

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Victory Hall, Kenton on Wednesday 14 September 2016 at 7.00pm

Present

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

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), District/County Cllr Connett, Peter White and two members of the public

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

160914.01 Apologies for Absence

- Cllr C Thompson
- PC Rob Harvey

160914.02 Open Forum

A member of the public wished to comment on the planning application to be considered at item 10.1.1 - 16/02062/FUL - Land adjoining Oxton Mere Barn, Kenton. He wished to express his objection to the application due the detrimental impact it will have on the countryside and the negative impact it will have on the wildlife.

160914.03 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.

Cllr Blount declared an interest in items 160914.10.1.2 and 160914.10.3 as a neighbour of the property.

160914.04 Ratification of Minutes

Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 July 2016. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

160914.05 Police Report

PC Rob Harvey sent a written report as follows:

Reported crimes for August and September 2016

Kenton (2 crimes)

- Sexual Offence – Historical offence. Offender stranger to victim. Detected, charged.
- Criminal Damage – Damage caused to window of a residential property, believed by an air rifle pellet. No viable lines of enquiry and probably linked to the similar damage to the Post Office.

Powderham (25 Crimes)

- Assault ABH (Domestic) – Victim unwilling to support prosecution. Undetected.
- Common Assault (Domestic) – In a tent overnight at the Lockdown Festival. Male offender arrested for this and three other offences. Currently on bail.
- Sexual Assault – During Lockdown Festival. Two suspects arrested and bailed. Enquiries ongoing.
- Civil Aviation Act offence – Green laser shone at passing aircraft from grounds of Powderham on 14th August. Undetected. No leads.

- Possession of Class A Drug w/i to Supply - During Lockdown Festival. Suspect arrested and bailed. Enquiries ongoing.
- Racially Aggravated Assault ABH - During Lockdown Festival. Male offender arrested for this and three other offences as mentioned above. Currently on bail.
- Affray - During Lockdown Festival. Male offender arrested for this and three other offences as mentioned above. Currently on bail.
- Possession of Class A Drug - During Lockdown Festival. Suspect arrested and bailed. Enquiries ongoing.
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- Theft – During Lockdown Festival. Mobile phone stolen from handbag (dipping). Undetected. No leads.
- Possess Psychoactive Substance w/i to Supply - During Lockdown Festival. Suspect arrested and Cautioned.
- Theft – During Lockdown Festival. Mobile phone and purse stolen from handbag. Undetected. No leads.
- Theft – During Lockdown Festival. Mobile phone stolen from person (pick pocketing). Undetected. No leads.
- Possession of Class A Drug w/i to Supply - During Lockdown Festival. Suspect arrested and bailed. Enquiries ongoing.
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- Money Laundering – Separate offence discovered following home address search for above drugs supply at Lockdown Festival. Enquiries ongoing.
- Theft – During Lockdown Festival. Mobile phone stolen from handbag (dipping). Undetected. No leads.
- Robbery – During Lockdown Festival. Offender has grabbed male victim’s hand and taken mobile phone from it. Undetected. No Leads.
- Theft – During Lockdown Festival. Mobile phone stolen by unknown means. Undetected. No Leads.
- Theft - During Lockdown Festival. Offender entered staff tent and stolen property. Undetected. No leads.
- Theft – During Lockdown Festival. Mobile phone and keys stolen from bum bag (dipping). Undetected. No leads
- Theft - During Lockdown Festival. Offender entered tent and stole mobile phone. Undetected. No leads.
- Possession of Class B Drug - During Lockdown Festival. Suspect street bailed. Enquiries ongoing.
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160914.06 District/County Councillor’s Report

Cllr Connett reported that travel arrangements for 16-18 year olds are likely to be changing. From September 2017, it is unlikely that 16-18 year olds will receive any financial help towards the cost of transport to take them to college or sixth form.

DCC’s contract for Highways repairs, currently with South West Highways, has been awarded to Skanska from 1 April 2017.

He advised that he had reported some broken street signs in Manor Gardens.

