

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Zoom on Wednesday 10 June 2020 at 7.00pm

Present

Cllr Thompson (Chairman), D Appleton, D Blount, H Bright & G Dare

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), Cllr Connet and six members of the public

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

200610.01 Apologies for Absence

- Cllr Feller
- Peter White
- PC Harvey

200610.02 Open Forum

The proprietors of the Rodean explained that when the government allows them to reopen, the number of diners they will be able to accommodate inside the Rodean will be limited due to the social distancing requirements. They requested permission from the Parish Council to place tables on the Triangle to give them extra space. They indicated that they would place around 4 tables on the Triangle on Thursday – Sunday to serve lunches, evening meals and possible cream teas, wine and snacks. They confirmed that they did not anticipate serving food beyond 8.00pm and that the Triangle would be vacated by 9.00-10.00pm at the latest.

Dave and Carly Smith advised that the Triangle had been suggested as a location to set up their horse box bar. However, after consideration, they feel that there may not be enough space on the Triangle to accommodate people and they have therefore approached the Victory Hall about making use of the space there. They have their own personal licence to sell alcohol and would apply for Temporary Events Notices to cover the periods they intend to sell alcohol to the public.

Members were in agreement that they wished to do all they could to support local businesses through this difficult time and approved, in principle, the proposal put forward by the Rodean subject to them seeking assurances from all neighbours around the Triangle that they also support the proposal. Other issues such as insurance, toilet facilities and licensing would also need to be confirmed.

Two members of the public were present to answer any questions the Council may have regarding their planning application to be considered at item 7.1.

200610.03 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.

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

200610.04 Ratification of Minutes

Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 13 May 2020. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

200610.05 Reports

5.1 Police Report

Reported crimes from 05/05/20 – 10/06/20:

Kenton (0 crimes)

Powderham (1 crime)

- Dog Not Under Proper Control – Elderly female victim was exiting a shop in a car park when three dogs, not on leads ran up to her barking, causing her to have a panic attack. No injuries caused. Reported for information.

The clerk advised this was PC Harvey's last report for Kenton as he was retiring in 3 weeks. He is being replaced but this will not happen until PC Harvey has retired.

5.2 District/County Councillor's Report

Cllr Connett advised that he had reported some fly tipped waste by the bus shelter at South Town. He had also received a report of a significant increase in rats at Ford Farm Pool. Vermin inspections are being carried out in the barn tomorrow.

He advised that he will chase up the approved double yellow lines at Higher Down but informed members that due to the pandemic there are significant delays in work being carried out.

He also advised that he has reported problems with the traffic signals at South Town and the time they are taking to change.

The Chairman asked whether Cllr Connett had any information regarding the car park party at Powderham. Cllr Connett advised that he would follow this up.

5.3 Village Tidyman's Report

No report.

5.4 Delegate Reports

5.4.1 Dementia Friendly Village

Cllr Blount advised that was nothing to report. The Committee are continuing to keep an eye on people to check they are receiving the support they need during the pandemic.

5.4.2 Community Forum/Playing Field

Cllr Appleton advised that the contractor who has been engaged to carry out the levelling works was still on another job and so works at the field had not yet commenced. He informed members that KSPA are now raising another £10,000 through crowdfunding for toilets on the field.

Having contacted the contractor who carried out the ground works for the table tennis table, it seems as though the water pipe doesn't run under the path. The Chairman, however, disputed this and advised that further clarification should be sought.

200610.06 Finance and Governance

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

200610.07 Planning

7.1 New applications/appeals:

7.1.1 20/00731/FUL – 3 Victoria Close, Kenton
First floor rear extension

Members had no objections to this application.

