

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Victory Hall, Kenton on Wednesday 12 June 2019 at 7.00pm

Present

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

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), Peter White (Village Tidyman), District/County Cllr Connett, AJ Courtenay (Countess of Devon), Annette German (Dementia Friendly Village) and two members of the public.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

190612.01 Apologies for Absence

- PC Harvey & PCSO Ovrieu

190612.02 Open Forum

The Countess of Devon talked about the strong sense of community in Kenton which linked in with Powderham's core values a copy of which she distributed to members. She advised that she had met on the playing field with a group of interested people to discuss how the facilities at the field may be improved for the benefit of both the school and the community. She talked about the fact that PE time at the school is impacted as there is nowhere to store equipment and there are no toilets. She acknowledged that improvements to the field would need to be tackled in phases. Phase 1 would include regrading the field to make it safer and more usable. A reasonable quotation has been received for this. Ongoing maintenance could be shared between volunteers and Powderham sponsors. She asked for the thoughts of the Parish Council about the future of the field and future development of a new school on or near the site. Looking at possible development sites in Powderham's 100 year plan, the back field behind East Town Lane could become a school site. A questionnaire has been drafted by one of the parents to seek opinions.

The Chairman spoke on behalf of members in support of what was being said. The Parish Council supports the aspiration to have a new school built but that means an equivalent amount of land should also be provided for a community play area. The Parish Council would not want to lose the field as a public space. He also advised that Parish Council are only tenants of the field and have little say in its future use.

The Countess advised that the group is looking for a member of the Parish Council to represent the Parish Council on the group. She is also looking for administrative support.

Cllr Appleton acknowledged that the ultimate goal is a new school. However, the community will be looking for small changes, in the first instance, to improve the existing facility.

It was generally acknowledged that there are 3 separate projects – regrading the field, new toilet facilities and ultimately a new school.

Annette German representing Dementia Friendly Village has been approached by South Devon Healthcare Trust asking whether she would be interested in a project – Devon Digital Carers Project. She has been asked to create a website link to a series of videos, updated by junior

doctors, on a number of health issues. It will be free for two years after which it is hoped funding will be achieved so that it can continue. The Parish Council agreed to host the link on the home page of the website.

190612.03 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.

190612.04 Ratification of Minutes

Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 8 May 2019. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

190612.05 Police Report

Reported crimes from 06/05/19 – 09/06/19

Kenton (1 crime)

- Motor Vehicle Interference – Alarm went off on a parked and unattended vehicle at 0230hrs. No witnesses. NFA.

Powderham (2 crimes)

- Assault (ABH) – Domestic related. During a concert, male offender attacked partner when he saw her looking at other men. Minor injuries and victim unwilling to support police action. NFA.
- Assault (ABH) – During a concert, female offender assaulted another female who she believed was talking about her husband. Minor injuries. Investigation ongoing.

Other matters

Travellers have recently moved into the Dawlish area who have previously been involved in theft of metals as well as Trading Standard issues of overcharged gardening work. They have two Transit vans, one is a flat-bed style with wooden sides to the rear and 'Tree Services' in green lettering on the cab. The other is a silver Transit panel van.

Please report any suspicious persons/activities and record vehicle registration details if used. Please contact the police on 999 if the incident is happening there and then, or by 101 (emailing is quicker) if it is historic.

190612.06 District/County Councillor's Report

No report.

190612.07 Action List

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

190612.08 Village Tidyman Report

Peter White reported/observed as follows:

- There is a crack on the grave next to the shed. The digger was parked there recently.

- The new fence over in the corner by the bamboo has a gate access into the car park. A resident has asked whether permission was requested to KPC. Silver birch branch has been cut. It was agreed to check the tree survey against the tree number to establish if our contractor has carried out the work. It was also agreed to seek legal advice about the creation of the gate in the fence.
- The white stop lines need repainting outside the church and by the memorial
- Can the next weed kill include Brook Path and Vicarage Walk. Also the steps up from Brook Path? Members also acknowledged that these areas need strimming which Peter agreed to carry out.
- Steps going up from Brook Path are in need of repair. Weeds need strimming back. Peter agreed to carry this out.
- I have started to treat the cemetery shed
- Cherry tree on right hand side – established tree looks as though it might be dying.

190612.09 Delegate Reports

9.1 Dementia Friendly Village:

Cllr Blount reported that DFV Committee meeting times are changing so that more people are able to attend. The group is still looking for a new treasurer. In the meantime, Paul Harmsworth will continue remotely. There are still discussions between DFV and Kenton Village Allotments about the erection of a gazebo at the sensory garden. The next Reflections Café is on Saturday – there will be a session on chair yoga. They are going to arrange a pub quiz later in the year.

9.2 Community Forum:

Cllr Appleton advised that the Parish Council had already heard about plans for the field in the open forum. The playing field lease is being checked but it should have been transferred to the Osprey Learning Trust upon conversion with terms and conditions remaining unchanged.

9.3 Defibrillator:

Cllr Blount advised that the reserve pads in the Triangle defibrillator will need replacing in July.

190612.10 Finance and Governance

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

190612.11 Planning

11.1 New applications/appeals:

- 11.1.1 19/01099/CAN – 10 Ford Farm Court, Mamhead Road, Kenton
Fell one rowan tree and replace with a crab apple

Members had no objections to this application.

