

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Zoom on Wednesday 9 September 2020 at 7.00pm

Present

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

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk), Ben Holland (Wayleave Officer, Airband) and one member of the public

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

200909.01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

- Peter White

200909.02 Open Forum

Ben Holland, Wayleave Officer for Airband, was invited to attend the Parish Council meeting to discuss the infrastructure required to install fibre optic broadband in Kenton. The plans showed the location of the metal cabinet for which wayleave was being sought. They also showed a number of poles and overhead cabling. The number of proposed poles and overhead cabling proposed in the centre of the village concerned members and after discussion it was requested that Airband revisit the plans and where possible minimise poles and use underground ducting where possible. This was agreed and revised plans would be circulated.

Ron Moreton updated members on the work at the playing field which started at the beginning of September. The topsoil strip has been done and you can now see the profile of the new sports area. The water pipe which crossed the field has been replaced. There is a joint in the pipe but they know where it is. At the end of this week, the cut and fill exercise will be complete. Topsoil will be laid next week and the area will then be seeded. Sockets for the goal posts will be put in so that goal posts can be removed. These will not be used until the grass is established. The school is now fundraising for phase 2 which is the creation of a toilet block. They are hoping to show a plan next month. It was suggested to the Council that it may consider taking over the maintenance of the toilet block once it has been built.

200909.03 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.

200909.04 Ratification of Minutes

4.1 Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 8 July 2020. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4.2 Members received the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on 22 July 2020. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

200909.05 Reports

5.1 Police Report

The clerk advised that following PC Harvey's retirement, PC Clarke Orchard is the new Neighbourhood Beat Manager for this area. He will be passing through at some point to acquaint himself with those involved in the parish. The clerk advised that she had asked him if he would be able to continue to produce a monthly crime report.

5.2 District/County Councillor's Report

No report.

Members congratulated Cllr Connett on his recent election as Leader of Teignbridge District Council.

5.3 Village Tidyman's Report

Members received the following written report:

- The wall between the church path and the Alms houses is falling down and is in serious need of repair (believed Powderham Castle are the owners).
- The stream below the pumping station needs clearing

It was agreed that Powderham should be asked again to dredge the brook from the pumping station down to the river. It was also agreed to contact TDC about dredging the brook and when this is due to be done again.

5.4 Delegate Reports

5.4.1 Dementia Friendly Village

Cllr Blount advised that the group has been unable to meet in the church. Annette and Angela are keeping context with everyone to make sure everyone is being looked after. Knitting and other craft activities have been organised in one of the members' garden. The sensory garden is being well used and everyone is very appreciative of the work which has been done.

5.4.2 Community Forum/Playing Field

An update regarding the playing field levelling had been received at item 2.

200909.06 Finance and Governance

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

6.2 Members received details of the NALC National Salary Award 2020/21 and noted the new pay scales for employees to be implemented from 1 April 2020.

200909.07 Planning

7.1 New applications/appeals:

None

7.2 Decisions:

7.2.1 20/01357/AGR – Deer Park Farm, Kenton (Agricultural Notification)
Agricultural storage building

Members noted that TDC has confirmed that the applicant may proceed as detailed.

7.2.2 20/01109/HOU – 15 & 17 Orchard Way, Kenton
Single storey front extension

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

7.2.3 20/00731/FUL – 3 Victoria Close, Kenton
First floor rear extension

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

200909.08 Airband Wayleave Agreement

This was discussed in the open forum. It was agreed that the wayleave agreement for the cabinet should not be signed until an alternative proposal for the poles and cabling are put forward and agreed.

200909.09 Stream Wall Repair Work

Following the collapse of the stream wall at the rear of 10 & 12 Victoria Close, arrangements have now been made by those properties for the wall to be repaired. A contractor has been appointed to start on 26 October. It will mean that for up to 14 days the footpath will have to be closed. It was agreed that the Parish Council would put up signs at both ends of the path advising users of its closure. It was also agreed to make the school aware.

200909.10 Kenton Village Allotments

Members received a response from the solicitors regarding the lease. Many of the points raised related to the already completed lease between the Parish Council and Powderham. It was agreed that the solicitors should be asked to draft the sublease as soon as possible so that the matter can be concluded.