7.2 Decisions:

7.2.1 20/00132/FUL – 2 Oak Cottage, Oak Farm, Kenton
Stable block including hay store

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

7.3 **Consultation:** Teignbridge District Council - Draft Teignbridge Local Plan (Part 1) 2020-40
Deadline for comments is 15 June

Documents can be viewed online at www.teignbridge.gov.uk/localplanreview

Members agreed the following response:

Kenton Parish Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Draft Local Plan Review. In particular, it commends the considerable strengthening in substance and detail of the chapters concerning Climate Change and the Environment, which give much greater clarity to our local objectives. It also commends the additional detail and guidance included in most chapters but particularly in the Design and Wellbeing chapter and the Homes chapter, which will assist in the review of future developments in the Parish. It also commends the emphasis placed upon the importance of Neighbourhood Plans to manage developments within communities, and the commitment that applications within a made Neighbourhood Plan area will be determined in accordance with the policies contained within that Neighbourhood Plan. However, from recent experiences with local planning applications, the Parish Council considers that this commitment should be strengthened within the planning application process. In particular, it would wish to see a greater weight given to Parish Council comments in determining applications, for example, the opportunity to address the Planning Committee at greater length and detail than is currently allowed.

200610.08 Triangle

Request from The Rodean to use part of the Triangle for drinks and/or meals when they are allowed to reopen and whilst social distancing measures are in place.

This was discussed and agreed at item 2.

200610.09 Village Maintenance

It was noted that Neil Bygrave has cut the grass in the cemetery, on the Triangle and around the Rodean, as requested. It was agreed that Peter White should continue to be furloughed until government restrictions are lifted and that Neil Bygrave is asked to cut the grass again around 27 June.

200610.10 Playing Field/Hard Court

There was no report. Cllr Appleton questioned whether the Council might reopen the hard court area for tennis but it was agreed that this would be difficult to manage and it would be difficult to restrict others using it.

200610.11 Highways & Footpaths

- 11.1 Members noted the planned road closure on 3 September for 3 days at the road past Witcombe Farm, Kenton to allow works on behalf of BT Openreach to replace an existing pole.
- 11.2 It was observed that the hedge at South Town from the houses to the 30mph sign is overgrown and it was agreed that Powderham should be asked to cut them back. It was reported that the hedge on the other side of Slittercombe Lane (on the other side of the Brook) is also very overgrown. TDC has cleared the stream but have allowed arisings to go into the stream which may clog it up. The footpath is also very overgrown at the Slittercombe end.
- 11.3 The Chairman invited Cllr Connett to explain the funding that had been made available to the County Council from government to improve cycle paths and walkways. Cllr Connett advised that he has written to DCC asking that consideration is given to awarding some of that money to rural communities which would benefit from improvements. He advised that most of the money has been allocated to improve cycling in and around Exeter and none has been allocated to rural communities on the edge of Exeter to improve safe access into the city. He encouraged Parish Councils to put forward their suggestions to DCC in readiness for additional funding coming through. He also encouraged Councils to be innovative with those suggestions and also advised that DCC can introduce traffic calming measures on a trial basis. It was agreed that the Chairman would draft some proposals and would circulate to members for approval.

200610.12 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 Appleton asked if there had been any progress with the drafting of the Allotments sub-lease. The clerk advised that she would chase up the solicitors.

A question was also asked about the status of the Community Pub group and whether it was still active. Cllr Dare advised that a planning application has been submitted but was unclear why there was a delay in it being processed.

200610.13 Correspondence

Members received correspondence regarding the trees alongside and at the rear of No 7 and No 5 East Town Lane and a request to arrange a meeting to assess the trees which are overshadowing their gardens and undermining a boundary wall. It was agreed to ask DCC for a copy of the definitive map to confirm ownership. The clerk would also look back at previous minutes as this issue had come up before.

200610.14 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 8 July 2020 at 7.00pm.

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Chairman

10 June 2020

Item 6:

Expenditure

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
Standing Orders	Salaries	June	£702.17
Online	Neil Bygrave	Village maintenance and grass cutting	£875

Income (2 May – 4 June 2020)

Date received	Received from	Details	Amount
15 May 2020	Kenton Village Allotments	Balance of half yearly rent	£112.50
May/June 2020	Various	Cemetery fees	£900
26 May 2020	HMRC	Job Retention Scheme grant	£154.73

Bank Balance at 4 June 2020

Current account	£43,372.26
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