

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Victory Hall, Kenton on Wednesday 8 February 2017 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) and District/County Cllr Connett and one member of the public

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

170208.01 Apologies for Absence

- Peter White

170208.02 Open Forum

Cllr Appleton informed members that Kenton School's Parents Association is looking to hold a circus event on the field on 8 July for 1 day.

Cllr Randall commented on the overgrown hedge going up Kenton Hill which is restricting the pavement and thus making it dangerous for pedestrians. It was agreed to establish who was thought to be responsible and to write to them asking for the overgrowth to be cut back.

Cllr Randall commented on the response of DCC with regard to the Council's request for a handrail along the footpath from Kenton Hill to Penhayes and asked whether this could be funded by the Parish Council given that DCC is unable to finance this project. It was agreed that all members would have a look at the issue on site for further discussion at the next meeting.

170208.03 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.

170208.04 Ratification of Minutes

Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 January 2017. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

170211.05 Police Report

PC Harvey sent the following report:

Reported crimes from 12/01/17 – 08/02/17

Kenton (0 crimes)

Powderham (1 crime)

- Fail to stop for police – motorist failed to stop near to Powderham. Driver identified and reported.

170208.06 District/County Councillor's Report

Cllr Connett informed members that The Dolphin Inn is on the market and, as it was registered as a Community Asset, he had been asked to find out whether TDC had been informed and whether therefore it was subject to a moratorium period prior to its sale to give the parish the opportunity to prepare a bid. He advised that David Kiernan is the officer who now deals with the Community Right to Bid. David has not received formal notification from the current owners but it is possible that an exemption applies to this disposal as it appears that it is being sold as a going concern. David will be contacting the owners/agent and liaising with TDC's Planning lawyer to establish whether there is an exemption in this case.

Cllr Connett advised that the proposal for additional double yellow lines in the village and the extension at Torrington Place have now been advertised and, provided the order is not challenged, will be considered by HATOC at its next meeting in February/March.

Cllr Connett referred to the recent closure of Exeter Hill in order to seal the centre joint in the road. He expressed disappointment that other repairs had not been carried out at the same time but had been advised by DCC that joint sealing is let as a separate contract and therefore not part of normal maintenance. The crew on site would not therefore have been equipped to carry out any patching. It appears now however that the potholes have been filled and can only assume that these have been carried out as a result of complaints being made.

Cllr Blount reported that the pavement at the corner of the car park is in a poor condition and is a potential trip hazard. Cllr Connett offered to follow this up with DCC.

170208.07 Village Tidyman's Report

Peter White sent a written report as follows:

1. Weeds around the village have not been sprayed.
2. Potholes on A379 by Chiverstone Lane have been filled.
3. Street light in car park still not working.
4. Western Power's contractors have undertaken their five year cycle of cutting away trees and branches from Rockbeare House to Chiverstone Lane and from Kenton View to Victory Hall.
5. He and Cllr Thompson have cut up and disposed of the climbing frame at the playing field (stumps will be removed next week).
6. Devon Air Ambulance is looking at suitable landing sites for night flying.

With regard to point 3 above, it had been observed by members that the contractors, Hi-Line, had not cleared up after their visit and that trimmings from the hedge and trees were strewn across the footpaths and road. It was agreed that the clerk would write to Western Power to advise them.

170208.08 Delegate Reports

8.1 Dementia Friendly Village:

Cllr Blount reported that the Beavers are getting involved with the project and are attending the Reflections Cafe. Annette German is running an awareness session in Dawlish. A local firm of solicitors are running a session to raise awareness of will writing and probate issues. He advised that Anne Marie Morris MP is getting involved with the issues associated with dementia. A 'Chair Yoga' session will run at the next Reflections Cafe.

8.2 Friends of the Field/Community Forum:

Cllr Appleton advised that there was nothing to report.

8.3 Local Listings Project:

Cllr Randall advised that the group had completed a walk around the South Town area and reports are being compiled.

170208.09 Finance and Governance

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

170208.10 Planning

10.1 New applications/appeals

10.1.1 17/00032/FUL – Copperfield, Kenton

Single storey side extension and detached double garage

Members had no objections to this application. Comments were made regarding the fact that it appears work had already commenced despite planning consent not yet being granted. After discussion, it was agreed by a majority of members that this observation should be reported to TDC for their information and investigation.

Members commented that Andrew Loveless had been carrying out work at the property and had been disposing of vegetation in the car park. This was encouraging others to also dispose of their rubbish in this location. Whilst the rubbish had been cleared away by TDC's Blitz Team, members considered that to limit the dumping of rubbish in the future, the Parish Council should consider purchasing and erecting a 'No Fly Tipping' sign.

10.2 Decisions

10.2.1 16/03167/FUL – Woodhurst, 16 Lumley Close, Kenton

Side/rear extension with link to existing garage, alterations to fenestration and increased area of terrace on the northeast elevation

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

10.3 Other

10.3.1 Members received correspondence from Mr Barnes regarding the reluctant felling of the copper beech at his property at Little Court which, as a result of a fungal infection, was deemed potentially dangerous. As the tree was subject of a Tree Preservation Order, a replacement copper beech tree will be planted in its place.

10.3.2 Members received correspondence from Nick Davies (TDC's Business Manager for Strategic Place) who suggested members meeting with the planning officer involved with the recent planning application at The Dolphin Inn to help members understanding the reasoning behind it. Members suggested that the clerk invites the planning officer to a meeting of the Parish Council.

