

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in Kenton Victory Hall on Wednesday 13 April 2022 at 7.30pm

Present

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

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), County/District Cllr Connett, Peter White (Village Tidyman), PC Orchard, PCSO Bunce and four members of the public

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.30pm.

220413.01 Apologies for Absence

None received.

220413.02 Open Forum

A parishioner asked if the Parish Council could publish on Facebook if they received notification of a further planning application for the Dolphin so that parishioners could comment. Most people are unaware of planning applications which have been submitted.

220413.03 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.

220413.04 Ratification of Minutes

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

220413.05 Reports

5.1 Police Report

PC Orchard introduced himself as the Neighbourhood Beat Manager and his colleague PCSO Saul Bunce. He advised that they manage the Teignbridge Coastal and Rural areas including most of the rural villages on the River Teign - Rocombe, Stokeinteignhead, Combeinteignhead, Netherton and Shaldon - across the river to Bishopsteignton, Luton Ideford, Olchard and Little Haldon, Mamhead, Ashcombe, Dawlish Warren and up through the Exe - Cockwood, Starcross, Powderham, Kenton and Kenn. A new Inspector has recently been appointed (Inspector Philp) and a new Sergeant is also imminent as Sergeant Jonathan Ross is leaving. PC Orchard advised that he very much engages with the rural farming community. PCSO Bunce has recently become a rural advisor as well. He very much likes public engagement and has recently reintroduced the police surgeries with PCSO Bunce. The next surgery is on Saturday in the church as part of the Reflections Café. He produces a monthly newsletter - the back four pages change each month and contain some useful information and advice. He spoke about the community speedwatch team which is very proactive in the community and reports are produced each month. There is currently a huge uplift in catalytic convertor and scrap metal thefts which is very relevant to the farming community. They are about to offer them a property marking service which will be

free of charge. They have also been heavily involved in a long-standing neighbour dispute involving a gentleman who has now left the area. They are out actively looking for anti-social behaviour. Crime figures generally are on downward trend year on year.

A suggestion was made that there might be some increased police presence outside the school from time to time when children are being dropped off and picked up to act as a deterrent to those vehicles parking on the pavements and yellow lines. This was noted.

PC Orchard provided a crime report for the period 1 – 31 March 2022 for Starcross and Kenton. 7 crimes were reported and 12 incidents recorded.

Members also received the latest edition of the gazette.

Members noted a letter from Paul Harmsworth (Community Speedwatch co-ordinator). The grant for the Vehicle Activated Speed sign will be received by the Parish Council in the coming weeks with a view to the sign being installed ready for use by the end of May. The team are seeking additional volunteers and there will be an open day at the PACT meeting on Saturday.

5.2 District/County Councillor's Report

A resident at Park View has moved out of the village. He thanked police officers for their patience and support to achieve this outcome. It is also a good outcome for the gentleman involved as he should now receive the correct ongoing support.

The tenant at 20 Sunnybank has moved out and the property is currently empty. There was a lot of local concern about the untidiness of the garden and Teign Housing have sent contractors to clear it out. They are also pursuing other matters. If lights are still on in the property, Teign Housing will not be able to do anything until they are in possession of it.

Parson's walk - as far as TDC is concerned, when the churchyard was 'closed' and responsibility handed back to TDC, this did not include the path or the wall. He intends to email TDC, DCC, Powderham, Highways (PROW), the Church and the Parish Council to try and reach a solution to the immediate problem of making the wall safe.

Post Office - there is no further progress despite a number of representations having been made to them (including from Ann-Marie Morris MP). The issue is around an increase in the capital cost of moving the post office to the Powderham Farm Shop and how this is repaid.

5.3 Village Tidyman's Report

Peter White reported as follows:

- Two new LED street lamps have been installed this week - one outside the church and one at the bottom of the church path steps. A parishioner commented that because of the way one of the lamps has been angled, it shines into her house in a very intrusive way. Residents were asked to email Cllr Connett if they had any concerns.
- When it rains there is a big puddle on the path at the Rodean end. Cllr Connet will inform Highways.
- Two chain posts around the Triangle have rotted out. He will replace them soon.
- The cats' eyes on the A379 are not working between Red Lodge and Kenton. Cllr Connett advised that it is in the system and he imagines Highways will pick this up when they carry out the resurfacing in 2022/23.