200909.11 Playing Field/Hard Court

Members received and noted the annual ROSPA report. The immediate concerns are the log roll beam and the rocking horse. The Chairman advised that the log roll has been removed and a new one has been purchased and will be fitted in the coming days. A quote is being sought to repair the rocking horse. There were many lower risk items identified in the report highlighting, in particular, the deterioration of the wooden equipment. It was agreed that the Chairman and Peter White would undertake some of the smaller jobs and make a priority list of items requiring attention for which a quote will be required.

200909.12 Climate Emergency

Cllr Appleton reported that it would not be possible to organise a public meeting at the moment and therefore consideration needs to be given to how to involve the village. He advised that he had joined a group about increasing use of electric vehicles at which the problems of on-street parking and lack of charging facilities was discussed. The group is looking for possible locations to rent out and Cllr Appleton advised that he has asked DCC to look at Kenton village car park as an option.

200909.13 Request to Use Triangle

Members received a request from the Church to use the Triangle for a coffee morning and table top sale on 19 September, 11am-1pm. Members approved the request subject to the organisers arranging their own risk assessment and insurance.

200909.14 Tree on East Town Lane

Members discussed the work required to the trees on and around East Town Lane. It was agreed to obtain quotes to:

- Trim any branches which are touching or nearly touching the wall at the back of the houses on the disused road at the back of East Town Lane and balance up the tree.

- Around the Dawlish bound bus shelter - trim any branches which are touching or near touching the shelter
- Trim anything which is touching or near touching the streetlight at the top of East Town Lane.
- The tree half-way up East Town Lane - branches are broken (by a lorry). Trim back to lorry height and balance on the other side as well.

200909.15 Kenton Cemetery

15.1 Members received a request to purchase a replacement vase which was damaged by a falling tree in February. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be minded to make a contribution once the cost of replacement had been established.

15.2 Ann Bond informed the Council in writing that Kenton Past and Present has for some time been hoping to carry out a project to record and catalogue the memorial inscriptions in the parish cemetery. As this is a project than necessitates working in the open air and can safely be carried out in a socially distanced manner, it is intended, weather permitting, to make a start on Thursday of this week. At some time in the future it would be helpful to discuss making the results of our project available to members of the public who are, for example, carrying out their own family history research.

15.3 The Chairman advised that Sue Davies is no longer able to continue looking after Harmony Meadow. It involves taking out the brambles and keeping an eye on the health of the trees. A question has also been raised about Jane Turner's memorial seat which is in need of repair. It was noted that some of the trees are commemorative trees and that the Council should ask Sue if she could produce a diagram of their location. It might be something which Ann Bond and Kenton Past and Present may wish to carry out some research on.

200909.16 Highways & Footpaths

It was noted that Highways are repairing the pavement between Starcross and South Town and it was hoped that they would continue towards Kenton.

200909.17 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]

Cllr Appleton highlighted the substantive changes to planning law which may mean that everything is centralised and planning will be governed by national policies. Local plans and policies may be lost and the status of Neighbourhood Plans will be put into question. It was agreed that this should be discussed by the Neighbourhood Plan Group.

200909.18 Correspondence

None

200909.19 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 14 October 2020 at 7.00pm on Zoom.

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Chairman

9 September 2020**Item 6:****Expenditure**

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
Standing Orders	Salaries	August & September	£1404.54
Online	Powderham Estate	Half yearly rent – allotments	£650
Online	P White	Mower fuel/weed feed and control (July)	£28.91
Online	S Hughes	Zoom (1 month subscription); mileage (cemetery)	£46.79
Online	R Grave	Safety checks – July and August	£60
Online	R Grave	Removal of swing	£12
Online	Play Inspection Company	Annual ROSPA inspection of play equipment	£78
Online	P White	Fuel £5.08, servicing of strimmer £95.66, purchase of new sucker/blower £260, stainless screws (for play area pole) £4.56, servicing hedge trimmer £93.50 (Aug/Sept)	£458.80
Online	C Thompson	Log roll	£202.76

Income (4 July – 3 September 2020)

Date received	Received from	Details	Amount
July/August	Various	Cemetery fees	£620
27 July 2020	HMRC	Job Retention Scheme Grant	£100.10
6 August 2020	Kenton in Bloom	Hanging baskets	£144

Bank Balance at 3 September 2020

Current account	£40,913.92
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