

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Victory Hall, Kenton on Thursday 19 September 2019 at 7.00pm

Present

Cllrs D Blount (Chairman for this meeting), D Appleton, H Bright & R Feller (from item 4)

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk) and 16 members of the public.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

190919.01 Apologies for Absence

- Cllr Thompson
- County/District Cllr Connett
- Peter White
- Various apologies from those interested in being part of the Community Interest Group (item 2) but who were unable to come to the meeting this evening
- PC Harvey & PCSO Ovriou

190919.02 Community Right to Bid – The Dolphin Inn

- 2.1 Cllr Appleton informed those present that he had invited a representative from Pub is the Hub to the meeting but they were unable to attend this evening. He informed the meeting that Pub is the Hub will be a very useful resource; they are a small charity but its members have had a lot of experience dealing with this kind of thing under time constraints. A contact name and number will be passed to the group. After a discussion about the process, it was agreed to form a Community Interest Group made up of members of the community who have expressed an interest in being involved. The group will explore the opportunity to make a bid for The Dolphin Inn under the Community Right to Bid scheme. The community has until 20 December to make a bid or it can be sold on the open market.
- 2.2 It was agreed that David Smith would be appointed Chairman of the Group and Linda Shannon (who was not present at the meeting but who had expressed an interest in helping with the administration) could be asked to act as Secretary.
- 2.3 The Group agreed to meet on Tuesday 24 September at 7.00pm to discuss and agree the next steps.
- 2.4 The Clerk advised that Cllr Connett has offered a small grant of £300 from his locality budget to help with any initial costs.

190919.03 Open Forum

There were no comments from members of the public.

190919.04 Casual Vacancy

Members received an application from Rolf Feller to fill one of the casual vacancies. It was agreed to co-opt Mr Feller. He signed his Declaration of Interest which was witnessed by the clerk and joined the meeting.

190919.05 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.

190919.06 Ratification of Minutes

Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 17 July 2019. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

190919.07 Reports

7.1 Police Report

No report

7.2 District/County Councillor's Report

No report

7.3 Village Tidyman's Report

The following report was submitted:

- The road sign at the top of Warborough Hill needs repairing as it appears to have been hit by a vehicle. It was agreed to contact Highways.
- The gully feeding down from Butts Hill onto Mamhead Road is blocked by overgrown brambles and needs cutting back by machine as when it is raining, water flows out across the road. It was agreed to contact Highways.
- The KENTON sign approaching from Exeter is looking very sad and needs replacing. It was agreed that Cllr Blount would have a look at it with a view to cleaning it.
- Some more posts for the Triangle have been ordered as the existing ones are rotting out. These will be similar to those which were purchased in October last year.
- The blower has been serviced and a problem has been found and rectified.

7.4 Delegate Reports

7.4.1 Dementia Friendly Village

The Forget-me-Not garden has been formally opened by Cllr Connett and looks lovely. At the last Reflections Café they showed a musical. On Saturday there is a music quiz. The Royal Albert Memorial Museum have been asked to do some more talks. £150 has recently been raised from the pub quiz. The next Café is on Saturday.

7.4.2 Community Forum

No report.

7.4.3 Parish Communication

Cllr Bright has set up a Kenton Parish Council Facebook page and will post information on it on behalf of the Parish Council.

190919.08 Finance and Governance

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

190919.09 Planning

9.1 New applications/appeals:

- 9.1.1 19/01205/FUL – 1 Penhayes Road, Kenton
Single storey rear extension and first floor extension over existing garage

Members had no objections to this application.

- 9.1.2 19/01543/OUT – Shambles, Fore Street, Kenton
Outline – three dwellings (all matters reserved for future consideration)

Members agreed to object on the following grounds:

As the application is for Outline permission only there is no detail on the design and construction materials that would be used. The location is in the heart of the village and the Parish Council would expect the proposals to be in keeping but at this stage it has no option but to object due to lack of detail.

Access is proposed for the three dwellings from the main road. This is highly unsuitable as it is a busy junction onto the A379 and has a pedestrian crossing in the location proposed. A safe entrance cannot be achieved.

Parking is a major problem in the village, as highlighted in Kenton's emerging Neighbourhood Plan and currently, due to the outline nature, it is not clear that the parking identified is adequate for probably six cars. The use of the village car park (owned and maintained by the Parish Council) is not a replacement for providing this requirement as it is already at capacity.

Kenton's emerging Neighbourhood Plan highlights the requirement for affordable housing. It is not clear how this proposal satisfies this requirement.

- 9.1.3 19/01562/LBC – Kenton Primary School
Repair render at first floor level on north elevation

Members had no objections to this application.

