

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held at Victory Hall, Kenton on
Wednesday 12 July 2017 at 7.00pm

Present

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

Also present

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

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

170712.01 Apologies for Absence

- PC Rob Harvey & PCSO Adrian Overieu

170712.02 Open Forum

It was brought to the attention of members that the dog poo bin in the car park has rotted out and needs replacing. It was agreed that the clerk would contact TDC.

170712.03 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 dispensation.

170712.04 Ratification of Minutes

4.1 Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 June 2017. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4.2 Members present received the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18 May 2017. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

170712.05 Police Report

Reported crimes from 14/6/17 – 9/7/17:

Kenton (1 crime)

- Drink/Drug Drive - Male offender charged with being under the influence of drink and drugs following a road traffic collision. NB. this offence actually occurred in April.

Powderham (3 crimes)

- Burglary —Break in and theft to a residential premises. Enquiries ongoing and it forms part of a recent series to rural properties.
- Theft of Motor Vehicle - Vehicle stolen from the estate after locked gates were forced open. Unfortunately the keys were left inside the vehicle. No leads.
- Assault (ABH) - Domestic related. Male offender bit the hand of his fiancée during an argument/altercation at the Let's Rock concert. Female victim not supporting investigation and in interview the male offender claimed he acted in self-defence. No further action.

Other matters

The season of Powderham events is well underway and there will be more of a police presence at most but not all of them compared to previous years. This is owing to recent high profile incidents throughout the country and as previously mentioned in my last email to the councils, this is purely precautionary and for public reassurance.

170712.06 District/County Councillor's Report

Cllr Connett reported that he had suggested that alternative arrangements are made for dropping off and picking up those attending the upcoming Powderham events to avoid the chaos of last year in the centre of Kenton. He has also suggested making a section of the A379 a freeway. He supports the proposal to install portable toilets in the car park and will continue to liaise with officers and the organisers to do all he can to reduce disruption for the parish. He also advised members that he had attended a meeting with the Pre-school and Victory Hall. The Pre-School has requested additional use of the hall to enable parents to take advantage of new government legislation entitling some parents to 30 hours of funded childcare. He emphasised that there needs to be a solution which will unite rather than divide the community.

170712.07 Village Tidyman Report

Peter White made the following observations:

- Several villagers have asked about the tatty Kenton Village signs. Cllr Connett offered to follow this up by asking that they are cleaned or replaced.
- TDC have swept the pavement from Kenton View to the Victory Hall and have done a good job. However, the branches are still overhanging.
- The hand/footholds on the climbing wall have been tightened and repositioned. Cllr Thompson has also treated the wood.
- The goal post net supports have been broken (bottom bolts snapped off). Members authorised the purchase of some stainless steel jubilee clips to repair these.
- The weeds need sorting out in the tennis area.

170712.08 Delegate Reports

8.1 Dementia Friendly Village:

Cllr Blount reported that June's Reflections Café ran in conjunction with the Art in the Aisles event which was very successful. The Church is thinking about starting a regular lunch session and wish to involve the school. A quiz was held in The Dolphin which raised £160 for funds. Internet has now been installed in the church and they now hope to take advantage of the BBC archives. The AGM was held on 11 July. Annette German was elected Chair, Paul Harmsworth is Treasurer and Tracey Fulcher is Secretary.

8.2 Friends of the Field/Community Forum:

Cllr Appleton reported that there had not been a Friends of the Field meeting and therefore he had nothing to report. He had, however, attended a Community Forum meeting and informed members that the school had recently had another Ofsted inspection and had retained its 'good' status. The school is looking to join an Academy with Teignmouth Community School. They also talked about parking issues and the feedback from the police and problems with enforcement. It is the school's intention to remind parents about inappropriate parking again in September. Moves are being made to get the field into a better condition. The school is also aware of the pre-school's predicament with regard to provision of 30 hours of funded childcare.

8.3 Local Listings Project:

Cllr Randall reported that the group had met and that progress was being made. Members are writing a listing about a cottage in South Town and a report on The Old Gas Works in South Town has been completed and is ready to submit. She also advised that she and Ann Bond would be visiting the Devon Heritage Centre to help with their research. Members agreed that they could purchase a camera licence if needed.

