 2021. A revised schedule of meetings was agreed for the next three months: 19 May, 15 June and 13 July. There would be no meeting in August and meetings in September would resume to the second Wednesday in the month.

210421.07 Planning

7.1 **New applications/appeals:**

7.1.1 21/00722/LBC – 24 High Street, Kenton

Removal of existing lean-to and replace with glazed lean-to conservatory and conversion of loft space into bedroom

Members had no objections to this application.

7.1.2 21/00010/NONDET – Dolphin Inn, Fore Street, Kenton

Appeal against the non-determination of 20/00710/FUL – Demolish extensions, convert main building into two dwellings and construct a new public house

The appeal was noted.

7.2 Decisions

7.2.1 20/00444/LBC – 2 South Town, Kenton

Installation of a single glazed window to the rear elevation

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional Listed Building Consent.

7.2.2 20/00640/FUL - Appeal against TDC's refusal to grant planning permission for the formation of a new detached outbuilding/garage with workshop and attic room storage at Little Court, Mamhead Road, Kenton

Members noted that the appeal has been dismissed.

210421.08 Brook Path Wall

Members noted that an engineer had been engaged to assess the wing wall section of the parapet next to the gate on the path adjacent to the Old Bakery. The report concluded that the issues were not as serious as initially thought and a specialist contractor would not be required to carry out the repairs. It was agreed that quotations would be sought from recommended building contractors. It was further agreed that alternative methods of gate provision should be considered to reduce the impact that its opening and closing will have on the newly built wall. It was also suggested that the Parish Council approaches the Environment Agency to request that they part-subsidise the works. The clerk also suggested contacting DCC for additional funding through the P3 scheme.

210421.09 Flytipping around the village

Members noted Cllr Connett's comment at item 5.3 that he was hopeful that a positive outcome is imminent and it was therefore agreed that no further action was necessary at the moment.

210421.10 Playing Field/Hard Court

It was agreed that play equipment inspections should resume and Richard Grave would be asked to commence these with immediate effect.

Cllr Appleton reminded members that the swings, which had previously been removed, were still in his garage. It was agreed that these should not be put up yet whilst social distancing measures were still in place.

210421.11 Highways & Footpaths

There were no issues.

210421.12 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]

12.1 Cllr Appleton announced that he intends to resign from the Parish Council in July.

12.2 A member of the public sought clarification about the 'For Sale' sign outside the Dolphin Inn. The Chairman confirmed that the 'For Sale' sign related to the land behind the pub which does not belong to the pub.

210421.13 Correspondence

None

210421.14 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 19 May 2021 at 7.00pm in Victory Hall.

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Chairman

21 April 2021**Item 6:****Expenditure**

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
Standing Order	Salaries	February	£718.80
Deducted from first instalment of precept	DALC	Annual subscription	£246.17
Online	Lee Accounting (SW) Ltd	Internal audit	£240
Online	HMRC	PAYE	£215.60
Online	R Grave	Playpark repairs	£124.06
Online	Lee Ross Associates	Engineer's site visit and report - Brook Wall	£184
Online	Vision ICT	Website changes – Operation Forth Bridge, Operation London Bridge and Operation Menai Bridge	£126
Online	P White	Grass seed, disposal of rubble, path treatment	£37.15

Income (6 March – 17 April 2021)

Date received	Received from	Details	Amount
8 March 2021	Kenton Village Allotments	Half yearly rent	£487.50
17 March 2021	Kenton Village Allotments	Fencing (reimbursement of balance)	£47.57
March 2021	Various	Cemetery fees	£850

Bank Balance at 17 April 2021

Current account	£45,881.66
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