

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Victory Hall, Kenton on Wednesday 8 June 2016 at 7.00pm

Present

Cllrs C Britton (Chairman), D Blount, S Maguire-Walker, J Randall and C Thompson

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), District/County Cllr Connett (until 7.10pm) and one member of the public

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

160608.01 Apologies for Absence

- Cllr D Appleton
- Cllr S Cowell
- PC Rob Harvey
- Peter White

160608.02 Open Forum

There were no comments from members of the public.

160608.03 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. Unforeseen requests for a Dispensation to be considered at this point only if there was no way a Councillor would have been aware of such before the meeting.

There were no other declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

160608.04 Ratification of Minutes

Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 May 2016. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

160608.05 District/County Councillor's Report

Cllr Connett informed members that work is continuing to improve the surface of the parish's pavements. As part of the new government initiative to improve highways, £28,000 has been awarded to the Kenton and Starcross division. He advised that he had received complaints about, and witnessed himself, large lorries coming down Mamhead Road and Church Street. The concerns were about speed and size and the fact that they have been mounting the pavement when turning right into Church Street. He informed members that he had sought advice from DCC about what, if any, action can be taken to prevent lorries using this route. DCC has spoken to the company concerned and have advised them that this route is inappropriate. The police have also been informed. It was agreed that the Parish Council would take no further action at this stage but would monitor the situation and add it to next month's agenda.

160608.06 Police Report

PC Rob Harvey sent a written report as follows:

Reported crimes from 11/04/16 – 06/06/16

Kenton (1 crime)

- Dog not under proper control – Small dog caused a minor injury to an adult. Enquiries ongoing

Powderham (6 crimes)

- Common Assault (domestic) – Minor assault on female at Powderham event. Offender charged to court against wishes of female victim.
- Theft from person – Wallet stolen at Powderham event. No viable lines of enquiry.
- Assault ABH – Juvenile female assaulted by another juvenile female during altercation at Powderham event. No viable lines of enquiry.
- Theft from person – Mobile phone taken from handbag that was left unattended during the Powderham event. No viable lines of enquiry.
- Theft from person – Mobile phone taken from handbag that was left unattended during the Powderham event. No viable lines of enquiry. (P.s. this is not a typo. The same offence happened twice)
- Common Assault – Male punched to the face by unknown male offender whilst at Powderham event. Enquiries ongoing

Other matters

Following a complaint made to police and raised at a previous Parish Council meeting about vehicles parked on the pavement at St Annes, words of advice were given to a resident. Several other residents have subsequently voiced their disapproval at the lack of parking in the area and wished to approach the council with a proposal to have the kerbs lowered. One of the residents is hoping to attend June's parish Council meeting to raise the issue.

From a police perspective, parking issues can often lead to community tension so we would welcome any action that would alleviate this.

160608.07 Village Tidyman Report

Peter White was unable to attend the meeting but sent a written report with the following observations:

- A tree has been planted by TDC on the grass near Peartree Close to replace the willow that was recently felled.
- An appropriate position for a new memorial bench in the cemetery has been pegged out. The bench has been purchased by the family of Ted Shelvey in his memory.
- TDC has advised that the new replacement sign for Warbourgh Hill will be in place very soon.
- The blocked drains as previously reported have still not been cleared.
- The picnic tables for the play area have arrived and will be fixed on return from his holiday
- The grass, nettles and weeds have not been cut/strimmed under the trees adjacent to the toddlers' play area. It was agreed that this would be followed up with the school.

160608.08 Delegate Reports

8.1 Dementia Friendly Village:

Cllr Blount reported that the Reflections Cafe had hosted an Old Time Music Hall event which had been well attended

8.2 Friends of the Field:

No report.

8.3 Website:

Cllrs Randall informed members that all was going well with the new administrator who is currently looking at everything to assess what exactly needs to be done to bring the website up to date.

8.4 Local Listings Project:

Cllr Randall reported that there had been a poor response to the project at the Annual Parish Meeting. However, 3-4 people expressed an interest in being involved. A meeting is being held in the Dolphin next Tuesday where they will start to look at ways to list those buildings in the parish which need protection.

