

**KENTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council**  
**held at Victory Hall, Kenton on**  
**Wednesday 11 April 2018 at 7.00pm**

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**Present**

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

**Also present**

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), District/County Cllr Connett, Peter White and one member of the public.

**The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.**

**180411.01 Apologies for Absence**

- Cllr Hutchings
- PC Rob Harvey & PCSO Adrian Ovreiu

**180411.02 Open Forum**

A member of the public informed the Parish Council that they had heard a rumour that a mobile phone mast is going on the church. No further details were known.

**180411.03 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.

Cllr Thompson declared an interest item 11.1.1.

**180411.04 Ratification of Minutes**

Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 March 2018. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**180411.05 Police Report**

**Kenton (1 crime)**

- Theft from motor vehicle – Front number plate stolen from parked car overnight. Victim believes it couldn't have fallen off. NFA.

**Powderham (0 crimes)**

**Other matters**

A few things to be aware of. Gardening service scams, people looking for scrap metal, people targeting other white vans for power tools and finally a current telephone scam:

There are currently two different groups of 'white van' types scouring both counties either for scrap metal or offering to carry out gardening work.

The gardening group are from the travelling community and are generally of Irish decent. They were seen on Monday in Netherton and Shaldon driving slowly around and approached one garage owner asking if he had any old car batteries that he didn't want. The vehicle he was driving was a white Ford Transit flat-bed/pick-up style van with tall wooden sides to the rear and a pile of garden clippings inside. It had 'TREE SERVICES' in green lettering on the front.

Please be wary if approached by them and they offer to carry out gardening services as they often quote

a low price and then bump it up later. They generally target elderly residents, so please check up on any friends/relatives/neighbours that you feel may fall prey to such scams over the coming months.

The other group are the Romanian males who travel down from up country and again drive slowly around streets looking for any scrap metal etc. They generally don't offer to carry out gardening services. It is suspected that they are also responsible for targeting other vans for power tools.

Please report any suspicious activities, people or vehicles, taking time to write down vehicle registrations and inform the police as it is happening, as opposed to a day or so after. Don't be afraid to use the 999 number if it's appropriate.

#### False claims of Telephone Preference Service

Fraudsters are cold-calling victims, falsely stating that they are calling from one of the well-known UK telecommunication service providers. They call victims claiming to provide a 'Telephone Preference Service' - an enhanced call-barring service, which includes barring international call centres.

The fraudsters ask victims to confirm/provide their bank account details, informing them that there is a one-off charge for the service. Victims instead see monthly debits deducted from their accounts, which they have not authorised. The fraudsters often target elderly victims.

In all instances, direct debits are set up without following proper procedure. The victim is not sent written confirmation of the direct debit instruction, which is supposed to be sent within three days.

On occasions when victims attempted to call back, the telephone number provided by the fraudster was either unable to be reached or the victim's direct debit cancellation request was refused.

During 2017, there were 493 Action Fraud Reports relating to this fraud.

#### Protect yourself:

There is only one Telephone Preference Service (TPS). The TPS is the only official UK 'do-not-call' register for opting out of live telesales calls. It is FREE to sign-up to the register. TPS never charge for registration. You can register for this service at <http://www.tpsonline.org.uk>.

You will receive postal confirmation of genuine direct debits. If you notice unauthorised payments leaving your account, you should contact your bank promptly.

Always be wary of providing personal information, or confirming that personal information the caller already claims to hold is correct. Always be certain that you know who you talking to. If in doubt hang up immediately.

If you have been affected by this, or any other type of fraud, report it to Action Fraud by visiting [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

#### **180411.06 District/County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Connett reported as follows:

- Highways has approved a £91,000 budget for resurfacing at Exeter Hill. This will be undertaken during this financial year.
- TDC is reviewing its Local Plan. The period of consultation opens on 21 May. A new category, 'major village', is being introduced. Starcross is being proposed (on the basis that it has a GP surgery). Kenton will remain as a 'village'. There is an indication that Teignbridge needs more housing (increase to 760 per year). There is no significant implication for Kenton. Consideration is being given to a new 'garden village' with up to 10,000 homes. The Greater Exeter Strategic Partnership is developing its Local Plan. This will take precedent over the Teignbridge Local Plan.

