

# KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in Kenton Victory Hall on Wednesday 16 June 2021 at 7.00pm

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### Present

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

### Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), Derry Tydeman & Ella Fielding (Powderham events) and nine members of the public.

**The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.**

### 210616.01 Apologies for Absence

- County/District Cllr Connett

### 210616.02 Open Forum

Derry Tydeman advised that Powderham is closed until 25 July whilst various works are being undertaken. Ella Fielding ran through Powderham's schedule of events:

#### **Toby's Garden Festival**

Friday 11th and Saturday 12th June

Location: Castle grounds

Parking: Painters field (next to farm shop car park)

#### **Book Market**

Sunday 21st June

Location: Riding School

Parking: Castle Car Park

#### **Car Boot Sale**

Sunday 27th June

Location: Painters field

Parking: Painters field

#### **Let's Rock**

Saturday 3rd July

Location: Waterside field

Parking: Gymkhana field

Camping: Painters

#### **Bear Grylls Gone Wild Festival**

Thursday 26th - Sunday 29th August

Location: Deer Park

Parking: Gymkhana

Camping: Waterside and Painters

#### **Private Festival**

Saturday 4th September

Location: Deer Park

### **Let's Rock (Back up date)**

Saturday 11th September

Location: Waterside field

Parking: Gymkhana field

Camping: Painters

### **Hijacked Festival**

Saturday 18th September

Location: Painters

Camping: Painters

### **Powderham Food Festival**

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd October

Location: Castle grounds

The Let's Rock event has been put forward for a pilot event. A question was asked about music being played and she advised that music should not be played beyond 11pm.

Next year will be very busy as all the events which did not happen this year will be running next year. 12 is the capacity for 'noisy events'.

#### **210616.03 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.

#### **210616.04 Ratification of Minutes**

Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 19 May 2021. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

#### **210616.05 Reports**

##### **5.1 Police Report (May)**

There was no crime report as PC Orchard had been temporarily abstracted from his role to assist with the G7 summit.

##### **5.2 District/County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Connett was not present at the meeting.

##### **5.3 Village Tidyman's Report**

Peter White had nothing to report apart from to advise that the mower and strimmer are being repaired. The extent of these repairs was queried and the Chairman advised that they were minor.

##### **5.4 Delegate Reports**

###### **5.4.1 Dementia Friendly Village**

Cllr Blount reported that they are hoping to resume the Reflections Cafés at the end of this month but this may be postponed for another month as the lifting of restrictions has been delayed. They have explored the possibility of an eco-toilet at the allotments for those visiting the sensory garden. KVA will be approached and permissions will need to be sought from the Parish Council and Powderham Estate.

They have agreed that a member of the church committee should join the group and that are also looking to set up a weeding group to weed the sensory garden.

#### 5.4.2 Town and Parish Councils meeting

Cllr Blount reported that he had attended this online meeting hosted by TDC. Topics covered included rural broadband, welcome back fund, supporting businesses to work safely and the Local Plan. He advised that with regard to broadband, there is no priority for small isolated areas. The Local Plan would be discussed at item 7.3.

#### 5.4.3 Community Forum/Playing Field

Cllr Appleton advised that there had been no meeting since the last report.

#### 5.4.4 Climate Emergency

Devon Local Nature Partnership are running an event in a couple of weeks for parish and town councils about improving environments which he will attend.

### 5.5 Action report – update on outstanding matters:

#### 5.5.1 Kenton Village Allotments lease

No further report. The clerk advised that she continues to chase the solicitors.

#### 5.5.2 Brook Path Wall

Five contractors have been invited to quote. To date, no quotes have been received. One has stated they are currently too busy; another wishes to meet on site to clarify the job specification.

#### 5.5.3 Footpath wall adjacent to Almshouses

Powderham's managing agenda for the Powderham Estate Maintenance Fund who own the Almshouses has advised that he has been exchanging emails with the managing agent for the Church Diocese. They have stated that the wall will be part of the Churchyard and as such is the responsibility of the PCC. It is not Glebe and not Parsonages so it is thought to be PCC. The clerk advised that she has suggested a meeting between the PC, the PCC and the Maintenance Fund to try and resolve this as it is in nobody's interest for the wall to collapse and awaits a response.

