

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Victory Hall, Kenton on Wednesday 10 April 2019 at 7.00pm

Present

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

Also present

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

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

190410.01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr Randall
- Peter White
- PC Harvey & PCSO Ovrieu

190410.02 Open Forum

There were no comments from members of the public.

190410.03 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.

There were no declarations of interests or requests for dispensation.

190410.04 Ratification of Minutes

Members present received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 March 2019. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

190410.05 Police Report

Reported crimes from 14/03/19 – 08/04/19

Kenton (1 crime)

- Common Assault – Parent on unruly child. Minor in nature, causing no visible injury but deemed unsuitable/disproportionate. Words of advice issued and outside agencies involved. NFA.

Powderham (2 crimes)

- Theft from Vehicle – Insecure and unattended works vehicle entered and power tool stolen. No witnesses or CCTV. NFA
- Burglary – Outboard engine and control panel removed and stolen from boat at yacht club. Damaged caused to wire fence owned by Network Rail to gain entry. No witnesses or CCTV. NFA.

Other matters

This is the time of year that sheds and outboard engines are targeted by thieves. We've had a series of breaks to sheds in the Teignmouth and Newton Abbot areas with one person arrested.

Please avoid leaving valuable power tools or gardening equipment unattended wherever possible.

Record serial numbers of such items and use a UV pen to property mark them with your postcode (eg **TQ14 9FN Te** = the postcode for Teignmouth police station + the first two letters or numbers of the address).

Consider some sort of shed alarm if your shed isn't out in the middle of nowhere and register valuable electrical items and power/garden tools on the website www.immobilise.com which also gives advice on other security measures.

For outboard engines consider fitting a tracking device, record the engine serial number and property mark and use the Immobilise website. We've had thefts of engines recently in many areas so be on the look out and take suitable steps to protect your valuable property.

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.

The Community Speed Watch Team is in need of volunteers and is in danger of folding without support. If you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a Police Volunteer then please ask them to contact me either by email or by ringing 101 and leaving a message for me.

190410.06 District/County Councillor's Report

Cllr Connett reported that he continues to receive complaints about large vehicles using Mamhead Road. These have been forwarded to DCC together with photographs. He suggested that the new council also makes representations to DCC to strengthen the case for signage to prevent large vehicles from using this road.

The A379 has been resurfaced in part and the drainage in the centre has been sorted. The double yellow lines by the Rodean are still to be painted. Patching works are being done.

With regard to local flytipping, Cllr Connett advised that people who use unauthorised contractors will be treated in the same way as the flytipper.

He has received positive comments about the new bus shelters but also some comments about the orientation of them. Councillors explained that health and safety regulations had dictated this.

Double yellow lines have been requested at Higher Down and will be considered for inclusion in next year's programme of works.

Cllr Blount reported that the workmanship which had recently been carried out on East Town Lane/Slittercombe Lane was very poor and asked if Cllr Connett could take this up with Highways. It was also noted that the anti-skid strips have not yet been done following the resurfacing works. Cllr Connett offered to find out when they would be done.

190410.07 Village Tidyman Report

Peter White was not present at the meeting but submitted the following written observations:

- I have now obtained padlock for car park store. Members agreed the new code which will relayed to Peter.
- Triangle trees have been pruned by contractor
- I am hearing many complaints re the rooks in the Car Park re mess on cars. This year there are 16 nests (the most ever). Can the Parish Council consider lowering the height more than last time? Members agreed that no action could be taken during the nesting season.
- I have reported to the Chair some damage to a headstone which has been cracked in two places. This is located adjacent to a recent internment where a mini digger was used. The clerk agreed to make some enquiries.
- The new bus shelters have been installed.