5.4 Delegate Reports

5.4.1 Dementia Friendly Village

Cllr Blount advised that Annette and Frank German are leaving the village and therefore they will be losing Annette's connection with the Reflections Café. There are questions over the future of the Sensory Garden which Annette and Frank have been managing and they will need to work out how that will continue. Regarding the Reflections Café itself, it was originally set up with the church. Recently there has been little input from the church but it was hoped that the new vicar and his wife would become more involved. The Café on 21 May will have to move as there is a wedding in the church. A new date will be arranged.

5.5 Action report – update on outstanding matters:

5.5.1 Kenton Village Allotments lease – the clerk advised that confirmation is awaited as to who from the Allotment Association would be signing the Statutory Declaration. Once this has been confirmed, the solicitor will be able to send a copy of the lease for signature.

5.5.2 Footpath adjacent to almshouses – an update was given in the Annual Parish Meeting (APM220413.04).

220413.06 Finance and Governance

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

220413.07 Planning

7.1 New applications/appeals:

None

7.2 Decisions

None

7.3 Other planning matters

Planning Enforcement Review - TDC is giving Parish Councils the opportunity to offer feedback and suggestions that might improve the planning enforcement function – responses are invited.

Members were asked to look at the document and send any comments, if any, to the clerk.

220413.08 Car Park Wall

8.1 Repairs and repointing - it was agreed that the clerk and Chairman would work on obtaining quotes.

8.2 Members received and considered a request to trim the laurel bushes which are overhanging the driveway to Shambles and Al Fin. Peter White agreed to have a look at this.

220413.09 Triangle

Members received a request from the Rodean to place two picnic benches on the Triangle during the summer. After a short discussion, members agreed to this request.

220413.10 Playing field/Hard Court

10.1 Members received quotations for repairs.

Cllr Smith advised that two of the companies he had approached were not prepared to repair existing equipment as it affects the integrity of the original equipment. The other company is coming back to him with replacement costs should we go down that route. There were concerns about replacing the existing timber equipment with like for like and Cllr Smith was asked to also seek quotes for metal equipment

10.2 Other issues:

David Blount offered to take over the inspection of the equipment whilst Cllr Smith recovered from a broken leg.

The new rocking horse has been installed and seems to be proving very popular.

220413.11 Highways and Footpaths

Peter White advised that the signage at each end of Sandy Lane have come to the end of their life. He will speak to Sue Craythorne (P3 co-ordinator) to see if DCC will fund their replacement.

Peter also advised that he had researched the replacement catch for the gate at the end of Brook Path. The Chairman will look at the information.

220413.12 Parish Notice Board

Cllr Savill informed members that he has received a quote of £180 for refurbishment of the parish noticeboard for £180. It would cost an additional £150 to refurbish the other noticeboard. It was agreed by members to accept these quotations and proceed with the refurbishment of both noticeboards.

220413.13 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]

Cllr Blount advised that the defibrillator had been used at the weekend. The spare pads have been now been installed and replacement spare pads have been ordered.

220413.14 Correspondence

15.1 Members received an invitation to attend the opening of Powderham Castle's Welcome Centre on 15 April at 1pm.

220413.15 Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 11 May 2022 at 7.00pm in Victory Hall.

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Chairman

13 April 2022

Item 6:

Expenditure

Payment type	Payee	Details	Amount
Standing Order	Salaries	March	£724.20
Deducted from first instalment of precept	DALC	Annual subscription	£249.83
Online	HMRC	PAYE	£234
Online	Yates Playgrounds	Supply and installation of rocking horse (already paid)	£8136
Online	MAT Electrics	Installation of defibrillator cabinet	£143.82
Online	P White	Materials to repair the cemetery hut - £34.24 Strimmer fuel - £6.72	£40.96
Online	Premier Loos	Jubilee event (paid from Jubilee funds)	£240
Online	Scout Insurance	Jubilee event insurance (paid from Jubilee funds)	£226.08

Income (6 March – 9 April 2022)

Date received	Received from	Details	Amount
14 March 2022	Kenton Village Allotments	Half yearly rental	£487.50

Bank Balance at 9 April 2022

Current account	£36,583.83
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(balance of sum being held on behalf of the community for Queen's Jubilee - £413.92)