

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in Kenton Victory Hall on Wednesday 9 September 2021 at 7.00pm

Present

Cllr Thompson (Chairman), D Blount, H Bright and K Savill (from item 2)

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

210909.01 Apologies for Absence

- County Cllr Connett

210909.02 Casual Vacancy

Members received an application from Kevin Savill to join the Parish Council as a co-opted member. Having confirmed his eligibility, Kevin signed his declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

210909.03 Open Forum

A member of the public was present in support of her planning application to be discussed by members at item 8.1.1.

210909.04 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.

210909.05 Ratification of Minutes

Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 14 July 2021. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

210909.06 Reports

6.1 Police Report

PC Orchard provided a crime report for the period 1 – 31 August 2021 for Starcross and Kenton: 18 crimes were reported and 16 incidents recorded. The latest copy of the gazette was also circulated to members.

6.2 District/County Councillor's Report

Cllr Connett was not present at the meeting.

6.3 Village Tidyman's Report

Peter White gave the following report:

- The light is still out in the back corner of the car park.
- There is smaller tree near the stream in the car park that is leaning at an angle and needs looking at.

- The top area of the cemetery has now been cleared and has been seeded. I will draw up suggested plan for plots.
- The drains opposite Sunnybank have at last been repaired/ replaced by DCC last week
- I have asked Devon Trees for a quantity of saplings similar to bottom hedge. Subject to them getting a grant, this should be okay for October. The new saplings we put in spring are looking good.
- The rocking gorse repairs are not now able to be done by contractor as discussed with Chair.

6.4 Delegate Reports

6.4.1 Dementia Friendly Village

Cllr Blount reported that DVF will be opening its doors to encourage more new members. The next café will be held on 18 September. They intend to run quizzes, music, regular features and a fund-raising raffle every three months to generate further interest.

6.4.2 Community Forum/Playing Field

It was noted that since David Appleton's resignation, there was no Parish Council representative on the community forum. To maintain a link between the Parish Council and the school it was suggested that parents of children at the school be encouraged to join the Parish Council. The clerk agreed to draw up a leaflet which, with permission from the Head, could be circulated to parents via the childrens' book bags.

6.4.3 Electric Charge Points in the Village Car Park

David Appleton has offered to continue leading on this despite his resignation from the Parish Council. He would like to get a group together to look at how the car park can be redesigned to include spaces for the charging points. David is keen for both types of sockets (CCS and Type 2) to be installed to cater for both older and more modern cars but this needs to be discussed with DCC. Cllr Blount offered to attend a site meeting with David Appleton and DCC on 23 September.

6.5 Action report – update on outstanding matters:

6.5.1 Kenton Village Allotments lease

No further report. The clerk advised that she continues to chase the solicitors. On 6 September they had promised to send the fully amended underlease as soon as possible.

6.5.2 Brook Path Wall

Having still received no quotations for the works, it was agreed to contact one of the contractors, who had indicated that he was currently too busy, to find out whether they could carry out the work at the end of the year.

6.5.3 Footpath wall adjacent to Almshouses

No further report. The Parish Council is continuing to try and co-ordinate a meeting between the Parish Council, Powderham and the PCC.

210909.07 Finance and Governance

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

7.2 Members received an application for a small grant from Kenton in Bloom. It was agreed to make a grant of £200.

7.3 Members received a request for a contribution towards the funds being raised in the parish to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was agreed to grant sum of £200.

210909.08 Planning

8.1 New applications/appeals:

8.1.1 21/0714/LBC – 3 Mamhead Road, Kenton
Replacement of four windows and a rear door

Members had no objections to this application.

8.2 Decisions

8.2.1 21/01671/TPOE – Exeter Lodge, Kenton
Fell one dead beech

Members noted that TDC has no objections to the tree being felled.

