

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of Kenn Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th September 2020 at 7pm

Present: Cllr. Birt (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. Lewis; Cllr. Goodey; County Cllr. Connett; Penny Clapham (Clerk); Cllr. Diment; Cllr. Taverner.

1) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

An opportunity for members of the public to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business on the agenda, or any matter of interest to the parish. The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed 15 minutes. (Standing Orders 3e and 3f).

Reminder that members of the public are not allowed to raise issues when Council is in committee.

2) Apologies For Absence: Cllr. Westwood. Cllr. Chislett. District Cllr. Nuttall (Wifi down). Cllr. Crisp.

3) Declarations Of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members are required to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have, in items to be considered at this meeting. Members are also reminded that any change to their Declaration of Interests must be notified to the Monitoring Officer at Teignbridge District Council within 28 days of the change. None declared.

4) Matters raised by the Chairman (for information) Cllr. Birt commented on the 7.5 weight restriction signs which have gone up today. Thanked Cllr. Connett for his support in achieving this.

5) District and County Councillor Reports –

County Cllr. Connett – weight restriction signage in. Shillingford Lane an ongoing issue with Highways. Reports of matters dropping off the Highways system by Cllr. Chislett has been thoroughly looked into and the matter is closed unless any further examples are forthcoming.

Cycle route safety audit – over 10yrs ago there was a proposal to create this cycle route which did not happen and the audit itself is now out of date. The small blue cycle signs top Haldon Hill, identify a better route for cyclists, not a defined cycle route (this would have a number). Could be useful for Council to lobby Devon CC to get this route listed as a cycle route looking ahead to the future. Lobby Dave Black and Meg Booth identifying the route from Haldon towards Exeter as unsafe with poor pathways; from Peamore to Exeter beside the A379 is not good at all; this could be a key cycle route encouraging more residents to cycle rather than drive. A good safe pathway would be helpful. To keep Cllr. Connett posted on actions. Weight Limit – a tremendous win for the Council and community and Cllr. Chislett's tenacity in driving this forward plus making the payment; praise for the Council. Good to publicise this.

6) Minutes – the Minutes of the virtual meeting held on the 11th August 2020 were approved as a true record and will be signed at a later date.

7) Footpath no 6, Kennford. Confirmation received of a six month closure from 28th August for public safety. Noted.

8) Life Education application for a grant – towards the health, well-being and drug prevention education of pupils at Kenn primary school. The school has been contacted as to the validity of this request. Awaiting a reply. This has been dismissed as a probable scam.

9) Community Speedwatch – to agree to the setting up of a Community Speedwatch campaign to monitor speeds in and out of Kenn Village. Cllr. Diment informed Council that these tests have been done before.

Clerk to contact both Highways and the Police about speeding issues perceived by the residents of Kenn. Confirmation that the Council will pay for 2 'slow' signs in Kenn village, particularly as it is a 20mph zone. To be proposed for inclusion in the budget for 2021/2022.

10) Community Land Trust – to receive a report from the meeting held on 3rd September.

Cllr. Goodey updated Council as he is the Council representative on the proposed steering committee. Attendees at the meeting, 5 members of the public, 2 from Teignbridge Council and 2 from Cornwall CLT. Possible scenarios for developing the piece of land at St. Andrews Close were discussed, together with reasoning as to why a CLT should take this forward. It was agreed that a steering group will be set up, currently with 3 members of public, Cllr. Goodey and the Clerk; next meeting 30th September to formalise the steering committee. There may be a requirement for a constitutional custodian; this should be the parish council, ie. a body who can oversee the constitution.

Cllr. Diment asked about the schemes shown and explanations were given.

It is important to have the involvement of Teign Housing as they own the properties already situated at St. Andrews Close as well as the piece of land accessed between 2 of these properties, currently a grassed area. This could become a community space – it will not be built on.

Cllr. Taverner arrived at 7.29pm.

11) Littering down Old Haldon Hill – Cllr. Birt commented that now the new drive through McDonalds is in situ, there is an increase in litter being thrown out onto the road. Cllr. Lewis considers that McDonalds could pay for someone to clear litter in the minor roads. Clerk to contact the Motor Fuel Group and McDonalds about littering: to email Highways with concerns about additional rubbish; Cllr. Lewis informed that there is signage stuck onto lampposts. He will email photos to the Clerk so that this can be followed up.

