

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Victory Hall, Kenton on Wednesday 17 July 2019 at 7.00pm

Present

Cllrs C Thompson (Chairman), D Appleton, D Blount and H Bright

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk) and one member of the public.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

190717.01 Apologies for Absence

- County/District Cllr Connett
- Peter White
- PC Harvey & PCSO Ovrieu

190717.02 Open Forum

There were no comments from members of the public.

190717.03 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 interests on any items to be discussed during this meeting nor any requests for dispensation.

190717.04 Ratification of Minutes

Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 12 June 2019. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

190717.05 Police Report

Reported crimes from 10/06/19 – 17/07/19

Kenton (0 crimes)

Powderham (2 crimes)

- Common Assault - x 2 assaults on security staff at a concert as they ejected a drunken female. Minor injuries and neither victims willing to do more than report for admin purposes. NFA.

190717.06 District/County Councillor's Report

Cllr Connett was unable to attend the meeting. He has, however, taken up with Teign Housing, who owns the land at Park View, and Teignbridge District Council the issue of the large amount of waste left at the edge of the road/grass area last week. Whilst grateful it was removed, Cllr Connett has asked about action to stop waste being dumped there and also along the road at the bus shelters.

Members discussed this issue and ways in which it can be tackled. It was agreed that incidences of fly tipping should be reported to TDC so that they can be formally investigated. The clerk also agreed to speak to TDC's Community Environment Warden for further advice on how to approach the problem.

Members noted Cllr Connett's email to TDC about the number of lorries using Mamhead Road and Hill from Starcross to Haldon in particular the lorries carrying construction materials or Viridor waste tankers. He reminded TDC that this route has been signed by DCC as 'light traffic only'. He also asked whether TDC had imposed any restrictions when granting planning consents to prohibit the use of the Mamhead route by construction lorries/traffic. In response, TDC confirmed that the Cavanna Homes development in Dawlish does have an approved Construction Management Plan restricting construction vehicles to the main arterial routes, i.e. the route via the A379 Exeter Road onto Elm Grove Road the onto Secmaton Lane. Members were dissatisfied with this response, however, as it did not address the issue of large vehicles and Viridor tankers continuing to use Mamhead Road. They asked if Cllr Connett could continue to pursue this with TDC/DCC.

190717.07 Action List

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

190717.08 Village Tidyman Report

Peter White sent a written report as follows:

- Both Vicarage Walk/Brook Path and the steps leading up from Brook Path have now been strimmed. It was noted that the grass on the bank behind the Chi had not been cut and it was agreed to ask Peter if he could strim this as well.
- The white lines outside the church have been repainted and are much safer now.
- He has not heard any adverse comments about recent Powderham events.

190717.09 Delegate Reports

9.1 Dementia Friendly Village:

Cllr Blount reported that Saturday's Reflection Café was very popular and they enjoyed a game of musical bingo. The group is very pleased with the support it continues to receive from the village. The group was pleased to receive a donation of £100 from Kenton Village Show. The Forget-me-Not garden is progressing and it is hoped that the issue with the gazebo will be resolved soon. It was noted that the Devon Carers Digital Library is now on the website. The next Reflections Café is on 17 August and a pub quiz has been organised for 22 August.

9.2 Community Forum:

Cllr Appleton reported that the Countess of Devon was present at the last Community Forum meeting at which she spoke about proposals for the field. The school is skeptical about pursuing this as the need for a new school has not been demonstrated. The regrading of the field, however, is likely to go ahead.

Traffic issues were also discussed and the behaviour of children around cars. There is concern that some children are cycling to school with no regard for the traffic, particularly as they come down Pitt Hill.

With regard to the play area, it has been confirmed that the land leased to the Parish Council is included in the Trust's 125 year lease from the Local Authority and therefore nothing else needs to be done. The Parish Council's lease continues unaffected save that its direct landlord is now the Osprey Learning Trust.

9.3 Planning Café

Cllrs Blount and Bright reported that they had attended TDC's Planning Café last week. They were taken through the process of how planning applications are dealt with. They were surprised that they are driven by government targets for passing planning applications. If targets are not reached, planning authorities go 'on notice'. Members believed this rather conflicted with the policy of judging each case on its own merits. Nationally, 90% of all submitted planning applications are approved. 87% are approved in Teignbridge. They also received a presentation about self-build.

9.4 Parish Communication

Cllr Bright reported that she was waiting to hear from the marketing assistant at Powderham who will help her to set up a Parish Council Facebook page. She advised that a new Parish Council email address would need to be created.

9.5 Defibrillator:

Cllr Blount advised that he had purchased new pads for the defibrillator in the Triangle.

190717.10 Finance and Governance

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

190717.11 Planning

11.1 New applications/appeals:

- 11.1.1 19/01148/FUL – 17 Lumley Close, Kenton
Extension to existing garage and associated external works

Members had no objections to this application.

- 11.1.2 19/01103/FUL – Willsworthy Farm, Kenton
Riding arena including levelling of land

Members had no objections to this application.

- 11.1.3 19/01167/FUL – 16 Bramley Close, Kenton
Replace existing tile hung areas with cement board to north, east and south elevations

Members had no objections to this application.

11.2 Decisions

None

190717.12 Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman was delighted to report that the Neighbourhood Plan has been accepted by Teignbridge District Council. They will now carry out their 6-week consultation from 5 August – 29 September. During this process they will contact the Steering Group about its preference for an independent examiner. Advice on this will be taken from the consultant, Peter Sandover.

