

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Victory Hall, Kenton on Wednesday 12 October 2016 at 7.00pm

Present

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

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), District/County Cllr Connett, PC Rob Harvey, PCSO Adrian Ovreiu and Iain 'Monty' Beaumont (Castle Director, Powderham)

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

161012.01 Apologies for Absence

- Peter White

161012.02 Open Forum

Iain 'Monty' Beaumont introduced himself as the new Castle Director at Powderham. He explained that he was including a piece within the next newsletter outlining the programme for 2017 and explaining how the Castle intends to work with the parish to minimise disruption.

161012.03 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 declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

161012.04 Ratification of Minutes

Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 September 2016. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

161012.05 Police Report

PC Rob Harvey sent a written report as follows:

Reported crimes from 15/09/16 – 12/10/16

Kenton (1 crime)

- Attempted Burglary – Lock to rear patio door damaged in an attempt to break in. Offenders believed to have been scared off by security light and it's believed this is part of a series of breaks or attempt breaks to Post Offices in the region. Investigation ongoing.

Powderham (2 Crimes)

- Theft – Theft of mobile phone during Lockdown Festival. Victim late in reporting to police. Taken from her hand bag during the concert. No leads. Undetected.
- Theft – Theft of a large tent on loan to the Lockdown Festival organisers. Taken from a field whilst dismantling the stages. Believed offenders may have pretended to have been employed by the festival.

PCSO Adrian Ovreiu introduced himself as the new PCSO for Dawlish and Dawlish Rural, replacing Debbie Sleeman. He hoped to be out and about in the parish in the next couple of weeks.

161012.06 District/County Councillor's Report

Cllr Connett reported that he had recently submitted some written questions to the County Council three of which were relevant to the parish:

- Traffic on Mamhead Road and whether DCC will be taking any action to stop or discourage HGVs and Public Service Vehicles from using Mamhead Road between the A380 and the A379 Starcross.

DCC say that HGVs are entitled to use Mamhead Road and they are accessing businesses in the immediate area.

With regard to public services vehicles, the school transport team will review the school bus contractor's choice of route taking account of the recent complaints and considering the impact on Mamhead Road and on school journeys. It is possible that it is being used as a short cut at the moment due to roadworks on Bridge Road.

- Powderham – what arrangements are being made to manage traffic speed, traffic flow and parking following the opening of the Turf to Powderham section of the Exe Estuary trail and beyond to Dawlish

It is proposed to consult on a number of options to reduce the impact of traffic and parking on those living in the area and improving conditions for cyclists. Budget has been allocated to do this. Negotiations on land compensation issues related to the cycle route scheme are ongoing and advice is to await the resolution of these issues.

Cllr Connett considered that it would be beneficial for Kenton and Starcross Parish Councils to work together to resolve highways and traffic issues which affect both parishes.

161012.07 Village Tidyman's Report

Peter White sent a written report as follows:

- The Victory Hall Committee is more than happy for a defibrillator to be located outside Victory Hall (position and installation timing to be agreed)
- Concerns have been raised by several residents about the overhanging bushes over the pavement between the Chi and the Victory Hall. These need cutting back.
- The weeds have been sprayed over the paths in the cemetery. Unsure whether the gutters in Sunnybank and St Annes have been done.

161012.08 Delegate Reports

8.1 Dementia Friendly Village:

Cllr Blount reported that there is Reflections Cafe meeting next Saturday. The group will be looking at how to put together a memory box. A lady will be visiting the group to discuss arranging some art workshops. The group is getting involved with Talking Newspapers. Annette German would like to run a dementia friendly village awareness session at a future Council meeting the Council. After discussion, it was agreed that Annette should attend January's meeting.

8.2 Friends of the Field/Community Forum:

Cllr Appleton advised that there was nothing to report other than those matters to be discussed at item 14.

8.3 Local Listings Project:

Cllr Randall reported that the group has walked around South Town to ascertain which properties could be locally listed.

8.4 Powderham events:

Cllr Appleton had circulated a report to members following a meeting that he and Cllr Blount had attended with the Earl of Devon and the Castle Director, Monty Beaumont at which they discussed next year's events and how the Castle intends to minimise disruption. They also discussed the importance of including features relating to parking and off site facilities within the Safety Plans which would be reviewed and enhanced following the experiences this year.

161012.09 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 that the two year fixed term deposit matures on 24 October and considered future Investment. It was agreed to reinvest the £10,000 with Lloyds Bank for 12 months at a rate of 1%.

161012.10 Planning

10.1 New applications/appeals

10.1.1 16/02345/LBC – Penhayes Retirement Home, Kenton
Installation of air conditioning unit

Members had no objections to the application.

10.2 Decisions

10.2.1 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

Members noted that this appeal has been dismissed.

161012.11 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Thompson reported that there was a meeting on 5 October. Discussion centered around the draft Housing Needs Assessment. Whilst this hadn't been received in time for the meeting, it has now been circulated to members and any comments should be forwarded to him as soon as possible. Any comments received will be used to produce a questionnaire based assessment. Additional questions relating to types of houses, densities etc will be asked. The group has discussed the TDC Neighbourhood Planning Officer's paper. To help answer the question about whether the group continues with site specific policies or whether it focuses on a general building policy which will apply to any potential development site, a public meeting will be held on 17th November.