12) PLANNING

Planning Applications - Teignbridge District Council has asked for comments from the Parish Council on the following planning applications:

- a) 20/01428/TPO Fell one silver birch, Brook Cottage, Kenn.
No comment
- b) 20/01521/ADV Installation of freestanding totem sign, Haldon Hill Services, Kennford.

OBJECTION

Kenn Parish Council object to the application above on the following grounds:

1. At 6.4m in height the illuminated totem is out of keeping with and of detriment to the natural beauty of the Haldon ridge.
2. Permanent illumination of the signage, which is less than 100metres from the Haldon Forest SSRI will create unnecessary light pollution and could be harmful to the many protected species found in the Haldon Forest. An environmental impact assessment should be provided.
3. Noted that Highways have objected to the positioning of this sign.

Planning Decisions

- a) 20/01036/FUL Proposed coffee shop, Gissons Hotel & Restaurant, Kennford
GRANTED
- b) 20/00424/FUL Erection of an agricultural storage building, land south west of Brenton Road.
GRANTED
- c) 20/01116/MAJ Change of use from agricultural to recreational, The Meadow, Kennford.
GRANTED

13) FINANCE

Expenditure	PKF Littlejohn External audit fee	£360.00	BACs
	Roadware – dog bin (to Clerk)	£97.14	BACs

Employment August (inc. salary increase)	£694.60	BACs
Exe Estuary Pest Control	£32.91	BACs
C. Connett – materials for flower boxes	£98.26	BACs
Edge IT Systems Ltd – accounts annual fee	£124.80	BACs
SW Water Playbox (14/05 – 14/08)	£41.67	DD

Income

Bank Reconciliation and Statement, for information

Council resolved to accept the accounts. Proposed by Cllr. Goodey, al in favour by show of hands.

14) Devon Local Flood Risk Management Strategy – consultation runs until 15th October. Noted.

15) Open Spaces Report –

- i. Flower boxes – moving ahead nicely with 2 new ones now in situ and full of flowers. Test patches for wild flower seeding to be done w/end of 12th September by a working party. One in the Meadow and 2 verges in Kenn Lane. There will be some signage at these sites explaining what is going on.
- ii. Dog bin has been ordered, delivery awaited prior to installation at the Kenn Centre end of the Meadow.
- iii. The Meadow: any further discussions pertinent to this piece of land. Received go ahead from Rob Newton at the Environment Agency to install 3 benches made of solid wood secured with chestnut stakes. Thanked Cllr. Lewis for his work on this.
- iv. Wild flower seeding – already discussed.

16) Clerk's report –

- i. Cllr. Diment and the Clerk have signed up to the new planning training webinar hosted by DALC, 17th September.
- ii. National salary award for Local Government Services has been agreed at a rise of 2.75% back-dated to 1st April 2020.
- iii. Clapham approached with regard to the defibrillator – awaiting response/none. Perhaps install at the cricket club via Chris Connett, will enquire.
- iv. All documents on the Council website have been made 'accessible', apart from older minutes and agendas. These have not been done due to time constraints on the Clerk.
- v. Conservation officer and the sign at Pye Corner. – Awaiting response/the response is to apply to Historic England who are the body responsible for listings. Council consider a conversation with the owners of the land where the sign is situated to be the starting point.
- vi. Cycle safety audit – email from Cllr. Connett circulated regarding this audit, prior to the meeting.

17) Councillor's reports and External Meetings attended (for information only)

Cllr. Goodey – DALC AGM will be attending and will report back at the next meeting.

Cllr. Birt – judged sunflower comp; lots of entries and really fantastic flowers. The competition will be run again next year.

Meeting closed at 8.01pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Items for Information. The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, 13th October 2020, 7.00pm.

Email Circulation

NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin (sent 10/08)

DALC Newsletter 40 (sent 14/08)

Teignbridge, keeping parish councils updated (sent 24/08)

DALC newsletter – planning changes (sent 24/08) School guidelines (sent 26/08

DALC national salary scales (sent 28/08) Highways Ash Dieback (sent 28/08)

NALC Chief Executive's Bulletin (sent 01/09)