160608.09 Finance and Governance

- 9.1 Invoices for payment - it was agreed unanimously that the payments as listed in the supporting documents (attached) be approved and cheques signed

9.2 Members noted and accepted the new NALC and SLCC pay scales for 2016-18 which have increased pay scale points with effect from 1 April 2016. A further increase will take effect from April 2017.

160608.10 Playing Field/Hard Court

10.1 Members received the annual inspection report. It was noted that there were a number of issues which require attention. Cllr Thompson offered to look at the report in more detail with a view to discussing and making recommendations at the next meeting.

Members also noted the stock valuation report itemising the equipment at significantly higher values than those values listed on the assets register and insurance. It was agreed that the assets register and insurance values would not be amended to reflect this report.

160608.11 Planning

11.1 New applications/appeals

11.1.1 16/01133/FUL – 12 Lumley Close, Kenton
Single storey extension to the side

Members had no objections to this application.

11.2 Decisions

No decisions were reported.

160608.12 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Thompson, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, reported that a further grant of £2,800 had been received and would have to be spent within 6 months. Members have reviewed comments on the aims and objectives received at the Annual Parish Meeting and from the school. The group has spoken to TDC's Neighbourhood Planning officer, David Kiernan, about how he can help. The group has also discussed the need to carry out a local housing needs assessment and this might be undertaken by Robert Williams. The next piece of work will be to draft the policies for the Neighbourhood Plan and this would be undertaken by those who produced the evidence. Those policies will be reviewed at the next meeting. Consultant Paul Weston will be invited to attend August's meeting.

160608.13 Defibrillator

The Chairman advised that a parishioner has very generously offered to purchase a defibrillator for the village in memory of her husband. Members were reminded that Cllr Cowell had agreed to arrange for a representative from Teign Heartbeat to attend July's meeting to advise the Parish Council on the most appropriate device and where it should be sited.

160608.14 Highways & Footpaths

It was reported that the damp patch on Mamhead Road at the bottom of Pitt Hill has reappeared. It was agreed that the clerk would report this to DC Highways Officer, Jamie Hewitt.

160608.15 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]

The Chairman informed members that he would be giving a tribute to the Queen in a service at the Church on Sunday.

The Chairman advised that he has received a letter from a parishioner offering two small tree saplings which were originally from one of the cemeteries where a soldier from Kenton rests at The Somme which, if accepted, would be a fitting tribute to the memory of the soldiers who died or fought in the Battle of the Somme. Members accepted this kind offer and the Chairman offered to grow the saplings on before a suitable location could be found. The Parish Council would not be organising a commemorative event but it was agreed to lay a small posy on the war memorial.

It was proposed that the Parish Council sends a letter to the Earl of Devon, Charles Courtenay, congratulating him on the success of the Big Weekend and thanking him for the non-invasive way the event had been organised. Members wished to inform him that he would be welcome to any future meetings to inform them of any other events which may impact on Kenton. It was agreed that letters of thanks are also sent to Teignbridge District Council and Exeter City Council.

160608.16 Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence.

160608.17 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 13 July 2016 at 7.00pm in Victory Hall.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8.10pm.

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Chairman

8 June 2016**Item 9:****Expenditure**

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
000299	Marsh Barton Security	Car park security patrols (May)	£33.60
000300	S Hughes	Mileage	£32.40
000301	C Britton	Annual Parish Meeting refreshments	£137.31
000302	Lee Accounting (South West) Ltd	Internal Audit	£200
000303	Play Inspection Co	Annual inspection of play equipment	£75
000304	Devon Wildlife Trust	Neighbourhood Plan resource map	£77.40
Direct Debit	1 & 1 Internet Ltd	Website hosting	£35.96
Standing Order	Payroll	Salaries	£650.03

Income (May)

Date received	Received from	Details	Amount
10 May 2016	Various	Cemetery - £250 Kenton in Bloom - £346.65	£596.65
24 May 2016	DCC (County Cllr's Community Fund)	Grant towards table tennis table	£500
27 May 2016	Groundwork UK	Neighbourhood Plan grant	£2,800

Bank Balances at 1 June 2016

Current account	Fixed term deposit	Total
£23,899.27	Interest rate 1.15% Maturity date 24 Oct 2016 £10,000	£33,899.27