

## **Minutes of the meeting of Kenn Parish Council held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 7pm in the Kenn Centre.**

**Present:** Cllr. Chislett (Chairman); Cllr. Goodey; Cllr. Westwood; County Cllr. Connett; District Cllr. Nuttall; Cllr. Crisp; Cllr. Taverner; Penny Clapham (Clerk); Cllr. Young. Dom Jinks.

**1A) Co-option to Council** – Cllr. Chislett proposed Dom Jinks, seconded by Cllr. Taverner; all agreed. Dom Jinks signed the acceptance of office form and will be provided with all the necessary paperwork to be a councillor after the meeting.

### **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:** District Cllr. Swain. Cllr. Diment (holiday). Apologies accepted.

**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.

### **4) Matters raised by the Chairman (for information)**

River de-silt – The Environment Agency have been spoken to and the de-silt cannot be done after the end of September; request the assistance of Cllr. Connett as it is critical that it should be dug out. Council agreed to write to the EA and hold them responsible because lack of maintenance, if there is flooding this winter.

The old signpost has been cleaned and re-painted courtesy of a grant from Devon CC.

Should Council write to our MP. There is a price cap on gas and electric, but no cap on home heating oil. Why not and should our MP take this up in Parliament. A letter (email) will be written.

Both the District and County Councils have declared a climate emergency; how does this square with the installation of a 6.5m totem sign erected in the middle of an SSSI site. Why did Planning allow this. Cllr. Connett stated that planning regulations are as the national planning regulations, which will have been used. Cllr. Chislett feels it would be useful to know how Devon CC and Teignbridge DC are considering planning matters alongside the declaration of a climate emergency. Clerk to write to Cllr. Connett and Cllr. Nuttall.

### **5) District and County Councillor Reports -**

County Cllr. Connett – VAS signs; awaiting a reply from Highways regarding the installation of the posts.

District Cllr. Nuttall – there are continued challenges with the waste and re-cycling schedules due to shortages of drivers and covid infections.

Exminster parish council has passed a resolution asking for the implementation of 20mph throughout the village. There is a national campaign called '20 is plenty'. Cllr. Nuttall is attempting to get this accepted district-wide. Clapham have been asked for years to be included in a 20mph area.

Cllr. Chislett enquired about the broadband roll-out supposedly to be in place by the end of September.

Airband have a new schedule which will be passed on once available.

6) **Minutes** – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) **Open Spaces reports** –

- a) Letters to owners of property backing onto the Meadow have been hand delivered by Graham Lewis. One response received against the idea, stating that he did not know his legal position regarding personal access through his garden to the Meadow. Cllr. Westwood asked if Council should we have the letters returned? Not at present. Agenda November for an update.
- b) Cllr. Taverner reported that the Committee met Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October. The wall in Gissons car park is still awaiting repair. Sycamore in the car park has grown back and will be cut again. Signage for the Meadow is being worked on reported Cllr. Young. Once all the pictures are put together a quote will be brought to council. Asking for funding for 10 apple trees – this is available in OS budget.

8) **VAS Signage** –

- i. **Motion** – written motion received from Cllr. Goodey and Cllr. Chislett, to re-visit the quotations received for the VAS signage to ensure they meet the requirements of the parish. Cllr. Chislett was not aware it was a self-assembly unit from ElanCity. Cllr. Westwood stated that he has been to Ilington to see these signs and spoken to the councillors in this parish – it is a cheaper option. Cllr. Chislett enquired of Cllr. Connett whether Devon Highways could install (Skanska). Unlikely.
- ii. Quotation received from ElanCity for self-assembly x 2 solar VAS signs for Kenn; £3819.86 nett of VAT. To agree actions and resolve the expenditure. This is subject to the above Motion 8(i) Westcotec will do the installation for £6500. Cllr. Chislett’s biggest concern, is, if self-install and something goes wrong, there is likely to be no comeback. Mentioned health and safety/risk assessments that would be required for those doing the self-install. Cllr. Taverner considered that generally speaking, better to go with the same firm as those who installed in Kennford.
- iii. Quotations received from Coeval and Morelock Signs Ltd. These circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting. To resolve which quotation is most suitable and to agree actions and expenditure. Cllr. Chislett proposed Coeval, seconded by Cllr. Young – 6 in favour 1 abstention. Motion carried. Cllr. Westwood was thanked for all his work bringing forward this project for Kenn.

9) **Weight Limit** – follow up from letters written after the September meeting to the Chief Constable and the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner. Cllr. Chislett to report.

