

KENTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Zoom on Wednesday 11 November 2020 at 7.00pm

Present

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

Also present

Suzanna Hughes (Clerk) and County/District Councillor Connett

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.00pm.

201111.01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr Bright
- Peter White

201111.02 Open Forum

There were no members of the public present.

201111.03 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.

201111.04 Ratification of Minutes

Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 14 October 2020. It was agreed unanimously that those minutes are signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

201111.05 Reports

5.1 Police Report

PC Orchard's crime report combined 17 crimes within Kenton and Starcross from 1/11/20 to 28/11/20:

- Harassment without violence x 1
- Theft from motor vehicles x 6
- Vehicle interference crimes x 6
- Dog related crime x 1
- Common assault x 1
- Theft x 1
- Criminal damage x 1

The Community Speed Watch team has been working in both parishes. Three sessions were completed in November; 43 vehicles were recorded exceeding the speed limit. The maximum speed recorded was 42mph. Areas that were monitored were Orchard Way (x2) and Staplake Road in Starcross.

5.2 District/County Councillor's Report

Cllr Connett advised that the speed camera at Powderham has been off-angle for a long time now and he has raised this with DCC and the Peninsula Road Safety Partnership. They are reviewing all camera sites and whether they should be upgraded to digital. He advised that he was keen to keep the camera in that location and has asked for it to be straightened up. He advised that he has been pursuing the problem of the three block drains in Mamhead Road. One has now been cleared. The problem is being caused by silt slipping off land above. He has asked DCC to contact the landowner and it is understood that a contractor is due next week to sort out the problem. He has been asked to look at the no entry signs at Torrington Place. He confirmed that both signs are now lit. The road scheme is planned for South Town and outside the Victory Hall to improve the surface. Cllr Connett also reported that the government has announced major funding for the provision of school meals during holidays. DCC has been allocated a sum. He has also asked DCC to look at people who are struggling financially as a result of the pandemic. In the three months to the end of September, the number of people in receipt of Universal Credit and free school meals has doubled.

Cllr Connett was informed that the potholes on the Cofton corner were beginning to form again.

5.3 Village Tidyman's Report

Members received the following written report:

- The stream wall has been completed
 - The street light is out at the back of the car park
- The flytipping continues – 16 bags have been collected today by TDC (16 near Powderham gates and 3 on the opposite side). Several villagers have commented about this. Members acknowledged that this longstanding problem was difficult to solve. Cllr Appleton suggested that if the bins at each of the bus stops and in the car park are removed it may discourage additional bags being left in these locations. After a discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Connett would follow this up with TDC requesting that three bins are temporarily removed on the basis that if after 6 months the trial was not successful in stopping the flytipping, that TDC would reinstate them.
- He has been asked by residents living near the Triangle car park about the height of the trees and whether they can be pollarded. Cllr Dare offered to look at these.
 - The outside wall of the car park near the telephone box needs repairing

5.4 Delegate Reports

5.4.1 Dementia Friendly Village

Cllr Blount advised that Annette German and other community members are keeping in contact with everyone by phone to make sure they all have access to food and medical supplies.

5.4.2 Community Forum/Playing Field

Cllr Appleton reported that the school has done everything it can to keep children and staff safe. One positive case of COVID has been reported at the school but this did not impact anyone else. With regard to the proposed toilets on the playing field and the ongoing responsibility for those if and when they are constructed, the school's contribution would be limited to when it was using the facility. Anyone else using them would therefore have to contribute. There was no further update from KSPA.

5.4.3 The Chairman reported that he along with Cllrs Appleton and Blount had met with Airband to discuss the plans for cabling on the East Town Lane grass area along with the locations of poles in the village centre. It was suggested to Airband that the cabling runs around the edge of the grass rather than straight through the centre. This has been agreed with Airband. It was confirmed that two poles were necessary along High Street for them to complete their linking up. The two poles on Witcombe Lane will be removed from the plans. They also looked at the proposed locations for poles in Orchard Way. Marks on the ground show that they would be very obvious and alternative locations were looked at. Airband has not spoken to Penhayes but agreed that they would approach them.

5.4.4 Members noted that Kenton Allotment Group has applied to the Woodland Trust from some tree saplings for the hedge between the allotments and the cemetery. If successful, they will plant them.

5.4.5 It was noted that the granite chips around the war memorial are getting thin and bald in places. Cllr Dare agreed to make enquiries about sourcing additional chippings.

201111.06 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 the initial budget proposals for 2021/22. It was agreed that members would give their consideration to the proposals for further discussion and agreement in January's meeting.

201111.07 Planning

7.1 New applications/appeals:

7.1.1 20/01848/LBC – Kenton Primary School, Mamhead Road, Kenton
Structural repair to southern gable wall

Members had no objections to this application.

7.2 Decisions:

7.2.1 20/01584/CAN – Fell one self-seeded sycamore
Pirates Retreat, Exeter Hill, Kenton

It was noted that TDC does not object to this proposal.

7.3 Other matters

It was noted that the application at Little Court (20/00640/FUL) has not yet been determined and that further documents have been submitted by the applicants. It was agreed that the clerk writes to the planning officer asking for an update about how the application is progressing.

201111.08 Playing Field/Hard Court

It was noted that there was a crack in the concrete path from the gate to the toddler play area. It was thought that it has been caused by expansion and contraction on this long section of concrete. Having sought advice, it was agreed that no immediate action was necessary but to wait and see whether it deteriorates further.

201111.09 Climate Emergency

No report.

201111.10 Highways & Footpaths

No new issues were reported.

201111.11 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.

201111.12 Correspondence

12.1 Members received formal notification from TDC of the termination of the rural skip service. This was a service which was no longer financially viable.

12.2 Member received and noted correspondence from the managing agent for the Powderham Estate Maintenance Fund regarding the wall adjacent to the footpath by the church. In his view, he believes that the wall is the responsibility of the church and he will proceed to make enquiries on that basis.

12.3 Members received a request for support for a Clearway Order at Haldon Forest. This was agreed.

201111.13 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 13 January 2021 at 7.00pm on Zoom.

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Chairman

11 November 2020

Item 6:

Expenditure

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
Standing Orders	Salaries	November	£718.80
Online	Royal British Legion	Poppy wreath (reimbursed to the clerk)	£17
Online	S Bradford	Tree work East Town Lane	£375
Online	PKF Littlejohn LLP	Audit	£240
Direct Debit	ICO	Data Protection Licence renewal	£35

Income (10 October – 6 November 2020)

Date received	Received from	Details	Amount
October	Various	Cemetery fees	£820

Bank Balance at 6 November 2020

Current account	£48,116.18
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