

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Victory Hall, Kenton on Wednesday 13 February 2019 at 7.00pm

Present

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

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), James Clarke & Henry French (University of Exeter), Maureen Pearce (TDC), County/District Cllr Connett and three members of the public

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

190213.01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

- Peter White

190213.02 Open Forum

2.1 A presentation was given by James Clarke and Henry French of the University of Exeter on the historical research they are carrying out on the area. TDC will then refer to the results of their research when looking at any revision to the Conservation Area appraisal for Kenton.

As part of their research, they stated that they would be glad to hear from any local people who have carried out their own research so that information can be shared.

They would also like to hold a public event later in the year to share the results of their research with the community. Members agreed that this would be very welcomed.

A question was asked about how the Local Listings project would feed into this. Maureen Pearce of TDC stated that the District Council has now agreed the criteria which she would circulate for reference.

2.2 No comments from members of the public on any other matters.

190213.03 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 interests or requests for dispensation.

190213.04 Ratification of Minutes

Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 January 2019. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

190213.05 Police Report

No report received.

190213.06 District/County Councillor's Report

Cllr Connett informed members that work on the A379 has started which involves resurfacing and digging up the drainage. Concern was expressed about public transport arrangements during the closure of the A379 and Cllr Connett will be discussing the matter with DCC.

He advised that he had recently been involved in the issue regarding the ongoing financing of the pre-school. Having spoken to DCC, it is hoped that they will at least be able to continue for the foreseeable future.

The rocking drainage cover reported last month has been inspected and appears to be intact. The potholes by the Rodean will be subject to a repatching job.

He also advised that it is likely that DCC will be setting up a trial Access Only restriction to Powderham along the estuary road to prevent through traffic.

It was noted that the land which has slipped down on Exeter Hill has not been cleared. Cllr Connett agreed to follow this up with DCC.

190213.07 Village Tidyman Report

Peter White was not present at the meeting but submitted the following written observations:

- The pavement on Mamhead Road from the Church along to the school is breaking up and needs resurfacing
- The road drain outside of Rockbears House on the A379 Has been repaired
- The posts in the car park notice board have been replaced
- The hedge still has not been cut on Witcombe Lane between St Annes and Butts Hill as reported last month. The clerk reported that this has been reported to DCC.
- What is the situation with the hedge laying as previously discussed between Harmony Meadow and the allotments? The clerk advised she had written to Kenton Village Allotments and was awaiting a response.
- The drain on the corner outside the Rodean is completely blocked. This would be reported to DCC.

190213.08 Action List

Members reviewed the action list and noted outstanding actions not otherwise on this agenda.

190213.09 Delegate Reports

9.1 Dementia Friendly Village:

Cllr Blount advised that the group met yesterday. Dawlish Garden Trust is working on the design of the Forget-me-Not garden which will hopefully be completed by the summer. The group is looking at organising pen pals for the elderly with children in the village. The February Reflections Café will be looking at newspaper headlines during the 30s, 40s and 50s plus memories of pets.

9.2 Friends of the Field/Community Forum:

Cllr Appleton advised that the quality of the grass at the playing field has been highlighted to the head.

9.3 Local Listings Project:

No report.

190213.10 Finance and Governance

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

190213.11 Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman advised that the pre-submission draft Neighbourhood Plan is on the website and is available for public consultation from 1 February - 31 March. Some hard copies are also available in the Post Office. Consultation events have also been arranged during March. Any comments made will be included as an Appendix if it is agreed that they should be included in the amended plan. It will then go to TDC for review. After then, it will go to independent review to decide whether it is acceptable to go out for final consultation. The referendum will follow this.

190213.12 Community Right to Bid

Members were advised that the registration of both The Dolphin Inn and the Village Shop and Post Office under the Community Right to Bid Scheme has expired as the registration period automatically ends after

five years. After discussion, members agreed that new applications should be submitted for both properties.

190213.13 Bus Shelters

13.1 Cllr Blount presented options for consideration. After discussion it was agreed that Ace Shelters were preferred in terms of cost and design. It was agreed to accept their offer for a design survey where further design details could also be discussed such as side panels, seating, colour etc.

13.2 Members noted that a grant of £958 had been awarded from the Communities Together Fund which means that the total grants raised for this project is £7,958. A further £2,000 has been allocated in the 2019/20 precept.

190213.14 Tree Survey

Members received the tree survey and noted the recommendations contained therein.

Three quotations have been submitted for the recommended works and it was agreed to accept the quotation from Dart Forest Trees for £395 + VAT.

190213.15 Playing Field/Hard Court

Members received the inspection reports and noted the contents contained therein. It was also agreed to accept Richard Grave's quotation to make a metal backing plate for gate hasp + supply and fit new bolts, nuts and washers for the sum of £16.98.

190213.16 Highways & Footpaths

There were no new highways or footpaths issues reported.

It was noted that the P3 co-ordinator, Sue Craythorne, has been unable to walk the paths recently and has therefore not completed the surveys. DCC has been informed. The clerk will complete and submit the annual finance survey. With £1500 of unspent funding, there is no need to seek additional funding this year. It was acknowledged, however, that the surface of Brook Path will need to be looked at.

190213.17 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]

It was noted that cars are parking adjacent to the sandbag store and blocking access. It was agreed to purchase a sign to put up on the store advising people that access to the store is required at all times.

It was also noted that the sandbag store lock was broken and needs replacing.

Members discussed the local council elections on 2 May and the importance of at least three people standing so the Council remains quorate. It was agreed that an article would be submitted to the newsletter encouraging people to stand.

190213.18 Correspondence

None.

190213.19 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 13 March 2019 at 7.00pm in Victory Hall.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8.32pm.

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Chairman

13 February 2019**Item 10:****Expenditure**

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
000482	S Hughes	Mileage (1 PC meeting, 1 cemetery), postage, ink, paper	£68.59
000483	Richard Grave	Play area inspections (Dec & Jan) + works previously agreed	£57
000484	Oxton Neighbourhood Association	Grant	£200
000485	Stalite Signs Ltd	Posts for car park sign	£297.60
000486	Peter Sandover	N Plan Consultant fees	£528
000487	Peter White	Fuel	£9.84
Standing Orders	Salaries	February	£678.01

Income (5 January – 8 February 2019)

Date received	Received from	Details	Amount
10 January	Cemetery fees	Cemetery fees	£225

Bank Balance at 8 February 2019

Current account	£41,141.60
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