- 170712.09 Finance and Governance**
13.1 Invoices for payment - it was agreed unanimously that the payments, as listed in the supporting documents (attached), be approved and cheques signed
- 170712.10 Planning**
10.1 **New applications/appeals**
No applications received.
10.2 **Decisions**
No decisions to report.
10.3 **Other planning matters**
The clerk advised that she had received a call from a parishioner about a potential planning application at Kenton Vineyard (now Kenton Estates). Cllr Connett confirmed that a Licence application has been submitted to TDC to allow them to run events such as weddings, outdoor theatre for up to 500 people. He confirmed that planning permission is not required. Full details of the application are available to view on TDC's website. Members expressed concern about the potential volume of traffic on the rural lanes leading to the property and agreed that these concerns should be fed back to the Licensing team.
- 170712.11 Neighbourhood Plan**
The Chairman reported that a meeting was held on 5 July at which David Kiernan commented on what had been written. Some members will now review these comments in time for August's meeting.
- 170712.12 Defibrillators**
12.1 Members received and accepted a quotation from MAT Electrics for £329.60 + VAT to install the defibrillator at Victory Hall.
12.2 Cllr Cowell was not present at the meeting and therefore there was no update with regard to refurbishment of the adopted telephone kiosk or installation arrangement for the defibrillator in this location.
- 170712.13 Kenton Village Allotments**
The clerk advised that there was no further communication from Powderham about the renewal of the lease.
- 170712.14 Weedkilling**
Members were advised that Stuart Bradford does not have a licence to spray weedkiller and the clerk had been unsuccessful in contacting Neill Rowe. An estimate had therefore been obtained from TDC who would carry out the job for approximately £200. Having previously carried out this job on behalf of DCC, they are familiar with the areas which need spraying and would also spray the cemetery paths. Members agreed that TDC should be instructed to carry out the job.
- 170712.15 Village Inspection**
It was agreed that Cllrs Randall and Maguire-Walker would carry out the next village inspection.
- 170712.16 Car Park**
Following a report of blocked drains in the car park last month, members were informed that DCC would not be able to clean the gullies as the car park is not part of the public highway. Peter White offered to have a look to see if he could unblock them.
- 170712.17 Cemetery**
Further quotations were still been sought for the cemetery paths and lych gate repairs. The outcome of the Rural Aid application was also awaited. Cllr Connett offered to make a grant of £1000 from his locality budget towards the repairs which members gratefully accepted.

- 170712.18 Playing Field/Hard Court**
Cllr Appleton advised that the repairs to the changing rooms, due to take place on 24 June, had been postponed due to nesting swallows. A new date would be set in September.
- 170712.19 Highways & Footpaths**
- 19.1 Members noted that Footpath 12 from the A379 South Town to Powderham Road would be closed on 1-4 September during the Lockdown event.
- 19.2 It was noted that the shrubbery on the left going up Kenton hill is in need of trimming back. Responsibility for this was discussed and it was agreed that the clerk should carry out Land Registry searches to establish ownership.
- 19.3 Members observed that the double yellow lines had not yet been painted at the top of High Street. It was agreed to ask Cllr Connett for an update.
- 170712.20 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]
- It was noted that flytipping in the car park remains a problem with further incidents been observed. It was agreed that investigations would be made to establish who was dumping the rubbish and whether an additional bin could be provided.
- 170712.21 Correspondence**
Members received an email from a parishioner regarding a recent Powderham event and the impact it had had on the village. It was agreed to contact Powderham asking for increased presence in the village at the end of events to ensure appropriate behaviour and minimise disruption for those particularly living around the Triangle.
- 170712.22 Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 13 September 2017 at 7.00pm in Victory Hall.

Part II

[Contains items which may be taken in the absence of the public and press on grounds that exempt information may be disclosed]

- 170712.23 Exclusion of the Press and Public**
Members resolved that the public and press are excluded from the meeting as the item under discussion contains information exempt under Local Government Act 1972 Section 100A Part 1 and Schedule 12 A & Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960 Section 2(1)
- 170712.24 Review of Maintenance of Parish Council Equipment and Facilities on the Playing Field**
Following a review of the requirements of the Parish Council to maintain its equipment and facilities on the playing field, it was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr Randall would meet with John Castle to agree how this can be achieved.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9.02pm.

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Chairman

12 July 2017

Item 9:

Expenditure

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
000377	Marsh Barton Security	Car park security patrols (June)	£33.60
000378	HMRC	PAYE	£195.20
000379	S Hughes	Mileage	£16.20
000380	P White	Replacement strimmer head	£26.87
000381	Devon Partnership NHS Trust	Hanging baskets (Kenton in Bloom)	£151.20
Standing Orders	Payroll	Salaries (July)	£680.04

Bank Balances at 5 July 2017

Current account	Fixed term deposit Interest rate 1% Maturity date 24 Oct 2017	Total
£20,190.81	£10,000	£20,190.81