

# KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 9th April 2025

**Present:** 6 Parish Councillors (Cllr D Blount, A Bryant, R Calderwood, K Savill, S Godwin & H Bright), County Cllr Connett and 9 members of the public.

**Clerk:** Suzanna Hughes

**The meeting was chaired by Cllr David Blount (Chair of the Parish Council).**

### **APM250409.01      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- Cllr Hare
- Robert O'Neill

### **APM250409.02      CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman outlined projects which the Council has been involved in over the past year:

Brook Path has now been rebuilt and reinstated. Thank you to DCC and County Cllr Connett for enabling this work to take place.

The floods of September 2023 have led to the formation of new groups within the village who have been working extremely hard since. The Kenton Flood Prevention Group (formed to look at the bigger and longer-term picture of flood prevention in the village) and the Red Barrows (who have been doing odd jobs around the village including clearing gullies, collecting sandbags etc).

Kenton Nature and Green Spaces has also formed and has been doing some wonderful work around the cemetery and Harmony Meadow. They have also made a start on the community garden.

### **APM250409.03      OPEN FORUM AND QUESTIONS**

A resident sought clarification about how flooding is going to be prevented in the future. The Chair advised that this was one of the tasks of Kenton Flood Prevention Group. A volunteer Flood Warden has also been appointed and he monitors the gullies and drains and also sits as a member of the Flood Prevention Group. The group has been liaising with Powderham about potential preventative measures and some work has been done around the old school building to see what can be done to prevent water entering these premises. An official report from DCC is also anticipated. As was reported in March's meeting, Devon County Council has been working on the 'flood modelling' for the whole catchment to help decide next steps.

A question was asked whether any progress had been made re repairs to the wall adjacent to Parsons Walk. The Chair advised that this was not in the ownership of the Parish Council but, despite this, it had tried to establish responsibility. Devon County Council and Teignbridge District Council have both denied responsibility; there has been no response from the Church. It is a worry and if the wall collapses the path will have to be closed.

A resident commented that it was nice to see that the pavement on Kenton Hill has been cleared of debris. The Chair advised that this was the work of the Red Barrows. They were thanked for their efforts.

The Chair advised that the authorities have cut back the foliage on Slittercombe Lane which is a big improvement.

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The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.15pm.

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Cllr D Blount  
Chairman