#### 5.5.4 Airband poles

The Chairman advised that he has contacted Airband having seen markings being made on the road and private property for poles and being shown a plan for their positioning which was very different from anything which the Parish Council had previously seen. Airband has agreed to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the plans. It has been stressed that the Parish Council wishes to see the fewest possible poles as possible though it is understood that they do have a right to site a pole wherever they wish on public land.

#### 5.5.5 Church bells

It was noted that there has been a lot of press coverage regarding the complaint about the church bells chiming through the night. The Council has also been receiving email correspondence from all over the world supporting the retention of the chimes. The Chairman advised that the Captain of the Bell Ringers, Mike Adams, has muffled the bells and TDC will measure the noise levels again. If this is unsuccessful, consideration will need to be given to the purchase of device which can mute the chimes during the night.

## **210616.06 Finance and Governance**

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

## **210616.07 Planning**

### **7.1 New applications/appeals:**

- 7.1.1 21/00601/HOU – Al Fin, Fore Street, Kenton  
First floor extension

Members had no objections to this application.

### **7.2 Decisions**

- 7.2.1 21/00308/HOU - Little Court, Mamhead Road, Kenton  
Formation of new detached outbuilding/garage with workshop

This had been determined by the Planning Committee at a meeting on 15 June. It was believed that the application had been granted conditional planning permission though formal notification from TDC has not yet been received by the Parish Council.

### **7.3 Draft Local Plan Consultation (Part 2) 2020-2040: Creating Quality Places – Site Option**

Members noted that the Parish Council is invited to comment on this during the 8 week consultation period (14 June – 9 August 2021). Documents are available to view online at [www.teignbridge.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/localplanreview). A link will be added to the Parish Council's website to the relevant pages of TDC's website.

The Chairman advised that TDC is responding to government instruction to increase the number of houses available locally. Across the district, it has to approve 751 houses per annum; 40 new homes have been proposed for Kenton across four sites which are seen as appropriate for development. (A member of the public confirmed that all major landowners were approached and the sites identified in Kenton were put forward by Lord Devon).

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council would formulate its response at the next meeting but invited comments from members of the public which could then be incorporated. He also advised that individuals are being encouraged to respond direct to the consultation.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had some initial thoughts:

- all sites are greenfield sites
- three of those sites are productive arable land
- the access is poor to all of the sites (mostly by single lane)

Further comments were invited from members of the public and were received as follows:

- concern about traffic
- concern about flooding particularly the site above Witcombe Lane
- inadequate capacity for schools and doctors' surgeries
- concerns about development in Mamhead Road. The road system is inadequate and there is no way of mitigating it.
- the number of houses being proposed for Kenton has not changed to reflect the loss of facilities in the village. The Post Office, pub and shop have all closed since the Local Plan was adopted.

**210616.08 Playing Field/Hard Court**

Members received and accepted a quotation from Richard Grave for weeding the toddler area (£30) and hard-court area (£40) including disposal of arisings. He will repair the gate hasp at no cost to the Council.

**210616.09 Highways & Footpaths**

Cllr Bright advised that the pavement along South Town is heavily overgrown and consequently, users are being forced to walk in the road in places. It was agreed that the clerk would report this to Powderham Estate.

The Chairman advised that the footpath from Brook Path to the Castle was also overgrown. This permissive footpath is also the responsibility of Powderham Estate and it was agreed that the clerk should also report this.

**210616.10 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

**210616.11 Correspondence**

None

**210616.12 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 14 July 2021 at 7.00pm in Victory Hall.

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**Chairman**

**16 June 2021**

**Item 11:**

**Expenditure**

<b>Cheque no</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Standing Order	Salaries	May	£724.40
Online	R Grave	Play equipment inspections (May)	£30
Online	P White	Fuel, grass seeds, stakes for hedge	£94.18

**Income (15 May – 11 June 2021)**

<b>Date received</b>	<b>Received from</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
28 May 2021	HMRC	VAT reclaim	£474.08

**Bank Balance at 11 June 2021**

<b>Current account</b>	£51,876.76
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