

# KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at Victory Hall, Kenton on Wednesday 12 February 2020 at 7.00pm

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### Present

Cllr Thompson (Chairman), D Appleton, D Blount, H Bright, G Dare (from item 2) & R Feller

### Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), County/District Cllr Connett, two representatives from Airband and five members of the public.

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

### 200212.01 Apologies for Absence

- Peter White (Village Tidyman)
- PC Harvey and PCSO Ovreiu

### 200212.02 Co-option

Members received an application from Graham Dare to join the Parish Council as a co-opted member. Having confirmed his eligibility, it was agreed to co-opt Mr Dare. He completed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by the clerk, and joined the meeting.

### 200212.03 Open Forum

#### 3.1 Presentation from Airband

A presentation was received from Airband who are proposing to bring fibre direct to Kenton. This will be funded using the Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme. The amount of funding will depend on the demand - Airband indicated that they would need a commitment from around 50 properties for it to be viable. The process from marketing to service delivery can typically take 120 days. They will start the process by holding a community meeting. There will be a special offer available on the night which will include free installation, free router, free Apple TV+ and a 30 day cooling off period from installation. No payment will be required on the night. A leaflet has been produced and will be sent to all properties in the parish.

3.2 A resident commented on the shocking state of the road outside Victory Hall and in South Town. Cllr Connett advised that there are three issues which he has taken up with Highways: the ordinary pothole on the hill outside Victory Hall, the patching outside Victory Hall and the pothole between the traffic lights in South Town. The latter will probably mean a road closure.

### 200212.04 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.

Cllr Appleton declared an interest in item 10 as an allotment holder.

### 200212.05 Ratification of Minutes

Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 16 January 2020.

Cllr Blount comment on minute 5.4.2 and confirmed that whilst he sends a monthly report to the Ambulance Service, he also checks the defibrillators each week.

It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

## **200212.06 Reports**

### **6.1 Police Report**

Reported crimes from 17/01/20 – 10/2/20:

- Assault by Beating – Domestic related. Wife attacked husband during an argument causing minor injury. Offender arrested at scene but later Sectioned under the Mental Health Act. No further action taken.
- Common Assault – Child intervened during the same domestic argument as above and got knocked over, causing no visible injury. Offender arrested at scene but later Sectioned under the Mental Health Act. No further action taken.
- Public Order Offence – Youth in a home had not been taking his prescribed medication to control his behaviour and lost his temper over a trivial matter. He threatened staff with violence but calmed down when spoken to by police. Medical episode. NFA.
- Criminal Damage – Same youth as above caused damage to some property in the home the following day. Staff not willing to support prosecution as his medication had not yet kicked in.

### **Powderham (0 crimes)**

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

Cllr Connect reported that he has received a number of complaints about blocked drains in the parish, in particular at South Town, in the village centre, Sunnybank and St Annes and is following this up with Highways. He has also noted the water ponding at Witcombe Lane and is also following this up with Highways.

### **6.3 Village Tidyman's Report**

Peter White sent the following observations:

- The pavement outside the school needs resurfacing. Members were not aware that this was an issue.
- The two bench tops at the cemetery need replacing. The Chairman advised that the cost would be £30 each and Peter would fit them. Members agreed to this expenditure.
- Only part of village was swept on 20 January.
- George Maycock has done a sterling job on behalf of the allotment team and has laid the hedge before the start of the nesting season.
- Visitors to the cemetery have commented on what a good job has been done on the paths.

### **6.4 Delegate Reports**

#### **6.4.1 Dementia Friendly Village**

Cllr Blount reported that the next Reflections Café is on Saturday 15 February. They would have liked to invite a harpist but this is in abeyance until they know what is happening to the church.

#### **6.4.2 Community Forum/Playing Field**

Ron Moreton gave an update on the improvements to the playing field to provide a level sports pitch. All the funding has been secured and he thanked the Parish Council

and Cllr Connett for grants received. He advised that whilst they are funding the cost of the works, once completed the school will take over the responsibility for its maintenance. The pitch will comply with Sport England and the FA pitch requirements. It is the aim for work to start on the Tuesday 14 April. The top half of the field will be closed for around 3 weeks. A request was made to the Parish Council to make one of the goal posts demountable. This was agreed. A question was also asked whether the Parish Council would consider resurfacing the hard court with an all-weather surface. The Parish Council agreed that they would be happy for Ron to look into a specification and costings.

