

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Kenton Victory Hall on Wednesday 11 June 2024 at 7.00pm

Present

Councillor D Blount (Chairman) & K Savill

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), Sue Craythorne (Footpaths Co-ordinator) and 12 members of the public

The meeting was opened by Cllr Blount at 7.30pm. He advised that the meeting was not quorate as there were insufficient members of the Council present. No decisions would therefore be made but reports would be given.

240612.01 Apologies for Absence

- Cllr Bright
- Robert Neill

240612.02 Open Forum

Residents raised the following questions/concerns:

Can the double yellow lines extend to the corner of the Triangle?

Can anything be done about the speed of traffic along the A379 on Exeter Hill, Exeter bound?

Concerns were raised about the wall at the end of Brook Path which had collapsed during the flooding. From the meeting at DCC, it was highlighted that the wall is significant and needs to be looked at as part of the bigger flood prevention plan. It is recommended that railings or fencing is used instead.

Several residents were interested to hear about the temporary relocation of the school (item 9).

240612.03 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

240612.04 Ratification of Minutes

As the meeting was not quorate, the minutes of the meeting on 8 May 2024 would be ratified at the next meeting.

240612.05 Reports

5.1 Police Report and Community Speedwatch

No report.

5.2 County Councillor's Report

No report.

5.3 District Councillor's Report

No report.

5.4 Volunteer Flood Warden's Report

No report.

5.5 Action Reports

None

240612.06 Finance and Governance

As the meeting was not quorate, payments could not be approved and would have to be deferred until the next meeting.

240612.07 Planning

7.1 New planning applications/appeals

7.1.1 [24/00817/LBC – 1 Court Hall, Mamhead Road, Kenton](#)

Refurbishment works to include installation of a concrete slab and reinstatement of timber floor joists

As the meeting was not quorate, members were not able to comment.

7.2 Decisions

7.2.1 23/01798/HOU – 18 Sunnybank, Kenton

Siting of a shed on parking bay

It was noted that TDC has refused to grant planning permission.

240612.08 Brook Path

The Chairman invited Andy Bowker to provide an update following a meeting at DCC.

A U-channel is the proposed solution to be constructed. A drawing was shown at the meeting showing the proposed U-channel and comprised a mesh reinforced base, with concrete U-channel placed on base, then mass fill concrete between excavation sidewall and outside edge of U-channel. Extent about 34-35m as per survey marks on ground along the stream. Base will continue a few meters further downstream to give a starter platform for access up the channel. Main access via Pear Tree close, with deveg on haul road line then construction of haul road over flood embankment. Stream flow over-pumping from about my property to construction downstream limit.

Construction timing: to be confirmed but key points are: back end of September 2024 there is an ecological constraint (no work allowed), meaning DCC targeting construction completion end August to allow for any 'unknown delays'. This means work could start on site in as soon as 3 or 4 weeks. TBC. I don't believe a contractor has been formally appointed yet, although quite a lot of dialogue has passed with a contractor, obviously, to get this far. The contractor name wasn't shared at the meeting, however, I believe the contractor has changed of the consultation period due to contractor availability and need to progress work quickly.

Village hall meeting: A meeting is proposed to take place at the village hall prior to starting construction on site to show the scheme to village residents. The meeting will take the form of 'this is what we are doing' rather than a 'have your say in the solution' (which is sensible to expedite the project). Time/date TBC.

DCC estates and communications with riparian owners: My understanding is that DCC estates department will shortly be in touch with Tony/Jan and Rich/Charlotte re the scheme and approaching your respective insurers for cost contributions to the scheme. The other riparian owner of the wall repair section is Kenton PC on river right. The cost 'best estimate' is currently £240k and apparently includes 'a fair amount of risk contingency' ... so may come down ... but of course may stay the same or go up as well.

240612.09 Playing Field & Hard Court

A report was given about plans for the proposed temporary relocation of Kenton Primary School to the playing field. Four temporary cabins will be sited to the right of the hard court to house

the pupils. Surveyors have erected a site shed. Amenities will have to be sourced – water, electricity and power. They will need car parking for staff and it was suggested that part of the hard court is used as a temporary measure. Looking to the future, once they have amenities in place, they will have a stronger case for moving the school permanently to the playing field. It is likely that the school will be situated in this location for at least two years.

The hedge on the outside of East Town Lane will be cut as well as repairs to the fencing at the rear of the hard court.

240612.10 Car Park, Triangle & Cemetery

Following concerns raised by parishioners, it was noted that the contractor has been contacted regarding the stinging in the cemetery. There have been some teething issues with the contractor but generally the work has been satisfactory.

The contractor wants to trim the hedge adjacent to Church Street which will mean closing some of the bays on the right hand side whilst it is done.

240612.11 Community Right to Bid

It was noted that this Council has submitted an application to TDC to re-register The Dolphin Inn as an Asset of Community Value.

240612.12 Climate and Biodiversity

The Chairman met with Ann Roberts who advised him to look at Exminster's Green Spaces and their Working Parties for ideas. He has spoken to a couple of residents who are interested in joining a Working Group.

240612.13 Highways and Footpaths

Residents are encouraged to report all potholes:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole/>

The gate fixing at the end of the path at Slittercombe Lane has been fixed. Thanks to whoever did it. Some of the footpaths are very overgrown footpaths, particularly FP 10. DCC always clear it but usually not until the last week in June/first week in July.

It has been observed that there is a lot of foliage and overhanging branches outside Penhayes and Powderham walls making it difficult to negotiate the pavement without stepping out into the main road. The clerk will report this to Penhayes and Powderham. It was also noted that the foliage on Kenton Hill from Kenton View up to the Victory Hall is overgrown and there are many overhanging branches. This risks people having to step on to the busy road to avoid them. The foliage behind the Dawlish bound bus shelter at Powderham needs trimming too.

The loose slab at Penhayes Steps has now been repaired but the foliage around the base needs clearing back.

The eroding bank at the foot of the hill belonging to Kenton View is also in need of attention.

240612.14 Correspondence

14.1 Members received an invitation to attend Parish and Town Council Planning Forum on 18 or 19 June.

14.2 It was noted that someone has weeded Parsons Walk but has not disposed of the weeds.

240612.15 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 advised that the Parish Council was very short on members and he encouraged residents to put their names forward if they felt able to contribute in any way.

240612.16 Date of Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 10 July 2024 at 7.30pm.

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Chairman