9.2 Decisions

- 9.2.1 19/01148/FUL – 17 Lumley Close, Kenton
Extension to existing garage and associated external works

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

- 9.2.2 19/01103/FUL – Willsworthy Farm, Kenton
Riding Arena including levelling of land

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

- 9.2.3 19/01167/FUL – 16 Bramley Close, Kenton
Replace existing tile hung areas with cement board to north, east and south elevations

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

9.2.4 18/00254/FUL – Land adjoining Oxton Mere Barn, Kenton
Erection of a dwelling

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

9.3 **Planning Cafés**

Members received an invitation to attend Planning Cafes in September. Cllr Blount agreed to attend the Café in Exminster on 24 September.

190919.10 Neighbourhood Plan

Members were informed that they were still in TDC's consultation phase and a response is not expected until the end of the month. An independent examiner has been nominated from a panel sent to the Steering Group and they are awaiting her confirmation.

190919.11 Playing Field/Hard Court

11.1 Cllr Appleton reported that KPSA still intends to level and remark the field. He advised that he has been approached by KPSA about storing equipment at the hard court and the provision of a changing room. They have also suggested using a timed lock on the gate. It was agreed to defer any further discussion on this until a formal proposal was put before the Council. However, it was suggested that if the school intend to use the hard court on a regular basis, the introduction of a fee towards its upkeep should be considered.

11.2 Members received the inspection reports and noted the contents contained therein. It was agreed to accept quotations to remove the tip branches from the cherry tree adjacent to the toddler area and to tighten the top chain hangers of the swings in the junior area – total cost £15. It was also agreed to accept the suggestion to cut off the loose climbing wall holds and source and fix replacements.

190919.12 Kenton Cemetery Footpath Improvements

The Chairman has asked Powderham whether stone arising from the resurfacing of the paths can be deposited on the Estate's adjoining track. Powderham has no objection to this on the basis that all stone is spread and compacted into potholes on a daily basis to ensure the track remains passable. Furthermore, that only stone, no soil, is deposited on the track to ensure that only a hard, usable surface is left. Should there be any soil or other material arising from the works another means of disposal will be required.

The Allotment Association is happy to have the new stone off-loaded in the allotment car park, anywhere along the border with the far hedge.

A start date is now awaited and the clerk will follow this up with the contractor in the hope that works can be completed before Christmas.

190919.13 Brook Path Improvements

The clerk advised members that the Council is awaiting a start date from the contractor. When a date is confirmed, notices will be placed at both ends of the path and letters sent to properties which will be affected by the works.

190919.14 Highways & Footpaths

Members discussed an email from Cllr Connett who has been contacted by residents of Torrington Place concerned about the increasing frequency of vehicles going the wrong way down the road to exit onto the A379. It was noted that some of the signage is obscured and members supported the request that Highways cuts back the trees and vegetation to improve

visibility. The suggestion to install a 'no right turn' opposite the entrance to the Old Vicarage was also supported.

Cllr Connett has also been asked by residents if Torrington Place could be made one way along its entire length. This would overcome any uncertainty about the direction of travel for vehicles and would not cause any significant inconvenience to existing residents. Members discussed the suggestion and it was agreed that this is a sensible proposal which they would support.

190919.15 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 Appleton requested that, at some point, the Parish Council should consider its position on climate change and how it can contribute positively to the climate emergency.

190919.16 Correspondence

16.1 Members received and noted a letter from the Leader of TDC, Cllr Gordon Hook.

16.2 Members received an invitation to a drinks reception at Powderham Castle on 18 October at 1.30pm to celebrate the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding Agreement between University of Exeter and Powderham Castle.

16.3 Powderham's agent has advised that the new allotments lease is almost completed.

190919.17 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 9 October 2019 at 7.00pm.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8.35pm.

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Chairman

19 September 2019**Item 8:****Expenditure**

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
Online	Richard Grave	Safety checks (July & August) + works already approved	£206.33
000526	S Hughes	Mileage - 2 PC meetings	£32.40
000527	N Bygrave	Cemetery yew tree pruning Car park/Brook Path/Rodean Tidy and Maintenance	£245 + £265
000528	Powderham Estate	Half yearly rental of Kenton Allotments	£500
000529	PKF Littlejohn	Limited Assurance Review of PC accounts	£240
000530	Fine Memorials	Refund – fee already paid by customer	£100
000531	P White	Mower fuel; blower service; oak posts	£93.14
Online	Teignbridge District Council	Recharge for Parish Election 2/5/19	£156.65
Standing Orders	Salaries	July & August	£1406.74

Income (13 July – 12 September 2019)

Date received	Received from	Details	Amount
18 July 2019	Kenton in Bloom	Hanging baskets	£356
18 July 2019	Cemetery fees	Cemetery fees	£120
31 July 2019	Cemetery fees	Cemetery fees	£570
9 September 2019	DCC	Grant from Cllr Connett's locality budget towards improvements to Brook Path	£1000

Bank Balance at 12 September 2019

Current account	£39,441.47
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