- 190410.08 Action List**
Members reviewed the action list and noted outstanding actions not otherwise on this agenda.
- 190410.09 Delegate Reports**
- 9.1 Dementia Friendly Village:
Cllr Blount reported that the Treasurer of DFV is moving away and they are in need of a new treasurer. Hedging has been planted on the Forget-Me-Not garden; the ground has been turned over and is ready to plant. A generous donation of £120 has been received towards some plants. DFV will be having a stall at the Primary School fete at which they will be hoping to encourage new members. They will also be making a scarecrow which will be on display in the church. They will be getting in touch with the school about the inter-generational pen pal activity. The next Reflections Café is on 20 April at which they be doing self-portraits and Easter bonnets.
- 9.2 Friends of the Field/Community Forum:
Cllr Appleton reported that the school is still trying to academise with Teignmouth Community School. It is being held up because the school is owned by the Church who are reviewing the lease and he rent.
- 9.3 Planning Café:
Cllr Blount informed members that he had attended the Planning Café in Kenton which had been arranged by TDC's Spatial Planning. There will be a dedicated section on TDC's website.
- 190410.10 Finance and Governance**
- 10.1 Members received the invoices for payment and it was agreed unanimously that the payments as listed in the supporting documents (attached) be approved and cheques signed.
- 10.2 Members considered a request for the Parish Council to temporarily hold the funds raised for Joan West's memorial bench. This was agreed. Ann Bond will meet with the Chair to discuss an appropriate location.
- 190410.11 Neighbourhood Plan**
The Chairman advised that they have come to the end of the public consultation period. During that time, there were four drop-in events. Some interesting feedback had been received and 16 emailed comments including a very detailed from Powderham. A short meeting has been held with the consultant to go through TDC's informal comments which were detailed and helpful. He has given the group priorities to focus on for the next meeting when everything will be looked at. This will lead to the formal draft plan and the process will ultimately lead to the referendum.
- 190410.12 Powderham Events**
Members discussed the events which were planned for 2019 and noted that they had not been briefed by Powderham about the traffic management plans. Of particular concern are the Craig David, Let's Rock and Tunes in the Castle events.
- It was agreed that the clerk should contact Powderham and ask about their arrangements.
- 190410.13 Rural Aid**
Members were informed that the deadline for applications for Rural Aid is 31 May. It was agreed that an application is made towards the cost of improving the surface of Brook Path from Slittercombe Bridge to the little bridge at Peartree Close (200-300m).
- 190410.14 Playing Field/Hard Court**
Members received the inspection reports and noted the contents contained therein. Members also accepted a quote of £45 to clear the bottles cans and leaves from the seating area between the changing rooms and to cut up and dispose of the fallen tree near the timber trail.
- 190410.15 Tree Adjacent to Path next to All Saints Church**
Members discussed the location of the tree which may require attention. It was agreed that it is the last tree on the right which is pushing the wall out and has an overhanging beam. The tree is one the drive of All Saints House (new vicarage land).

190410.16 Highways & Footpaths

There were no issues reported.

190410.17 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]

None.

190410.18 Correspondence

None.

190410.19 Date of Next Meetings

The date of the first meeting of the new Council will be held on 8 May 2019 at 7.00pm.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8.35pm.

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Chairman

10 April 2019**Item 10:****Expenditure**

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
000493	S Hughes	Mileage (1 PC meeting; 1 meeting in cemetery)	£32.40
000494	Richard Grave	Play area inspection	£12.00
000495	Dawlish Gardens Trust	Sensory garden	£975
000496	David Wilkie	Repairs to noticeboard lock	£48
000497	HMRC	PAYE	£188.60
000498	P White	Mower fuel and padlock	£22.79
000499	Dart Forest Tree Works	Tree work	£474
Taken out of 1 st instalment of precept	DALC	Membership fee	£261.07
Standing Orders	Salaries	April	£702.87

Income (8 March – 5 April 2019)

Date received	Received from	Details	Amount
18 March	Kenton Village Allotments	Half yearly rental	£375

Bank Balance at 5 April 2019

Current account	£39,149.41
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