### **180411.07 Action List Report**

Members reviewed the action list and noted outstanding actions.

### **180411.08 Village Tidyman Report**

Peter White made the following observations:

- The lych gate is now complete
- Some of the white lines around the village need repainting as they are fading (e.g. outside the church/Triangle). Cllr Connett offered to raise this with Highways.
- The lock on the sandbag store has broken. Members were happy for Peter to purchase a replacement lock.
- There is a white van that has been parked in the car park backing onto the stream for over 3 weeks. It was agreed that a letter should be written and placed on the vehicle advising the owner of the rules of the car park (i.e. maximum stay 72 hours) and to make alternative arrangements.

### **180411.09 Delegate Reports**

#### **9.1 Dementia Friendly Village:**

Cllr Blount reported that the Reflections Café will be meeting on 21 April at which they will be reflecting on the centenary of the RAF. A craft corner has been set up. An IT corner will also be created for those interested to learn basic IT skills. The sensory garden will be called The Forget-me-Not garden. Annette German has met with Sue Craythorne, John Castle and Devon Gardens Trust to discuss planning and maintenance of the garden etc.

#### **9.2 Friends of the Field/Community Forum:**

No report.

#### **9.3 Local Listings Project:**

There was no update.

#### **9.4 Powderham Events meeting:**

Cllr Blount reported that he and Cllr Hutchings had attended this meeting along with 3 members of Starcross Parish Council. The event on 29 September (Yonder) is now not going ahead. Toilets will be sited in the village car park during the Tom Jones and Lets Rock events. The number of stewards will be supplemented by Powderham (x15). They will be available after the event as well to help prevent the gridlock in the centre of the village. Powderham will be arranging with TDC to have additional bins in Kenton and Starcross car parks, Painters Lane and outside shops. Litter pickers will also be employed by Powderham. The stage at the Lets Rock concert will close at 12.30am, however the drinks and food vans will remain open until after the event. With regard to transport, Powderham hopes to arrange out of schedule GWR trains. Members thanked Cllrs Blount and Hutchings for attending the meeting. It was noted that attendance at this public meeting was low because Powderham had not advertised it sufficiently and that the request to RSVP may have put people off from attending.

It was agreed to request a meeting with Starcross Parish Council to agree how this years' events are monitored.

#### **9.5 Settlement Boundary Review Workshop:**

The Chairman reported that he had attended this workshop on 10 April. The boundaries have not been reviewed in the last 20 years. Various areas have been identified in Kenton to be included within the boundary. Various areas have been identified for inclusion within Kenton's settlement boundary including the area around Penhayes Lodge; Penhayes Grange and hospital, Warborough Cottage (garden to be added); Mardam Court; East Town Farm House; parts of Higher Down and properties on Butts Hill. As part of the consultation process, which runs from 21 May – 6 July, Teignbridge District Council is hosting a series of roadshows so that members of the public can find out more. The closest to Kenton will be in Exminster on 15 June.

**180411.10 Finance and Governance**

Invoices for payment - it was agreed unanimously that the payments, as listed in the supporting documents (attached), be approved and cheques signed.

**180411.11 Planning**

**11.1 New applications:**

**11.1.1 18/00695/FUL – Treetops, Witcombe Lane, Kenton**

Single storey extension

*Having declared an interest in this item, Cllr Thompson left the meeting for this item. Cllr Randall took the Chair.*

Members had no objections to this application. However, it was agreed to suggest that, should the application be approved, it is conditional on the new window having obscure glass so as to protect against loss of privacy.