He reported that he has received some complaints about the recent Lockdown Festival at Powderham Castle and had forwarded these to the Castle for their attention. He confirmed that the event had been held under Powderham’s Licence and therefore an application to the District Council had not been necessary. Questions were asked about the licence and when it is reviewed etc. Cllr Connett suggested that he obtained a copy of the Licence from TDC for details of the licence and the process for reviewing it.

Members further discussed the impact of Powderham events and festivals on the parish and suggested that the clerk writes to Charlie Courtenay requesting a meeting to discuss his plans for 2017 and to establish, from the lessons learnt from this year's events, how he intends to minimise disruption to the parish.

160914.07 Village Tidyman's Report

Peter White sent a written report as follows:

- The cemetery lych gate is grounding when it is opened.
- Cllr Connett has been involved with the dumping of rubbish bags in the car park and other places in the village. A TDC officer, Peter Howell, is investigating it.
- He has received complaints about the number of unauthorised commercial signs on the A379 from Matford to Starcross.
- There are a lot of weeds in the gutters around St Annes and Sunnybank which require spraying
- The DCC Footpaths Officer, Ros Davies, has looked at the map in the car park and has agreed to update it. He advised that he and Sue Craythorne (P3 co-ordinator for the parish) are prepared to refurbish it. Any costs would come from the P3 budget. He suggests that it is relocated to over by the bottle bank so that it is more visible.

160914.08 Delegate Reports

8.1 Dementia Friendly Village:

Cllr Blount reported that there is an event in the Church for the Reflections Cafe. This will be a monthly event. The group is also developing a 'memory box' session. Annette German attended a 'Legacy' event at Powderham Castle at which she met 36 new dementia 'friends'. New WC signs have been made for Victory Hall and the Church.

8.2 Friends of the Field/Community Forum:

Cllr Appleton advised that there was nothing to report.

8.3 Website:

Cllr Randall informed members that she has been unable to contact the new administrators and nothing appeared to have been updated. She advised that she had received a quotation of £70 per hour to update the website on an ad hoc basis but they could not guarantee they could do this because of the system used to develop it. After discussion and because the difficulties of finding someone to update the existing site, it was agreed to seek quotations for a new self-editing website similar to Starcross Parish Council's.

8.4 Local Listings Project:

Cllr Randall reported that Ann Bond had met with Maureen Pearce, TDC, who had given some advice on how to progress the project and what the group should be looking at. Members of the group are now writing reports on features in the village which they consider warrant a local listing.

160914.09 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

160914.10 Planning

10.1 New applications/appeals

- 10.1.1 16/02062/FUL - Land adjoining Oxton Mere Barn, Kenton
Erection of a dwelling

After discussion, it was agreed that this Council would object to this application on the following grounds: building in the countryside, impact of the development on the Area of Great Landscape Value and the impact the development would have on wildlife and trees on the site. It was further agreed that Cllr Appleton would draft a response on behalf of the Parish Council with specific reference to the Local Plan and the policies contained therein.

- 10.1.2 16/02018/FUL – 4 Manor Gardens, Kenton
Porch to front

This application had been received in August. It was noted that the application has been approved by TDC.

- 10.1.3 16/00045/FAST – 4 Manor Gardens, Kenton
Appeal against refusal of Planning Permission no 16/01154/FUL – Porch and off road parking for two cars

This appeal was noted. No further comments were made.

- 10.1.4 16/02458/CAN – Little Court, Mamhead Road, Kenton
Removal of tree and stump, with pruning to remaining tree

Members had no objections to this application.

10.2 Decisions

- 10.2.1 16/00723/FUL – Dolphin Inn, Fore Street, Kenton
Change of use of part of the public house to form a new dwelling

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

A discussion ensued about how TDC makes decisions. This application was approved despite valid objections and concerns being raised by the Parish Council and other consultees. In order to understand the process more fully, it was agreed to ask Nick Davies (Business Manager – Strategic Place) whether members could meet with him and the planning officer involved in this application to seek advice about how it should respond in the future.

10.3 Future Planning Consultations

Members received a letter from TDC noting that they will cease sending out paper consultations on planning applications to Parish Councils from 1 April 2017 and that the consultation process will be fully electronic from that date.

