

# Kenn Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting of Kenn Parish Council

held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 at 7pm in the Kenn Centre.

### PUBLIC OPEN DISCUSSION

Two members of the public in attendance. The issue of the lack of play areas was raised as well as the lack of sport and recreation facilities in the parish. A debate developed regarding the lengthy process the parish have been following regarding the play area alongside the playbox pre-school. Planning permission has been obtained, but a lease on the land has yet to be agreed. It was pointed out that the parish council had purchased the meadow to provide public open space in Kennford, which is the only public accessible space in Kennford, there is on other land available.

**25/578 Councillors in attendance,** Cllr A Chislett, Cllr P Westwood, Cllr H Mortimer, Cllr C Salter,  
Cllr B Stretton, Cllr S Skuse, Cllr T Salter,  
D/Cllr J Parrott, D/Cllr C Nuttall

**25/579 Apologies for absence.** Cllr L Young, Cllr R Redding, C/Cllr A Connett, D/Cllr Cllr K Lake

**25/580 Declarations of interest.** None declared

**25/581 Dispensation requests regarding the code of conduct.** None received

**25/582 Election of Chairman** Cllr A Chislett was nominated by Cllr B Stretton Seconded by Cllr C Salter  
A vote was held with unanimous support for the re-election of Cllr A Chislett.

**25/853 Election of Vice Chairman** Cllr C Salter nominated Cllr P Westwood Seconded by Cllr S Skuse  
A vote was held with unanimous support for the re-election of Cllr P Westwood.

### **25/854 To appoint members of committees and representatives at other organisations**

Kenn centre committee (1)	Cllr C Salter
Footpath warden (1)	Cllr P Westwood
Flood resilience group (4 members)	Cllr A Chislett, Cllr R Redding, Mr A Crisp, Mr K Boot
HR Committee (3 members)	Cllr S Skuse, Cllr P Westwood, Cllr H Mortimer
Planning committee (3 or full council)	Finance committee (3 councillors) Full Council
Finance committee (3)	Cllr T Salter, Cllr A Chislett, Cllr S Skuse, Clerk J Goodey
Website administration (1)	Cllr D Kukulka

## **25/585 To consider the co-option of a candidate to join the Parish Council**

Mr Darren Kukulka introduced himself and gave a brief background on his areas of expertise. Council voted to accept Mr Kukulka onto the Council. Following the completion of acceptance paperwork, Cllr Kukulka assumed his place with the Council.

**25/586 Minutes** To consider the approval of the minutes of the of the meeting held on the 08<sup>th</sup> of April 2025 signed off by the Chairman.

Also, to accept the Chairmans report at the annual parish meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April

Both documents approved and signed off.

## **25/587 Matters raised by the Chairman.**

The chairman asked if the testing of the flood defence pumps had taken place as planned, Cllr Redding was not present to confirm but will be contacted for confirmation.

The revised bus timetable has been circulated to allow for the diversions due to Brenton road being closed for work to repair the banking following the collapse.

**25/588 Clerks Report.** To note the email newsletters received since the last meeting and correspondence received and any Previous meeting action points.

**Action Points: no from last meeting**

**Correspondence received:**

- 1, Enquiry from the WI regarding the flower boxes in Kenn and Kennford. [agreed](#)
- 2, Letter from the diocese of Exeter re the installation of broadband in St Andrew's church. [noted](#)
- 3, Non domestic rates notice of exemption. [noted](#)
- 4, Pavement licensing TDC now responsible [noted](#)
- 5, Annual insurance premium notice agenda Item 25/594 [agreed for payment](#)
- 6, Report of broken fence on the Kenn centre approach. [noted](#)
- 7, Police Crime report for April. [Displayed and noted](#)

## **Meetings attended**

- 1, Parish councils Hub meeting 14<sup>th</sup> April agenda item 25/593

**25/589 County and District Councillors' reports.**

**C/Cllr Connett.** Not in Attendance

**D/Cllr Parrott.** Reported the latest progress on the TDC local plan, expected to go out for further public consultation in July 25. He confirmed that no new building sites are included for Kenn in the revised plan, but minor rearrangement of layout has been added for the Peamore allocation for 850 homes, due to the protected status of Peamore house and grounds. He also offered to follow up on the removal of the illegal traveller's site at Haldon, which TDC are taking legal action against DCC who's responsibility it is.

**D/Cllr Lake.** Not in attendance

**D/Cllr Nuttall.** Confirmed that the DCC website that was experiencing technical difficulties is now up and running, he reported a pothole that was repaired the next day, so encouraged councillors to report any issues that may have been lost during the period the website was down.

