

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in Kenton Victory Hall on Wednesday 9 March 2022 at 7.00pm

Present

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

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk)

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

220309.01 Apologies for Absence

- Cllr Smith
- District/County Cllr Connett
- Peter White (Village Tidyman)

220309.02 Open Forum

There were no comments.

220309.03 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.

220309.04 Ratification of Minutes

Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 9 February 2022. It was agreed unanimously that the minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

220309.05 Reports

5.1 Police Report

PC Orchard provided a crime report for the period 1 – 28 February 2022 for Starcross and Kenton. 6 crimes were reported and 11 incidents recorded.

Members also received the monthly newsletter/gazette, the community speedwatch report and an article relating to dog walking and livestock worrying.

5.2 District/County Councillor's Report

Cllr Connett was not present at the meeting.

5.3 Village Tidyman's Report

Peter White reported as follows:

- We have been successful in our application for young trees (150) for the cemetery. They will be delivered to my home on Friday afternoon and we will plant them soon after.
- Still waiting for the surface on Butts Hill to be done. It is becoming very difficult to walk on as the gravel act like marbles as you go down the hill.
- The rotting repair to the hut at the cemetery has now been replaced/completed.

5.4 Delegate Reports

5.4.1 Dementia Friendly Village

Cllr Blount advised that Reflections Café will go ahead on 19 March. PC Orchard and PCSO Bunce will be attending.

5.4.2 Defibrillator

Cllr Blount advised that the new defibrillator cabinet at the Victory Hall has been fitted today by MAT Electrics. A code is no longer required to access it. There was a brief discussion about the defibrillator in the village car park and it was agreed that the code should be given to some residents/businesses nearby.

5.5 Action report – update on outstanding matters:

5.5.1 Kenton Village Allotments lease

Members received a second draft of the proposed underlease reflecting the changes previously proposed. Further amendments were suggested and these would be raised with the solicitor.

5.5.2 Wall adjacent to almshouses

Members were informed that TDC has denied responsibility for the wall. Some information has been passed to Cllr Connett and he has agreed to follow this up with DCC. Peter Thomas (Powderham) has suggested that all interested parties get together with a view to sharing the cost of the repair on a 'without prejudice' basis for future liability. However, there is also a historical map which shows that the original churchyard extends to this area. Permission will be required from the Earl of Devon before this can be shared more widely. It was agreed to ask Ann Roberts to seek permission from the Earl of Devon to enable the map to be shared with other parties including DCC and TDC.

220309.06 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 Members noted that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has reached an agreement on the new rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2021. The new rates have a 1.75% increase applied. Employee salaries will be backdated accordingly.

220309.07 Planning

7.1 New applications/appeals:

7.1.1 22/00084/LBC – 12 Oxtan House, Kenton
Replacement windows and doors

Members had no objections to this application.

7.2 Decisions

7.2.1 21/02752/LBC – Penhayes House, Kenton

Division of lounge area to form an office with the addition of a stud partition wall and door

Members noted TDC has granted listed building consent.

220309.08 Car Park Wall

Members discussed the required repairs to the car park wall. It was noted that some quotations had been obtained some years ago but due to other more urgent matters at the time and then

the pandemic, these had been put on hold. It was noted that the wall has deteriorated further and specialist pointing is required. It was agreed that the clerk would look back at the previous contacts and quotes with a view to revising these. The Chairman also suggested contacting TDC to find out details of the contractor who repaired/rebuilt the church's retaining wall.

220309.09 Playing field/Hard Court

9.1 The new rocking horse is being installed next week. An offer has been received from a parishioner to repair the existing rocking horse. It was agreed that the Chair would arrange to meet him on site on the day that the existing horse is due to be dismantled and replaced with the new horse.

9.2 Cllr Smith was not present at the meeting but reported that he is still awaiting two responses to his request for quotations to repair the existing equipment. It is hoped that these can be presented next month. Cllr Smith also reported that the dog waste bin on the corner of Brook Path/Slittercombe Lane is rusting and needs replacing. The clerk will report this to TDC.

220309.10 Highways and Footpaths

Overhanging roots/branches and loose earth from previous rock fall on Butts Hill were noted and it was agreed that this should be reported to DCC. Cllr Savill also advised that there is a large pothole on the Triangle. Members were reminded that potholes should be reported on DCC's 'Report a Pothole' website. Cllr Bright advised that the drain cover in South Town is still 'clonking'.

220309.11 Parish Notice Board

Cllr Savill observed that the parish noticeboard looked tired and was in need of some repair. He offered to look into the cost of repair/replacement.

220309.12 Annual Parish Meeting

After discussion, it was agreed that this will be held on 13th April at 7pm. There will be no formal agenda but an opportunity for members of the parish to raise any points in an open forum.

220309.13 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]

None

220309.14 Correspondence

None

220309.15 Date of Next Meeting

- The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 13 April 2022 at 7.00pm in Victory Hall.
- The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 13 April 2022 at 7.30pm in Victory Hall.

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Chairman

9 February 2022

Item 6:

Expenditure

Payment type	Payee	Details	Amount
Standing Order	Salaries	February	£724.20
Online	Powderham Estate	Half yearly allotments rent	£650
Online	Ronnie Richards Memorial Trust	Defibrillator cabinet	£458.10

Income (10 February – 5 March 2022)

Date received	Received from	Details	Amount
None			

Bank Balance at 5 March 2022

Current account	£46,213.37
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(includes sum being held on behalf of the community for Queen's Jubilee - £880)