

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in Kenton Victory Hall on Wednesday 8 February 2023 at 7.00pm

Present

Councillor D Blount (Chair), H Bright, K Savill and D Smith

Also present

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

The meeting was opened by Cllr Blount at 7.00pm.

230208.01 Apologies for Absence

- Cllr Thompson
- Peter White (Village Tidyman)

230208.02 Open Forum

The current owner of The Dolphin Inn is looking to dispose of it. A resident advised that there maybe support from Exeter Brewery.

Cllr Smith reminded the meeting that the pub is registered as an asset of Community Value and therefore it can't immediately be sold on the open market. There is process which will need to be followed. The resident advised that he would inform the current owner.

A resident enquired about an application for three houses in Willsland Close. Cllr Connett advised that the application has been withdrawn pending additional information.

230208.03 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.

230208.04 Ratification of Minutes

Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 January 2023. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

230208.05 Reports

5.1 Police Report

No report as the police are still transitioning to a new IT system. A copy of the monthly gazette was circulated to members.

Members were informed that the Community Speedwatch Team is currently unable to operate due to issues with insurance relating to the fixing and moving of the Vehicle Activated Signs.

5.2 District/County Councillor's Report

Cllr Connett referred to the pending planning application at The Dolphin. Planning officers have been waiting for additional information from the applicant.

Highways are doing some of the drainage work in anticipation of the A379 resurfacing work which is due to commence later this month.

He referred to the Teignbridge Draft Local Plan. He advised that all the comments which are submitted will be forwarded to the Secretary of State. If he is satisfied, a Planning Inspector will be appointed and a Public Inquiry will be held. No sites have been identified in Kenton for housing; there is one small site in Starcross.

5.3 **Village Tidyman's Report**

Peter White sent a written reported as follows:

- The two cars as reported last month are still in the car park.
- The blower and strimmer are at Radmore and Tucker with mechanical issues.

5.4 **Dementia Friendly Village**

CLlr Blount advised that reluctantly the decision has been taken to close the Reflections Café as it is no longer viable due to a lack of clients. There is also an issue with insuring the Sensory Garden. This is not covered by KVA's insurance. It is suggested that KVA may take it back and allotment holders who have made use of the seat may help to maintain the plot itself. The seat itself may have to be moved if an agreement about the plot can't be reached. The funds will also have to be redistributed.

5.5 **Action Report – update on outstanding matters**

5.5.1 Wall adjacent to the almshouses

The Chairman advised that he has met with Ann Roberts to try and ascertain and understand the history of the path. Cllr Connett had advised that TDC was very clear that the path was not within the closed churchyard boundary and the County Council has been clear that the path is not within their scope to maintain. As agreed last month, he will make contact with a local newspaper to ask them if they could run an article in the hope that the Church will respond.

5.5.2 Allotments lease

The Chairman and Cllr Bright met with members of Kenton Village Allotments and a summary of the meeting was circulated to members. KVA are now seeking advice from the National Allotments Society and it hoped that the Council will hear back from them before March's meeting.

5.5.3 Brook Path Wall

The clerk advised that a TDC officer had provided details of two contractors who the Council could contact to carry out the repairs. No response has been received as yet.

230208.06 Finance and Governance

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

230208.07 Planning

7.1 **New planning applications/appeals**

None

7.2 **Decisions**

None

7.3 **Teignbridge Local Plan 2020-2040 Consultation**

It was agreed to defer this until next month.

230208.08 Car Park

9.1 Car park wall repairs and maintenance

Cllr Smith advised that a second contractor has now visited the site. Before providing a quotation he has asked whether any branches which impede access to the wall can be removed. He has also asked that they are provided with access to water, electricity and a toilet. It was agreed that anything which the Parish Council is unable to provide should be included within the quote. Cllr Smith is also seeking a third quotation.

9.2 Trees – the clerk advised that the no advice has been received from TDC’s Arboricultural Officer about the reduction of the trees in the car park. It was therefore agreed to ask a local tree surgeon to advise.

230208.09 Triangle

Members received a request from the Rodean to site tables on the Triangle over Spring, Summer and early Autumn. This would be to provide drinks and light bites to the villagers and outside customers. A request was also received for a music event on a Sunday early evening in the Summer.

After discussion it was agreed to allow up to four tables to be sited on the Triangle with sensitive screening to give privacy for neighbouring properties. Members agreed that they would require additional information about the music event before they could agree to that including date, times, number of people attending, confirmation of licencing requirements (if any) and any other relevant details.

230208.10 War Memorial

It was agreed to defer this item.

230208.11 Playing Field and Hard Court

It was noted that all the notices and tape around the higher risk equipment has been removed. It was also noted that the school has not yet taken any action in relation to the unsafe fencing. It was agreed to remind the school that action needs to be taken to make this safe. In terms of the equipment, Cllr Bright agreed to make a list of the high/medium risk items with a view to discussing appropriate action next month.

Cllr Smith advised that he has been contact with TK Play Ltd who informed him that the Parish Council will not be able to find anyone to repair the equipment and that it will need replacing. He will continue to explore grant funding.

230208.12 Climate Mitigation

Cllr Savill offered to speak to Chris Britton about the potential wildflower areas.

230208.13 Highways and Footpaths

It was noted that a resident has purchased and installed the latch on the gate at the entrance to Brook Path. It was agreed to write and thank him for doing this.

230208.14 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]

A verbal enquiry has been made about erecting a polytunnel at the Allotments. It was agreed

that the Chairman would clarify that any such request would need to come from KVA to the Parish Council in writing. The Parish Council would then need to seek permission from Powderham as the landowner.

230208.15 Correspondence
None

230208.16 Date of Next Meeting

16.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 8 March 2023 at 7pm.

16.2 The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 12 April 2023 at 7pm.

16.3 The Annual Meeting of the Council following the parish elections will take place on 17 May.

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Chairman

8 February 2023

Item 8:

Expenditure

Payment type	Payee	Details	Amount
Standing Order	Salaries	January	£789.52
Online	Kenton Victory Hall	Hall hire – January-November	£252
Online	Play Inspection Company	Annual inspection of the play equipment	£83.40
Online	HMRC	PAYE	£343.46
Online	P White	Fuel	£7.32

Income (7 January – 4 February 2023)

Date received	Received from	Details	Amount
None			

Bank Balance at 4 February 2023

Current account	£46,587.01
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Payment type	Payee	Details	Amount
Standing Order	Salaries	November & December	£1960.04
Online	HMRC	PAYE (Q3)	£342.80
Online	N Bygrave	Village maintenance	£225
Online	Outdoor Wooden Garden Furniture Ltd	Bin store (Community larder)	£235.14
Online	The Clifford Estate Co Ltd	Village Christmas Tree	£80
Online	P White	Fuel	£7.49
Online	S Bradford	Pruning of yew trees in the cemetery & removal of dead conifer in car park	£285

Income (5 November 2022 - 6 January 2023)

Date received	Received from	Details	Amount
7 November 2022	Kenton Britain in Bloom	Reimbursement for plants	£553.65
21 December 2022	Cemetery	Cemetery	£150

Bank Balance at 6 January 2023

Current account	£48,399.02
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