160914.11 Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman advised that Cllr Thompson had done a lot of work amalgamating various draft policies. A housing needs assessment is being done at no cost through Locality. A decision will then have to be made as to whether a new survey is necessary for every household. A grant has been offered from Awards for All to cover the cost of this if necessary.

160914.12 Cemetery

Members noted that the Parish Council has been awarded £500 from Rural Aid towards the repairs to the lych gate and wooden lattice sections on the walls either side. It was therefore agreed to accept Alan Brook's quotation of £1,444 for the repairs with the Parish Council funding the balance from reserves.

160914.13 Defibrillator

Members were advised that BT would not give permission to house a defibrillator in the phone box as there are too many legal issues associated with joint ownership. However, should the Parish Council wish to adopt the box, BT would maintain the electricity supply so the defibrillator gets a trickle charge. The telephone service, however, would be lost.

Members considered the church porch as an alternative location. It was therefore agreed that the clerk would write to the Revd Lord-Leer to seek his permission to house the defibrillator in the church porch.

Members also discussed the purchase of a second defibrillator which could be sited at Victory Hall. This would be funded by the surplus Kenn Valley Project/West Exe Cluster funds [£789.37] and Parish Council reserves. It was agreed that Peter White, Chairman of the Victory Hall Committee, would approach the Committee about mounting it outside Victory Hall.

160914.14 Allotment Tenancy

Cllr Appleton reported that the ten year lease between the Parish Council and Kenton Village Allotment Association is moving into its tenth year *[expires 30 November 2017]*. It was agreed that the clerk should write to the Allotment Association to establish whether it intends to renew the lease. Once this is confirmed, the Parish Council will then need to renegotiate its lease with the Powderham Estate.

160914.15 Playing Field/Hard Court

15.1 Cllr Appleton put forward a list of items for funding through the Elector Fund. These items have been suggested by youngsters in the parish and included football goal and nets, football net supports, football net pegs and chain basketball nets. It was also agreed that safety matting for the swings should be included in the application. The full amount available to this parish will be applied for *[£954.80]*.

15.2 Members noted that the table tennis table had now been installed.

160914.16 Highways & Footpaths

The following issues were reported:

- The slipway between St Annes and Pitt Hill is overgrown. It was agreed that it was the property owners' responsibility to trim the hedges.
- The road surface along Bidgood Lane was carried out to a poor standard and weeds are now growing up through it again
- A dog poo bin was requested at the top of High Street

160914.17 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]

No items.

160914.18 Correspondence

18.1 Members received confirmation that TDC has formally designated Chudleigh Parish a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan

18.2 Members received a letter (for information only) which had been sent from DCC to a parishioner in Lumley Close, asking them to trim their hedge as it was obstructing the highway. The parishioner had advised DCC that the hedge had been cut.

18.3 Members received and noted a letter from the Leader of TDC regarding the Radio 1 Big Weekend, thanking the Parish Council for their support and enclosing a report which was taken to the Executive meeting of TDC recommending approval for the allocation of £34,256 from general reserves to meet the cost variance associated with transport planning for the Weekend.

160914.19 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 12 October 2016 at 7.00pm in Victory Hall.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8.47pm.

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Chairman

14 September 2016**Item 9:****Expenditure**

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
000311	Marsh Barton Security	Car park security patrols (July and August)	£77.20
000312	S Hughes	Mileage	£16.20
000313	Stuart Bradford	Removal of white beam in cemetery	£135.00
000314	Powderham Estate	Half yearly rental for Kenton Allotments	£500.00
000315	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Licence renewal	£35.00
000316	P White	Fuel	£15.96
Direct Debit	1 & 1 Internet Ltd	Website hosting	£35.96
Standing Order	Payroll	Salaries (August and September)	£1,391.11

Income (1 July – 6 September)

Date received	Received from	Details	Amount
18 July 2016	Kenton in Bloom	Plants	£12.75
25 July 2016	HMRC	VAT repayment	£363.28
6 September 2016	Table Tennis Table fund raising		£193.00
6 September 2016	Cemetery		£300
6 September 2016	Kenton in Bloom	Plants	£126.00

Bank Balances at 6 September 2016

Current account	Fixed term deposit Interest rate 1.15% Maturity date 24 Oct 2016	Total
£19,855.98	£10,000	£29,855.98