

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Zoom on Wednesday 14 October 2020 at 7.00pm

Present

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

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk) and County/District Councillor Connett

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

201014.01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

- Peter White

201014.02 Open Forum

There were no members of the public present.

201014.03 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.

The Chairman declared an interest in item 8.

201014.04 Ratification of Minutes

Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 9 September 2020. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

201014.05 Reports

5.1 Police Report

An incident report was circulated to members. Members also received some information regarding the recent concerns about harvesting/gathering shellfish on the rivers Teign and Exe. He also advised that he is looking at resurrecting the Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings within the village to give parishioners the opportunity to raise issues affecting the local area. He will also be working closely with local Community Speed Watch teams.

5.2 District/County Councillor's Report

Cllr Connett spoke about the Clearway Order which should have been imposed by DCC following planning consent for the development of Haldon Forest Park. He advised that when the Clearway Order was published, a number of objections were received to the proposal. As the effect of a Clearway prohibits loading and unloading, the Order cannot be made without holding a Public Inquiry. As this is costly, the proposal has been reconsidered and DCC has put forward an alternative proposal which it is actively progressing.

Roadworks will be starting around the Devon Hotel which are being done as part of the significant housing development.

There have been some highways works completed in the village. This has been funded from the local pothole fund. Anything which has not been repaired is not considered to be bad enough and further work is limited by budgets.

He advised that he continues to raise the problems with the drains with DCC. On Mamhead Road, sand is falling from a bank and into the drains. This should be the responsibility of the landowner and Cllr Connett advised that he has pressed DCC for action.

The issue of flytipping around Park View continues. He also advised that he would follow up the South Town traffic light issues. Cllrs Bright and Blount both raised concerns about the surface of the road outside the Victory Hall. Cllr Connett offered to ask DCC to look at this.

5.3 Village Tidyman's Report

Members received the following written report:

- The rotten post in the Triangle has been replaced. It looks as though some of the others will need replacing in due course and he will do this as and when needed.
- There are new signs at the approaches to Kenn Lane advising 7.5 tonne limit.

5.4 Delegate Reports

5.4.1 Dementia Friendly Village

Cllr Blount advised there was nothing to report.

5.4.2 Community Forum/Playing Field

Cllr Appleton advised there was nothing to report.

201014.06 Finance and Governance

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

201014.07 Planning

7.1 New applications/appeals:

7.2.1 20/01584/CAN – Pirates Retreat, Exeter Hill, Kenton

Fell one self-seeded sycamore

Members had no objections to this application.

7.2 Decisions:

None.

201014.08 Parish Garden

Members received an initial request to purchase part or all of the parish garden to create a parking space. After discussion, members agreed that they are not prepared to sell any or part of the land for the purpose being proposed. It was felt that by doing so, it would be contrary to the recently adopted Neighbourhood Plan and there are also serious concerns about traffic safety in this location.

201014.09 Trees on/around East Town Lane

Members received and accepted a quotation of £375 from Stuart Bradford to carry out tree works in and around East Town Lane as agreed in September's meeting.

201014.10 Playing Field/Hard Court

The Chairman advised that he had made a list of the higher risk items from the annual report and a quote has been sought to repair these items. [The trim trail is deteriorating but has not been included as it is currently fenced off and there is no access]. Members agreed to accept the quotation of £405.90 from Richard Grave. It was also noted that the log roll beam has now been replaced and the quotation from Alan Brook to repair the rocking horse has been accepted.

It was also observed that since the levelling of the playing field, there is now no room to take a vehicle between the hedge and the hard court. Vehicles will therefore have to go across the playing field (contrary to what the Parish Council was originally told). It is also very close to the trim trail.

It is understood that the planned toilets will be sited between the swings and the trim trail.

201014.11 Harmony Meadows

With Sue Davis standing down from looking after Harmony Meadows, it was agreed to advertise for a volunteer to take over the role. It was agreed to publish something in the Parish Newsletter. In the meantime, Cllr Dare offered to cut any overgrowth and brambles. Sue Davis will prepare a plan showing any memorial trees which can be kept with the Parish Council's records.

201014.12 Climate Emergency

Cllr Appleton reported that DCC are keen to explore the opportunity of electric charging points in the car park.

201014.13 Highways & Footpaths

No new issues were reported.

201014.14 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 Blount offered to establish arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.

201014.15 Correspondence

15.1 Members received correspondence from Airband advising that the route they were planning to use across the grass on East Town Lane does not exist despite BT giving permission to use it. A new route has been proposed which would involve digging a trench across the grass on East Town Lane to enable Airband to connect their duct. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that a site meeting was required to discuss the proposed route for the trench and also to raise concerns about the number of proposed poles at the end of High Street.

15.2 Members received details of the Muddy Dog Challenge Exeter which is being held at Powderham Castle on 22 May 2021, 0800-1600. No concerns were raised.

15.3 Members were advised that there are going to be some changes to the Kenton Newsletter with a new editor likely. Contributions are being requested/invited. It was agreed that the Parish Council could contribute articles when appropriate.

201014.16 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 11 November 2020 at 7.00pm on Zoom.

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Chairman

14 October 2020**Item 6:****Expenditure**

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
Standing Orders	Salaries	October	£817.58
Online	HMRC	PAYE	£232.20
Online	C Britton	Maintenance and replanting of flower bed at South Town	£200
Online	N Bygrave	Tidying visits: Rodean bed, car park and Brook Path	£300
Online	P White	Fuel/oil	£37.40

Income (4 September – 9 October 2020)

Date received	Received from	Details	Amount
September	Various	Cemetery fees	£650
21 September 2020	Kenton Village Allotments	Half yearly rent	£487.50
25 September 2020	TDC	Second instalment of precept	£9561

Bank Balance at 9 October 2020

Current account	£48,819.58
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