8.2.2 21/00601/HOU – Al Fin, Fore Street, Kenton
First floor extension

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission

8.2.3 19/00920/FUL – Chi Restaurant and Bar, Fore Street, Kenton
Conversion of restaurant, bar and guest rooms to nine self-contained apartments together with provision of amenity space and parking

Members received a decision notice dated 24 August 2021 advising that this application has been granted conditional planning consent.

Members queried whether the s106 affordable homes contribution of £75,884 has to be spent in the parish or whether it would go in to a central district fund to be spend where required. It was agreed to raise this with the District Council.

210909.09 Playing Field/Hard Court

9.1 Members received the annual ROSPA report. It was agreed that this would be discussed further next month. In the meantime, the rocking horse has been fenced off.

9.2 Members received and noted the safety check reports and it was agreed that these should be carried out monthly during the autumn and winter as use of the equipment decreases.

9.3 Members received quotations to repair the damaged changing room door and the ranch style fencing. It was agreed to proceed with the repairs to the changing room door but not with the fencing. It was agreed that the Chairman would remove the damaged section.

210909.10 Car Park

It was noted that a limb from one of the trees in the car park had failed and fallen on two cars. The Parish Council's insurers have been notified and any claim by the vehicles affected would need to go through their own insurers. The trees in the parish are being reinspected later this month.

210909.11 Triangle

Members received a complaint about the use of the Triangle by the Rodean beyond the period when COVID restrictions were in place. It was also noted that a complaint has been lodged with the Licensing Department about an event on 24 August which the Rodean had responded to directly. The Chairman advised that the Rodean had not sought the permission of the Parish Council for this event and he had spoken to the owners regarding this. A request had also been received to hold an event on 26 September to bring an end to the summer and to thank local people for the support through such difficult times. This request was approved on the understanding that all villagers are welcome to attend. Going forward, it was also agreed that, with restrictions now having eased, the green should revert to an open space and that the Rodean should be requested to remove the marquee and seating after the event on 26 September.

210909.12 Highways & Footpaths

The following items were raised:

- A drain in Slittercombe Lane is covered up with vegetation. DCC has advised that they do not consider the area to be part of the highway. DCC has asked that work to clear the drain is undertaken locally.
- Vegetation on the wall adjacent to the Dawlish bound bus stop outside Powderham’s entrance needs cutting. This would be reported to the Estate.
- The footpath is overgrown on the estate boundary from South Town. This would be reported to the Estate.

210909.13 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]

It was noted that the War Memorials Trust is providing grants for the repair and conservation of free-standing war memorials. It was agreed that works are still required to the Kenton war memorial, the railings surrounding it and the brickwork and that the Council should pursue this at some point. It was noted that the biggest hurdle would be obtaining contractors to carry out the various elements of the work.

210909.14 Correspondence

None

210909.15 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 13 October 2021 at 7.00pm in Victory Hall.

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Chairman

9 September 2021**Item 7:****Expenditure**

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
Standing Order	Salaries	July & August	£1448.80
Online	R Grave	Play equipment inspections (July & August) - £60 Repairs to toddler gate - £14.35 Repairs to toddler area broken fence post - £43.39 Replacement of step tops - £39.50 Weeding toddler area - £30 Weeding and cutting back of bushes in hard court - £40	£227.24
Online	Community Heartbeat Trust	Replacement battery and pads	£273.60
Online	Devon Tree Services	Dismantling failed stem and removal of arisings	£513
Online	Kenton Victory Hall	Hall hire (July and Sept)	£48
Online	PKF Littlejohn	External audit of accounts	£240
Online	P White	Fuel - £10.03 Mower repair - £56.80 Tip fees - £7.50 Replacement cherry tree and grass seed - £27.45 Fence poles - 9.00 Fuel - 6.31	£117.09
Online	Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity	Replacement defibrillator pads	£101.82

Income (11 July – 5 September 2021)

Date received	Received from	Details	Amount
22 July 2021	Cemetery	Cemetery	£250
19 Aug 2021	DCC	Tbc	£750

Bank Balance at 5 September 2021

Current account	£49,713.72
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