**25/590 To receive the annual governance statement for 2024/2025.** Agreed and signed off by the Chairman and the Clerk

**25/591 To receive the annual accounting statement 2024/2025** Agreed and signed off by the Chairman and the responsible finance officer. Both documents to be displayed on the council website, and sent on to the external auditor as part of the end of year scrutiny process.

**25/592 To receive a report from Utility aid regarding the cost of electricity for Playbox .** The report compared energy cost from several companies, with our current supplier EDF showing a 41% saving against the present tariff rate by changing to a different Online rate. Clerk to make further enquiries with EDF on this Tariff rate and check with Utility Aid on any cost to the council by using their services

**25/593 To Action any points raised at the joint parish council's hub meeting held in Ide Methodist hall 14/4/25** Councillors and clerks from Kenn, Ide, Shillingford, and Exminster, The main topic was the proposed Re organisation of all levels of local government. It was agreed that each parish council would put together their thoughts and concerns prior to the next hub meeting so the group could put forward a joint agenda item report at the next TDC forum meeting.

**25/594 To review the annual insurance renewal.** The insurance cover due for renewal in June 2025 was discussed and agreed the increased premium was acceptable and the cover meets the parish needs.

**25/595 To note the draft KNDP residents update and agree the printing cost of up to £250.** The general content was agreed, Cllr Scuse will revise the text to make it more user friendly, print cost was agreed and distribution will be arranged to cover as much of the parish as possible.

**25/596 Planning Applications -**

**Planning Applications** - Teignbridge District Council has asked for comments from the Parish Council on the following planning application.

No applications received.

**25/597 PLANNING DECISIONS:**

APPLICATION:	25/00380/CAN	
LOCATION:	Chappel court road past Brookside Kenn	
PROPOSAL:	Fell 1x Ash, fell 3x Poplar trees.	Permission Granted
APPLICATION:	23/4337/2023	
LOCATION:	Lower Brenton Farm Kennford	
PROPOSAL:	inert waste landfill site	Permission Refused
APPLICATION:	25/00186/LBC	
LOCATION:	Youngs Farmhouse Kenn	
PROPOSAL:	Installation of secondary glazing to existing 17 casement windows	Permission Grante

**25/598 Accounts for approval**

**TO RECEIVE THE END OF MONTH BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT FOR**

The month ending on the 30/04/2025. agreed and signed off

**Invoices for payment**

1253	Zoom Annual subscription	£	155.88	
1254	April salary	£	1228.50	
1255	Jon Pearson consultation	£	861.00	
1256	PWLB 1 <sup>st</sup> half annual payment	£	6165.29	
1257	Groundwork unspent grant	£	661.00	
1258	EDF playbox April	£	115.00	DD
1259	Unity bank charge April	£	6.00	BDD
1260	Ansvar Insurance	£	966.75	
1261	Summer fete face painter	£	260.00	
1262	H Lee internal auditor	£	198.00	
Total		£	10617.42	

**PWLB balance outstanding £115,200.30**

**INCOME** To note income for the previous month

37	Playbox Rent Quarter One	£ 1000.00
38	Precept 1st half Payment	£ 20,970.00

**25/599 Councillors reports, and External Meetings attended (for information only).**

**Cllr C Salter** reported that the Speed awareness table was well received at the summer fete, seven people showed a positive interest in joining Clare running awareness sessions. Also, the primary school would like to be involved running a painting competition to design a poster for use around the parish, The council agreed to fund prizes for the best entries. The school would like the children to be seen using the speed awareness equipment under supervision as the is known to help reduce speed.

**Cllr S Skuse** Reported an old caravan left on Old Haldon Hill, Clerk to check with Highways to see if they are aware . He also suggested that following the summer fete which he also attended the need for a banner worded Kenn Parish Council would be useful in promoting the work the Parish Council does on behalf of the community.

**Cllr H Mortimer** Queried the diversions on Brenton road, and questioned if there is no weekend Working, would the diversion still be in place.

**Cllr B Stretton** Reported he is trying to organise summer youth outdoor activities, already organised is volunteer grass cutting in the meadow on a regular basis to allow ball games. He will present an agenda item for the next PC meeting to expand on the ideas he has going forward.

The next meeting of the parish council, will be on the  
10th of June 2025. 7.00pm at the Kenn Centre.

Meeting closed at :- 21.05

Signed.....A Chislett.....

Date.....13/05/2025