- 11.1.2 19/00920/FUL – Chi Restaurant and Bar, Fore Street, Kenton
Conversion of restaurant, bar and guest rooms to nine self-contained apartments together with provision of amenity space and parking

After discussion, it was agreed to object to this application for the following reasons:

- The original application was refused on appeal because of the lack of affordable housing. There is still no evidence of affordable housing.

Whilst, by nature of their size, the units are comparatively more affordable than other property in the parish, they are still not 'affordable' in the context of the planning system.

- Whilst there is an offer of money by the developer to TDC to contribute to affordable housing provision in the district, there is no guarantee that this will be used in Kenton. Kenton's emerging Neighbourhood Plan demonstrates the established need for affordable housing in Kenton itself and it was agreed that any proposed development should contribute to the need in Kenton and not just anywhere in the district

11.2 Decisions

None

11.3 TDC Planning Cafés

Cllrs Blount and Bright confirmed that they will attend the Planning Café in Exminster on Monday 8th July, 9.30am-12.30pm.

190612.12 Neighbourhood Plan

- 12.1 Members agreed to authorise the submission version of the Neighbourhood Plan to be submitted to Teignbridge District Council for examination
- 12.2 All grants have now been expended. Members therefore agreed in principle to fund the cost of any final revisions of the Kenton Neighbourhood Plan following TDC examination, revisions subsequent to submission to the independent examiner and publicity prior to a parish referendum.

190612.13 Kenton Cemetery

- 13.1 With funding now in place, members considered three quotations for the improvements to the paths at the cemetery. It was agreed to accept the quotation from Charles Geach at a cost of £6,402 + VAT
- 13.2 Members received and noted correspondence from a parishioner regarding freestanding items which have allegedly been stolen from the cemetery. Members agreed that this was regrettable but unfortunately all freestanding items are left in the cemetery at the owner's risk.

190612.14 Brook Path

Members received three quotations for improvements to Brook Path. It was noted that an application has been made for a grant from Rural Aid to part-fund the cost of this project and to agree funding of the balance. It was agreed to await the outcome of the Rural Aid application for a final decision is made.

190612.15 Parish Communication

Cllr Bright informed members of the alternative methods the Parish Council may use to improve communication with parishioners including What's App, Facebook and the traditional ways of communicating including the notice boards and newsletter.

Whilst the setting up of a Facebook page could easily be achieved, it was the ongoing management which needed to be further discussed. The Countess of Devon offered the help of Powderham's marketing assistant to advise Cllr Bright and help set up the page.

190612.16 Powderham Events 2019

It was reported that the Craig David event ran very well and no complaints has been received.

190612.17 Playing Field/Hard Court

Members received the inspection reports and noted the contents contained therein.

Members also received advice about the climbing wall overhang and a quotation for coating it with preservative. It was agreed to proceed with the preservative but they were not sure how to approach the overhang. It was agreed to hold this in abeyance. Members also received a quote to repair the gate. The clerk was asked to establish which gate it was as the entrance gate is the responsibility of the school rather than the Parish Council.

190612.18 Highways & Footpaths

Members noted that footpath 12 will be closed for three days during this year's Let's Rock music festival at Powderham.

It was agreed to ask the Estate to trim the hedges from the speed restriction signs to Style Farm as the footpaths along the road are narrow and dangerous.

Members advised that the fallen oak tree over the footpath which runs through the field at the back of Penhayes Road which is the responsibility of Powderham has not yet been removed. It was agreed to send a reminder to the Estate.

It was noted that permission had had been made by the owner of 3 Penhayes Close to replace their fencing which backs on to Brook Path. Members were happy for the fencing to be replaced.

190612.19 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.

190612.20 Correspondence

Members received correspondence from Rev John Williams about the Church's preparations for Operation London Bridge (i.e. the protocols in place on the death of HM The Queen). One of the actions which the Parish Council might also consider is overwriting the home page of the website with a black page carrying a portrait of the Queen. It was agreed to discuss the arrangements in more detail at the next meeting.

190612.21 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 17 July 2019 at 7.00pm.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9.06pm.

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Chairman

12 June 2019**Item 11:****Expenditure**

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
000507	Richard Grave	Repairs	£81.35
000508	S Hughes	Mileage	£16.20
000509	Peter Sandover	Neighbourhood Plan	£1452
000510	Community Heartbeat Trust	Defibrillator pads	£54
000511	Ronnie Richards Memorial Charity	Defibrillator pads	£51.60
000512	P White	Cuprinol and mower fuel	£25.22
000513	Ball Colegrave Ltd	Kenton in Bloom flowers and plants	£427.20
000514	C Thompson	Glue and brush	£6.72
000515	D Wilkie	Noticeboard lock repairs	£48
Standing Orders	Salaries	June	£703.37

Income (8 May – 12 June 2019)

Date received	Received from	Details	Amount
10 May 2019	TDC Rural Aid grant	Grant towards new bus shelters in South Town	£4000
13 May 2019	Joan West's memorial bench	Funds being held in PC account until required to purchase the bench	£961

Bank Balance at 12 June 2019

Current account	£40,373.59
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