

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Victory Hall, Kenton on Wednesday 14 November 2018 at 7.00pm

Present

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

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), County/District Cllr Connett, PC Harvey and one member of the public

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

181114.01 Resignation & Apologies for Absence

Members received the resignation of Cllr Hutchings.

Apologies were received from:

- Peter White

181114.02 Open Forum

A question was asked as to whether there has been any progress in establishing what is happening with the Millennium hedge. The clerk advised that there was no update.

181114.03 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.

All members declared an interest in item 181114.10.2 as council tax payers in the parish. All members had already been granted a dispensation in December 2015.

181114.04 Ratification of Minutes

Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 October 2018. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

181114.05 Police Report

Reported crimes from 11/10/18 – 14/11/18

Kenton (3 crimes)

- Common Assault x2 – Allegation of minor common assaults on two children by a parent over the course of one year. Under investigation.
- Theft – Copper piping stolen from a plastic container situated in a garden. No CCTV or witnesses.

Powderham (0 crimes)

Other matters

We're still looking for volunteers to join our Community Speed Watch team. If you would like to become a police volunteer, or know someone else who might then please contact me using my email address below.

181114.06 District/County Councillor's Report

Cllr Connett advised that he has noticed that a large pothole has developed in Church Street near the Rodean which he has reported to DCC.

181114.07 Village Tidyman Report

Peter White was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following observations:

How long are the big poppies and crosses to stay and who is going to remove them? Cllr Blount offered to contact the RBL about the poppies and it was believed that the school were responsible for the crosses on the Triangle.

Oak posts have been sourced for the Triangle. The second one has been replaced but the original cement needs to be removed. Some spare future posts are up in the cemetery shed.

TDC has not lorry swept Witcombe Lane between Pitt Hill and Butts Hill also Pitt Hill itself on the last three occasions. This needs to be followed up as soil and rubbish has fallen onto road from hedge and banks.

A branch needs to be removed on TDC land which is obscuring street light Number 2 by the footbridge in Peartree Close. Local residents have previously complained to TDC but there has been no action. Cllr Connett offered to follow this up with TDC.

A quote for £248 has been received to supply and replace the rusty posts for the car park sign. It was agreed to accept the quotation.

181114.08 Action List

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

181114.09 Delegate Reports

9.1 Dementia Friendly Village:

Cllr Blount advised that Dawlish Gardens Trust have been working on the Millennium Garden. There will be a collage session at the next Reflections Café and plans are being made for the Christmas sessions. New members have joined from Cockwood and Starcross.

9.2 Friends of the Field/Community Forum:

Cllr Appleton reported that the school is having a celebration of 200 years in that building on Wednesday 21 November 2.30-4.30pm.

9.3 Local Listings Project:

Ann Bond advised that she had received correspondence from Maureen Pearce, TDC, asking how the project was progressing. Ann replied that it was in abeyance at the moment awaiting information from TDC about the policy and whether it had been adopted yet.

181114.10 Finance and Governance

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

10.2 Members received suggestions for the 2019/20 budget. It was noted that the Council Tax Support grant has been withdrawn. In this financial year, this was worth £410 to Kenton Parish Council. It was agreed that members would give their consideration to the proposals for further discussion and agreement in January's meeting.

181114.11 Planning

11.1 **New applications/appeals**

18/02287/LBC - Powderham Country Store, Powderham Estate, Powderham
Conversion of derelict barn space to veterinary practice and provision of signage

Members had no objections to this application.

11.2 **Decisions**

There were no decisions to report.

- 181114.12 Neighbourhood Plan**
Members received a copy of the draft Neighbourhood Plan. Before submitting the plan to the local planning authority, there is a requirement under Regulation 14 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, to consult with the public. There are a few minor changes (maps and photos) to be made but, in essence, the draft, as presented, will be what is consulted on. Once it has gone out for consultation, the Steering Group will review any comments, agree changes and then move to next step (Regulation 15) which will be a yes or no from TDC as to whether they accept it. If accepted it will then go to the independent adjudicator. Members agreed to give their formal approval to the draft plan.
- Members offered their thanks to Sue Craythorne and the Chairman for all their work.
- The next meeting will be on 5 December at which they will receive informal comments from TDC. David Kiernan, TDC, will be in attendance. They will also discuss arrangements for consultation around the village.
- 181114.13 Communities Together Fund**
After discussion, it was agreed to make an application to this fund to help with the cost of replacing the bus shelters in South Town.
- 181114.14 Emergency Plan**
Members reviewed the Emergency Plan and agreed that it required redrafting so as to be less intense. It was agreed to look at examples of plans adopted by other similar sized parishes.
- 181114.15 Kenton Village Allotments**
Members received a response from Powderham's agent to the questions raised in September's meeting and agreed to accept a staged rent increase over the first 5 years. Members also confirmed that it wished to keep legal costs to a minimum which the agent confirmed could be achieved by working on a time basis.
- It was agreed to write to the Allotment Association and inform it that the rent payable to the Parish Council will be increasing from £750 to £975 to reflect the increase being imposed by Powderham. The Parish Council will continue to subsidise the rent by 25%.
- 181114.16 Village Maintenance**
It was agreed to advertise the village maintenance contract for 2019 on the noticeboards and on the village Facebook page giving one month to submit tenders to the clerk. The existing contractor will also be invited to submit a quotation.
- 181114.17 Trees**
The trees for which the Parish Council is responsible are being surveyed on 12 December. It was noted that the trees on Brook Path belong to the adjoining properties and are therefore not the responsibility of the Parish Council. Cllr Appleton agreed to liaise with the contractor about the survey.
- 181114.18 Bus Shelters**
Cllr Blount offered to research options and costs for new shelters in South Town.
- 181114.18 Playing Field/Hard Court**
Members received the inspection reports and noted the contents contained therein.
- Cllr Appleton – noted that the quality of the grass is poor and will speak to the school at the next Community Forum.
- 181114.20 Highways & Footpaths**
No report.
- 181114.21 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 Cowell suggested that, with the Parish Council elections coming up in May, the Parish Council should give thought to succession planning. It was agreed to put something in the newsletter explaining the role of the Parish Council and encouraging people to stand.

181114.22 Correspondence

None.

181114.23 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 9 January 2019 at 7.00pm in Victory Hall.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8.55pm.

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Chairman

14 November 2018**Item 10:****Expenditure**

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
000465	S Hughes	Mileage + Land Registry search	£35.40
000466	Richard Grave	Play area inspections (Oct) + clearing weeds from hard court	£36
000467	Peter Sandover	Neighbourhood Plan Consultancy	£809.75
000468	Parish Online	Subscription (giving access to maps for Neighbourhood Plan)	£120
000469	Neil Bygrave	Rodean clearance/East Town Lane	£370
000470	P White	Mower fuel; 4 x posts for Triangle	£60.28
000471	S Bradford	Tree work	£25
Direct Debit	ICO	Data Protection Licence renewal	£35
Standing Orders	Salaries	November	£678.01

Income (6 October – 1 November 2018)

Date received	Received from	Details	Amount
None			

Bank Balance at 1 November 2018

Current account	£44,394.42
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