

# KENN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Kenn Parish Council held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm in the Kenn Centre.

**Councillors in attendance,**

Cllr A Chislett, Cllr T Salter, Cllr B Stetton, Cllr D Jinks, Cllr C Salter  
Cllr L Young, Cllr P Gandy

**Public open session,** No members of the public in attendance

23/142 **Apologies for absence.**

Cllr P Westwood, Cllr R Taverner

District Cllrs C Nuttall, Cllr A Swain Cllr A Foden.

23/143 **Declarations of interest.** None declared.

23/144 **Matters raised by the Chairman,**

- a, It has been to the chairman and clerk regarding the amount of dog waste accumulating on the footpath by St Andrews Church Kenn.

**Action** Clerk to contact TDC Dog Warden to investigate.

- b, The chairman had a chance meeting with DCC highways officer, it has been discovered that drains running along Exeter Road past the Post office and private properties have collapsed, it is proposed to reroute the drains as it is not possible to repair the drains running under nearby properties. The low kerbs along both sides of the road were discussed. it is not possible to raise the kerbs as this would result in surface water running back towards properties causing damp issues, some drains have been jetted by Highways. A site meeting is still required to discuss collapsed drains and flooding issues in other parts of the parish.

**Action** Clerk to invite Highways officer and engineer to meet on site to visit the various problem areas.

23/145 **District and county councillors' reports,**

Cllr Connett reported that TDC have approved the Budget for 2023/24 the Band D base line of council tax will increase by £5.54 for the year, however the council have resolved to refund the amount of the increase to all Council tax payers meeting the deficit from ear marked reserves, in recognition of difficulties everyone is experiencing with the current high cost of living.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Connett for TDCs gesture of trying to reduce the impact of increased council tax cost to residents, which mirrors the decision by the Parish Council to hold Kenn's precept to the same as last year meeting any shortfall in expenditure from reserves.

23/146 **Minutes of the January meeting.**

An alteration to the wording was put forward by Cllr Jinks, this was noted and adjusted, the minutes accepted and signed off.

Proposed by; The Chairman seconded by. Cllr Jinks

23/147 **To agree an application to TDC re the parish boundary to commence  
The Neighbourhood development plan.**

Proposed by; The chairman seconded by Cllr T Salter

**Action** Clerk to contact TDC to arrange a meeting.

. 23/ 148 **The request for information regarding the removal of storage bins at the  
post office.**

The council agreed that disclosing the name of individual residents who had Reported to the council regarding the obstruction would not be beneficial. The Chairman personally visited the post office to discuss the issue. The clerk Following contact from the Mr A Milton requesting the date of the next pc Meeting, issued an invitation to Mr Milton to attend the next meeting, the offer was not taken up. Following further visits and communication by Devon Highways officers, the bins were found not to be the same size as the previous structure as was stated and have been removed.

23/149 **The Kings Coronation celebration plans**

An enquiry from the primary school has been received regarding the parish. Councils plan to celebrate the Kings coronation and if the council planned to purchase commemorative mugs or similar.

It was agreed that at this stage there were no confirmed plans by the council to purchase memorabilia due to budget constraints, however if the school raises some sponsorship elsewhere a contribution could be made.

It was also agreed to apply to DCC for a road closure order in Kennford on Coronation day should any plans develop for a street party or similar.

**Action** Clerk to contact school and DCC

23/150 **Report on meeting with D&C Police and Kenbury recycle management.**

Several bullet points from the meeting were discussed,

- The number of HGVs reported going through the village has decreased
- Enquiry to Devon highways to move the weight restriction sign further up the slip road from the A38 approach at the Gissons turn off.
- joint letters from the Police and Kenn parish council are being sent to repeat offenders entering the weight restriction zone.
- Clerk to request a traffic survey through the village repeating the one last done in 2019.
- Clerk to communicate with residents regarding reporting HGVs passing through the village.
- Explore the use of the Police driver awareness mobile speed check equipment that is available, volunteers needed, and it was suggested that a joint road safety exercise could be run with the school.

**Action** Clerk to progress action points.

23/151 **Open Spaces Group** No report this month.

23/152 **Planning**

**22/02044/FUL proposed traveller site Haldon ridge.**

The Council oppose this application on numerous points.

Development on the land in question would create significant visual harm and undermine the rural nature of the SSI site of Haldon ridge.

This application would create an urbanising effect on the local area and Overdevelopment of sensitive woodland.

The existing traveller site a short distance along the road was put in place to clear the illegal encampment that had existed there.

Occupiers on this site pay council tax, and it is managed on site.

This application has the possibility to encourage the proliferation of illegal encampments on the site and on the land between that and the established permanent site. Unlike the managed site there is no provision for on site management. The application shows no indication of foul water drainage or any other utility supply.

The application states the site cannot be seen from the road; this is clearly not the case, as a carpark it is clear to see from the road.

The application is very light on detail, if approved it will lead to many issues in the future.

**Action.**

Objection to be lodged with TDC by Clerk

**22/0237/HOU 2, Bay trees Kennford**

Two storey extension

**Action.** no objection.

**23/00096/HOU St Christophers Kennford**

Extension to rear dormer

**Action.** no objection.

**23/00040/CAN Trehill estate Crown lift**

Various trees/laurels

**Action.** no objection.

**23/00075/VAR Land at Telegraph hill**

Variation to approved plan

**Action.** no objection.

**23/153 Planning decisions**

**23/00057/ADV Brightside signage A38**

Refused

**23/02263/AGR Agricultural building**

Approval does not require 23/154

**Finance EXPENDITURE**

Information commissioner's office a/subscription	£	35.00	PD/DD
Clerk salary January	£	982.90	
P.A.Y.E	£	245.60	
Unity quarterly bank charge	£	18.00	PD/DD
Playbox EDF energy January	£	149.00	PD/DD
CPRE Annual subscription	£	36.00	PD/DD
Exe Estuary pest control February	£	32.91	
Vision UCT annual renewal website hosting	£	161.26	

**INCOME**

Playbox quarter three rent	£	1000,00
Trehill Estates fallen tree clearance.	£	90.00

Income and expenditure noted and agreed.

**23/155 Clerks report**

- Replies from Nation Grid and Mel Stride MP regarding power cuts.  
Clerk to follow up with further information.
- Confirmation the geotechnical survey was carried out at St Andrews close.
- Reply from Cllr Connett re Highways contract.
- Reply from Jon Pearson re Highways report.
- Response re grade ii window replacement.
- TDC local plan revue Consultation open until 13<sup>th</sup> March.  
Clerk to circulate to Cllrs for individual observations and comment.

**23/156 Councillors' reports**

Cllr Young passed on a request from playbox for a rent reduction,  
no formal request has been received by the council.

Meeting closed at :- 21.45 pm.

**Minutes agreed at the Meeting held on...7<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Signed.....A Chislett..... Date.....14<sup>th</sup> March 2023.....**