170208.11 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Thompson reported that there had been a meeting of the Steering Group on 1 February and a new member had joined. The Housing Needs Survey has been distributed and so far 23% have been returned. Some further work has been done on the aims and objectives with more still to be done. The Neighbourhood Planning information will need to be uploaded onto the new website. The next meeting will be held on 1 March.

170208.12 Defibrillator

12.1 Cllr Cowell informed members that he was in the process of arranging for an electrician to visit the Victory Hall to provide a quotation but was struggling to find a mutually convenient time when there was access to the Hall. He would pursue this over the coming month. The clerk advised that the defibrillator should be received in time for the next meeting.

12.2 Members received the contract for adoption from BT, the terms of which were accepted and agreed. Once the contract was received by BT, a paint kit would be sent to enable the parish to refurbish the box. It was agreed that Cllr Cowell would research, through the Community Heartbeat Trust, the next steps in terms of electrical installation of a defibrillator in this location and would inform English Heritage of the adoption of the kiosk and that its future use would be to house a defibrillator.

- 170208.13 Triangle Events**
- 12.1 Scarecrow Festival (28 April-1 May) - members received a request to use the Triangle and land next to the bus stops for Scarecrow displays. This was agreed.
- 12.2 Church Service (18 June) - members received a request to hold the Sunday and 'Art in the Aisles Songs of Praise' in the village marquee. This was agreed.
- 170208.14 Allotment Tenancy**
- 12.1 Members were informed that Powderham Estate had referred the renewal of the allotments lease to their land agent, Savills, who would review the contract and would come back to the Council in due course.
- 12.2 Members received correspondence from Kenton Village Allotments (KVA) setting out some amendments to the sub-lease between the Parish Council and KVA should the lease be renewed. Members agreed to accept the proposed amendments.
- 170208.15 Website**
- Members were advised that some amendments had been made to the site though there were still further amendments and additions to be made which were being worked through. One issue to be resolved was transferring the domain name from the old site to the new and the clerk would be working with Vision ICT to establish how this would be achieved. In the meantime, members were encouraged to look at the site and make any comments. Cllr Thompson advised that he would look at the Neighbourhood Plan page and send content to the clerk to be uploaded.
- 170208.16 Car Park**
- 16.1 Members received and accepted an offer from Gwyn Williams to refurbish the map in the car park.
- 16.2 Members received and accepted a quotation from SSE to replace the bulb in the street light at the back of the car park. Man and hoist - £52 + VAT plus replacement bulb, £15, depending on the lamp type.
- 170208.17 Cemetery**
- 17.1 Members received a quotation of £320 from Stuart Bradford to scrape off the moss and straighten the edges of the cemetery paths. It was agreed to ask Stuart for a further quote to provide and spread gravel over the paths.
- 17.2 Members were informed that Alan Brook had decided that he did not wish to carry out the repairs to the lych gate and trellis. This had been prompted by problems obtaining the wood due to a restrictions on its sale resulting from disease. It was agreed to obtain a quotation from Gaydons.
- 170208.18 Playing Field/Hard Court**
- Cllr Cowell advised that the cost of materials to repair the shed, including skip, would be approximately £400 and would take two days to complete by a group of volunteers. If the rubbish could be burnt thus eliminating the need for a skip, this would reduce the cost considerably. It was agreed that the materials should be bought and the work undertaken subject to the clerk establishing whether the volunteers would be insured to carry out this work.
- 170208.19 Highways & Footpaths**
- 19.1 Members received and noted the response from DCC Highways in response to issues raised at the last meeting. In summary, he advised that it was no longer DCC policy to treat weeds by spraying and having looked at them, he did not consider them to be too bad anyway. The request to install a handrail along the path from Kenton Hill to Penhayes was also rejected though should the parish wish to fund it, DCC may help with its facilitation.
- 19.2 Cllr Appleton reported that the 'Mamhead' finger post has been knocked off outside the church. It was agreed that the clerk would report this to DCC.

170208.20 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]

Cllr Thompson commented that the noticeboard was very wet inside and needs sealing. It was agreed that the clerk would ask Gwyn Williams if he could have a look at it. He also asked whether it was a legal requirement to display the agenda in the noticeboard in the church porch as space was often limited. The clerk advised that the minimum requirement is that it needs to be displayed in the Parish Council noticeboard.

170208.21 Correspondence

Members received and noted the final recommendations of the Boundary Commission with regard to the Electoral Review of Teignbridge.

170208.22 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 12 April 2017 at 7.00pm in Victory Hall.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8.27pm.

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Chairman

8 February 2017**Item 9:****Expenditure**

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
000340	Marsh Barton Security	Car park security patrols (January)	£33.60
000341	S Hughes	Mileage	£48.60
000342	Gwyn Williams	Village Christmas tree and wood stain for bench on The Triangle	£127.21
000343	Kenton Victory Hall	Hire of hall – Annual Parish Meeting	£27
000345	Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity	Defibrillator, cabinet and signage	£1,510.80
000346	BT	Adoption of BT kiosk	£1
000347	P White	Fuel and chainsaw blade	£23.22
000348	High Garden Nurseries	Cherry tree (cemetery)	£25
Standing Order	Payroll	Salaries (February)	£668.28