190717.13 Community Right to Bid – Notification of owner intention to sell The Dolphin Inn

Members received notification that the owner of the Dolphin Inn intends to dispose of this asset and that an interim moratorium period is now in place until 5pm on 2 August by which time the

Parish Council and/or a local community interest group may request in writing to be treated as a potential bidder for the asset which will bring the full moratorium period (6 months) into force.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would express an interest in being considered as a potential bidder thus bringing the full moratorium period into force and giving the community six months from 21 June to consider its options.

It was agreed to arrange a Public Meeting in early September to inform the community of the process and to establish whether there is interest in forming a Community Interest Company. Cllr Appleton advised that he had carried out some initial research and circulated some information about Pub in the Hub – a national advisory body on community ownership and the running of pubs. It was agreed that a representative from Pub in the Hub be invited to attend the Public Meeting along with an officer from TDC who can answer and questions on the Community Right to Bid process.

190717.14 Kenton Cemetery

- 14.1 Members discussed a request to install a bench in the cemetery. The request was declined as it was considered that the position and proposed orientation was not appropriate. Members also discussed the condition of the two existing benches sited either side of the lych gate and agreed to inspect them over the summer to assess whether repairs/replacement were necessary.
- 14.2 Members discussed the overgrown yew bushes at either side of the lych gate and agreed to ask Neil Bygrave to sensitively cut them back.
- 14.3 Members discussed the dying tree on the right-hand side of the central path and agreed to ask Neil Bygrave for his advice on removal and replacement.
- 14.4 Members received a request for an upright headstone on a cremation plot which is situated on the front row of a double row. The guidelines state that upright memorials can only be installed on plots which are against one of the cemetery boundaries. After a discussion, it was agreed to accept the request for an upright headstone providing it does not exceed 12 inches and it was agreed to amend the guidelines accordingly.

190717.15 Car Park

Members received advice about the new access gate which had been created in the fence between the car park and 5 Church Street and noted that this was legally acceptable as it is a boundary fence belonging to 5 Church Street. It was noted that the owners may, however, only use the car park on the same terms as anyone else and the gate does not create a right of easement.

With regard to the overhanging limb which has been removed from a silver birch in the corner of the car park, it was confirmed that the work had not been carried out by the Parish Council's contractor and no written consent had been given by TDC. The Parish Council also noted that it had not received a request or notification that work was to be carried out on this tree. TDC does not intend to take any action in respect of its removal and it was agreed that, in this instance, the Parish Council would not take any further action either.

190717.16 Emergency Plan

Members reviewed the parish Emergency Plan alongside other examples of more concise plans which have been adopted by other parishes. After discussion it was agreed that the current plan needed streamlining and given the limited number of volunteers in the parish, more onus should

be placed on the larger authorities to provide necessary support in times of emergency. With this in mind, it was agreed that Cllr Bright would review the plan and present back at the next meeting.

190717.17 Playing Field/Hard Court

Members received the inspection reports and noted the contents contained therein. It was agreed to accept the quotations for the weeding of the hard court area and fenced toddler area. It was also agreed to ask Richard to remove the overhang on the climbing wall and proceed with the coating of preservative. It was further agreed that he should replace the two end cover timbers. The other items highlighted on the report sheet should continue to be monitored.

190717.18 Operation London Bridge

It was noted that the Church has detailed plans in place for this event and that therefore no additional plans need to be made by the Parish Council other than what had already been agreed, i.e. that flowers can be laid around the Celtic Cross on the Triangle. It was agreed that it would not be necessary to overwrite the home page of the website with a black page carrying a portrait of the Queen.

190717.19 Highways & Footpaths

There were no new issues reported.

190717.20 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]

None.

190717.21 Correspondence

21.1 Members noted a request from the Rodean to use the power supply on the Triangle for their event on 18 August. The Parish Council had little knowledge about the supply other than it was put in to power the Christmas tree lights. The Rodean would therefore be using it at its own risk.

21.2 Members noted the date of the Strong Community Forum event on 10 October (10am-1.30pm) at Teignbridge District Council.

190717.22 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 18 September 2019 at 7.00pm.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9.04pm.

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Chairman

17 July 2019**Item 10:****Expenditure**

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
000516	Richard Grave	Safety checks (7 & 21 June)	£24
000517	S Hughes	Mileage - 1 PC and 2 cemetery meetings (£48.60) and ink (£14.71)	£63.31
000518	N Bygrave	Car park tidy, Brook Path cutting, 6 weeding visits Rodean	£385
000519	Dawlish Gardens Trust	Forget-me-Not garden – balance	£212.64
000520	HMRC	PAYE	£199.80
000521	P White	Fuel, strimmer chord, blower parts	£43.63
000522	Community Heartbeat Trust	New pads for Triangle defibrillator	£54
000523	Devon Partnership NHS Trust	Hanging baskets	£162
000524	C Thompson	Noticeboard keys	£12
Standing Orders	Salaries	June	£703.17

Income (13 June – 12 July 2019)

Date received	Received from	Details	Amount
27 June 2019	HMRC	VAT refunded from 2018-19	£585.31
9 & 10 July 2019	Cemetery fees	Cemetery fees	£2070

Bank Balance at 12 July 2019

Current account	£40,115.44
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