#### 6.4.3 5G Awareness lecture

Cllr Blount reported that he had attended this lecture by Dr Barrie Trower which was attended by over 250 people. The lecture, which focused on the potential health risks of 5G, has been filmed and is available to view on You Tube.

#### 6.4.4 Community Right to Bid - The Dolphin Inn

Cllr Blount informed members that the pub is going up for auction on 6 March. It is understood that there is a developer who has offered to meet the reserve and it would be their intention to turn part of it into private accommodation.

There has been no interest in the shop. The owner is talking to the Post Office about the potential of moving it into Powderham Farm Shop.

### **200212.07 Finance and Governance**

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

### **200212.08 Planning**

#### **8.1 New applications/appeals:**

- 8.1.1 19/02521/FUL – Oxton Mere, Kenton  
Installation of 15 solar panels

Members had no objections to this application.

#### **8.2 Decisions**

- 8.2.1 19/02362/FUL – April Cottage, Kenton  
Removal of existing conservatory and replacement with new rear extension and garage flat roof raised to form pitched roof

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

### **200212.09 Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chairman reported that the Referendum is on 13 February.

He also noted an email from a parishioner regarding an error on the plan which showed part of their garden as included within a green space. The Chairman advised that he had requested that an amendment is made to the plan to remove the anomaly.

### **200212.10 Allotments Lease**

Members were informed that the lease between Powderham and the Parish Council has been completed. Kenton Village Allotments has asked for a meeting to discuss the terms and drafting of the sub-lease. It was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr Blount would arrange a meeting though it was acknowledged that the sub-lease will have to mirror the terms of the head lease which has already been executed.

**200212.11 Playing Field/Hard Court**

Members received the inspection reports and noted the contents contained therein. A quotation was also received to clean the concrete around the table tennis table for £23 which members agreed to accept. The clerk advised that the school has been informed about the broken fence at the far end of the playing field near the barn.

It was noted that there is a new lock on the gate to the playing field. The clerk was asked to find out from the school who has the key in case access was required.

**200212.12 Highways & Footpaths**

13.1 Members discussed the drainage issues in various locations in the parish. Cllr Connett agreed that he is following up the issues with Highways as it appeared that a number of drains had not been cleaned when the drain cleaning machine was in the parish in January.

13.2 It was noted that a concern had been raised about the car park wall at the end near the phone box. The Chairman advised that he had looked at it and it looks secure.

**200212.13 Annual Parish Meeting**

It was agreed to host this on a separate evening in the main hall with presentations and refreshments. It was suggested that Airband is invited as well as local groups who can update the parish on their activities.

**200212.14 Climate Change**

Cllr Appleton is attending the climate workshop tomorrow evening. The Parish Council has now signed the Devon Climate Declaration. As a first step, he has been liaising with the Village Tidyman about the equipment he uses and whether any changes can be made now and in the future to minimise its impact on the climate.

**200212.15 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]*

None.

**200212.16 Correspondence**

None

**200212.17 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 17 March 2020 at 7.00pm.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 8.40pm.

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**Chairman**

**12 February 2020**

**Item 7:**

**Expenditure**

<b>Cheque no</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
BACS	C Thompson	Certifying ID for allotment lease	£10
BACS	S Hughes	Certifying ID for allotment lease	£5
BACS	Swift Print	Neighbourhood Plan Referendum banners	£112.80
BACS	Richard Grave	Play area safety checks (January) and works previously approved	£63
BACS	S Hughes	Mileage	£16.20
000552	KSPA	Grant for school field improvements	£250
Standing Orders	Salaries	January	£703.17

**Income (12 January – 7 February 2020)**

<b>Date received</b>	<b>Received from</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Jan	Various	Cemetery	£975

**Bank Balance at 7 February 2020**

<b>Current account</b>	£31,305.13
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