Cllr. Chislett had spoken to the police person who has been made responsible for actions; his first suggestion was to have a road restriction in order to stop lorries – this has been dismissed. Cllr. Chislett will continue to press for action on this matter with the police. Photo evidence of vehicles would help Coastal Waste as they are doing their best to educate their drivers. Cllr. Crisp says there is no evidence on Tom Tom satnavs of the weight limit. Cllr. Taverner suggested signage explaining the fines. Ongoing with a reminder for people to send in photo evidence to the Clerk.

10) **PLANNING**

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

- i. 21/02132/VAR Variation of condition 2 on permission 20/02259/HPA (application for prior approval for enlargement of a dwelling house by construction of an additional storey) to add two front dormers, 21 Rayners, Kennford.

NO COMMENT

### Planning Decisions

- a) 21/01774/ADV Installation of 6.5m totem sign, McDonalds, A38, Haldon Hill  
GRANTED
- b) 21/01744/NPA Notification of prior approval under part 3 class Q (a) and (b) para W of the GDPO change of use of agricultural building to two dwellings,, The Lawns, Clapham.  
GRANTED

### 11) FINANCE

<b>Expenditure</b>	2110/1101	Microsoft Office annual renewal	£59.99	BACs
	2110/1102	Employment September	£536.00	BACs
	2110/1103	PAYE Q2	£402.00	BACs
	2110/1104	Fire & Electrical annual service Playbox	£194.40	BACs
	2110/1105	Exe Estuary Pest Control – September	£32.91	BACs
	2110/1106	Q2 Clerk’s expenses	£150.71	BACs
	2110/1107	SW Grounds Maintenance	£258.00	BACs
	2110/1108	Poppies/Sign painting	£307.64	BACs

**Income**                      Second half precept received                      £18,507.00

Bank Reconciliation and Statement, for information

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

**12) Playbox** – EDF have informed that the monthly DD will be increasing to cover additional usage noted in their annual account. Noted.

**13) Events Committee** – to consider setting up such a committee to take forward events such as Christmas and the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee celebrations. This can be composed of both councillors and parishioners. Cllr. Jinks will take this on.

### 14) Clerk's report

- i. Training attended 27<sup>th</sup> Building Community Resilience, and 28<sup>th</sup> September, budgets and precepts.
- ii. CIL report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 sent to Teignbridge 27<sup>th</sup> September, as well as blank reports for the preceding years, back to 2017-18. All on the website under Finance.
- iii. Rating authority has required a form to be completed about the car park – completed and sent in 12<sup>th</sup> October.

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

Cllr. Crisp – asked about the brambles/bushes on the turn at the top of the village, needing a cutback.

Cllr. Taverner – litter from Kennford Bridge and Frank Tuckers is increasing. Consider the tip should have litter pickers collecting the rubbish daily. Communicate with the tip. Copy to Jackie Refell. Copy to county and district councillors.

Cllr. Westwood reported that the footpath at Kenton has been cleared away.

### 15) PART II

**Council are excluding members of the public and the press to progress a matter of a confidential nature.**

Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960.

Local Government Act 1972, ss 100 and 102.

**16)** To discuss and agree salary band increase for the Clerk as per contract of employment, for achieving her degree in Community Governance. Cllr. Westwood considers that appraisals are a very useful item to have – this has not been completed for the past year by the Council. Cllr. Chislett proposed, Cllr. Goodey seconded and it was resolved that the Clerk receive a unit increase back-dated to May 2021. All agreed by show of hands.

**Items for Information** - The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021, 7.00pm at the Kenn Centre.

**Meeting closed at 8.50pm.**

**Signed**.....

**Dated**.....

**Email Circulation**

DALC newsletter 52 (sent 20/09)  
 DALC Newsletter 58 (sent 01/10)  
 DALC Newsletter 59 (sent 08/10)  
 Love Devon Newsletter (sent 12/10)

Connectme Devon – booster jabs (sent 27/09)  
 Hate Crime Community Newsletter (sent 01/10)  
 Devon Climate Emergency newsletter (sent 08/10)

Absence Record. May 2021 to May 2022

Month	Councillors	District Cllrs.	County Cllr.
May	Cllr. Taverner/Cllr. Crisp/Cllr. Stretton Cllr. Young/Cllr. Diment	Cllr. Swain/Cllr. Foden/Cllr. Nuttall	
June	Cllr. Young/Cllr. Crisp/Cllr. Stretton	Cllr. Swain/Cllr. Foden	Cllr. Connett
July	Cllr. Crisp/Cllr. Birt/Cllr. Young	Cllr. Swain/Cllr. Foden/Cllr. Nuttall	
September	Cllr. Crisp/Cllr. Goodey/Cllr. Young	Cllr. Swain/Cllr. Foden/Cllr. Nuttall	Cllr. Connett
October	Cllr. Diment	Cllr. Swain/Cllr. Foden	