**11.1.2 18/00606/FUL & 18/00607/LBC – 4 Church Street, Kenton**

Replacement single storey rear extension and internal refurbishment of the cottage

Members agreed to support this application.

**11.2 Decisions:**

**11.2.1 18/00194/FUL – Oak Farm, Kenton**

New biomass building with bat migration area

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission

**11.2.2 17/02646/FUL – Nikki’s Hairdressing, Church Street, Kenton**

Change of use from hairdressing salon (Use Class A1) to a ground floor flat

Members noted that TDC has refused to grant planning permission

**180411.12 Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chairman reported that the Steering Group has agreed to appoint a consultant, Peter Sandford, to complete the work. He attended a meeting on 4 April at which he presented his ideas. The Group has asked him to provide a schedule of work, estimates and details of the contributions expected of the Steering Group. An application for a grant has been submitted. Maps have been requested from TDC to map green spaces and significant views. The Group is working on incorporating the Character Assessment of 2010. It is hoped to have this work completed by 30 September.

**180411.13 Car Park**

Members received a request to site a carton/paper cup recycling bank in the car park. After discussion, it was agreed that due to lack of space, another recycling bank could not be accommodated in the car park. It was agreed to put forward Starcross as a possible site.

**180411.14 Rural Aid**

Members gave consideration to projects which could benefit from Rural Aid funding. After discussion, it was agreed to make an application towards the cost of replacing the bus shelters in South Town. The Chairman agreed to look at style/design and source quotations.

**180411.15 Playing Field/Hard Court**

Members received and noted the play area inspection reports from Richard Grave. Members also received proposals for additional works. It was agreed to accept the quote for the repair of the gate for £14 and to reattach the planking in the hard court at no cost.

**180411.16 Highways and Footpaths**

16.1 Members received and noted details of the proposed repairs to stabilise the watercourse wall on Brook Path. Further details would be provided once a contractor has been appointed.

16.2 Members received a report from the Parish Paths Co-ordinator, Sue Craythorne. Despite the very wet spell of weather, the Brook path through to the parish boundary has not experienced severe flooding as in the past. It appears that the river dredging carried out by the Powderham estate has been effective. Although very muddy and with puddles, requiring wellington boots, the path has remained passable. All other public footpaths are muddy, but passable. She encourages all parishioners to report problems with public footpaths around the parish. Local walkers are encouraged to take secateurs out with them, as the brambles will once again begin to grow and overhang some of the footpaths.

16.3 Members raised the issue of blocked drains and asked that they are reported to Highways, namely those located at the entrance of Penhayes, South Town (opposite The Old Jail House), outside Kenton View, 1 Church Street, Shallisam, Rodean and Ford Farm Court.

**180411.17 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 requested that the Local Plan consultation is included in June's agenda.

**180411.18 Correspondence**

None.

**180411.19 Date of Next Meeting**

- Annual Parish Meeting – 9 May 2018 at 7.00pm
- May Parish Council meeting (Annual Meeting of the Council) – 7.30pm

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8.50pm.

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**Chairman**

**11 April 2018****Item 10:****Expenditure**

<b>Cheque no</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
000428	S Hughes	Mileage & ink	£35.83
000429	HMRC	PAYE	£171.80
000430	Richard Grave	Playing field inspection (March)	£12
000431	Simon Lord	Cemetery lych gate repairs	£3280
000432	DALC	GDPR training	£48
Standing Order	Payroll	Salaries (March)	£648.22
To be taken from the first instalment of the precept	DALC	Annual subscription	£255.75

**Income (9 March – 6 April 2018)**

<b>Date received</b>	<b>Received from</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
9 March 2018	Kenton Village Allotments	Half year rental	£375
14 March 2018	TDC	Elector Fund	£970
29 March 2018	Cemetery fees	Cemetery fees	£225

**Bank Balance at 6 April 2018**

<b>Current account</b>	£31,646.27
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