161012.12 Defibrillators

The Parish Council Church received correspondence from Rev Mark Lord-Lear in response to the Council's request to house the defibrillator in the church porch. Whilst keen to assist, he considered that there are too many practical issues to overcome including obtaining permission from both the planning authority and Diocese and concerns about whether this would be the best location for the defibrillator.

Parishioner Michael Dunn informed members that he has complained to BT about the current state of the telephone box in the village. He advised that over the last 12 months, the phone box has not been used at all even for emergency calls. After discussion, members agreed that the Council should adopt the phone box on the condition that BT first restore it.

As the Victory Hall Committee has agreed that a defibrillator can be mounted outside the Victory Hall, it was agreed that the Council should order one defibrillator now with the second to be ordered once an agreement has been reached with BT. It was agreed that Cllr Cowell would organise the purchase.

Cllr Randall informed members that The Dolphin Inn is happy to arrange a pub quiz in January/February to raise additional funding.

- 161012.13 Website**
Members were presented with three quotations for the development of a new website from Cosmic, DTX and Vision ICT. The costs varied greatly and after discussion it was agreed to accept the quotation from Vision ICT for £750 to design the site plus £200 annual fee. The quotation was based on the same level of content as Starcross Parish Council.
- It was agreed that the clerk would contact Vision ICT to accept the quotation and discuss the next steps. It was also agreed to obtain some photos of the village from Keith Burton for use on the website.
- Advice would also be sought about the decommissioning the current website, transfer of the domain name and terminating the contract with 1 to 1.
- 161012.14 Playing Field/Hard Court**
- 14.1 Members received confirmation that the application to the Elector Fund to enhance the sports facilities in Kenton has been successful. The value of the award is £954.80. The following items would now be purchased: 5 a side football goals, net supports, football pegs and basketball net. Also to be ordered is the installation of safety matting under the double swings. Members acknowledged that the grant would not cover the cost of the equipment and any shortfall would be taken from reserves.
- 14.2 The clerk advised that ABC Playgrounds has quoted £575 to repair the toddler multiplay. After discussion it was agreed that as there was a similar piece of equipment in the new toddler area, the toddler multiplay should not be repaired and should be removed. Cllr Thompson offered to undertake this with the help of Peter White if he was willing.
- Cllr Appleton advised that 24 bats and 150 balls have been donated to the village by Teignbridge District Council's Sports Project. He suggested that some are distributed to the school and Post Officer, some are kept in a box underneath the table itself and some are kept in reserve. This was agreed.
- 161012.15 Service of Remembrance**
The Service of Remembrance is being held on Sunday 13th November. Cllr Randall offered to lay the wreath on behalf of the parish.
- 161012.16 Consultations**
- 16.1 2017/18 Local Government Finance Settlement – Precept capping
Members were consulted on whether referendum principles should extend to town and parish councils. No formal response was given.
- 16.2 Electoral Review of Teignbridge: Draft recommendations
As Kenton was unaffected by the proposals, there were no formal comments.
- 161012.16 Highways & Footpaths**
No issues were raised.
- 161012.17 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.
- 1601012.18 Correspondence**
No correspondence.

161012.19 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 9 November 2016 at 7.00pm in Victory Hall.

Part II

Members of the public and press are excluded from this meeting as the items under discussion contain information exempt under Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A

161012.20 Neighbourhood Plan

Members were alerted to concerns in the parish about the possible undeclared financial interests of a member(s) of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group and their involvement in land which has been identified for development.

After discussion, it was agreed that the matter needed to be addressed and this would be undertaken by the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8.43pm.

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Chairman

12 October 2016**Item 9:****Expenditure**

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
000317	Marsh Barton Security	Car park security patrols (September)	£33.60
000318	S Hughes	Mileage, stamps, ink	£41.55
000319	Mike Taylor Ltd	Groundworks for installation of table tennis table	£1,940.75
000320	Devon County Council	Annual rent - playing field	£15
000321	Royal British Legion (Poppy Appeal)	Poppy wreath	£17
000322	HMRC	PAYE	£188.80
000323	P White	Mower fuel/oil	£16.69
000324	S Craythorne	Ink and paper (Neighbourhood Planning)	£38.00
Direct Debit	1 & 1 Internet Ltd	Website hosting	£19.12
Standing Order	Payroll	Salaries (October)	£668.68

Income (7 September – 5 October)

Date received	Received from	Details	Amount
15 September 2016	Plot reservations	Cemetery	£850
22 September 2016	Devondale Electrical Contractors	Donation towards table tennis table	£193
30 September 2016	TDC	Second instalment of precept	£7,546
4 October 2016	Kenton Village Allotments	Half yearly rent	£375

Bank Balances at 5 October 2016

Current account	Fixed term deposit Interest rate 1.15% Maturity date 24 Oct 2016	Total
£27,430.02	£10,000	£37,430.02