

Kenn Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Kenn Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th July 2023

7.15pm in the Kenn Centre.

23/217 Presentation by Sammi Hunt and David Luke from Teign Housing & Mary Ridgeway from TDC regarding the proposed development at St Andrews close, Kenn. Three bungalows are proposed, and extra parking space a full consultation with residents will be conducted when the planning application is ready for submission.

23/218 Public open session, Three members of the public in attendance,

They had attended the drop-in session organised by the developer's agent for the Lower Brenton Farm landfill site. The session was at the request of the parish council following news that a similar session had been arranged in Shillingford but not in Kenn, the parish most affected by the proposal. Concern was raised by all regarding the proposed landfill site, Council assured the public that once the planning application was submitted, they would react and highlight the public's concerns which were noted for future reference.

23/219 Councillors in attendance, Cllr A Chislett, Cllr C Salter, Cllr L Young
Cllr P Westwood, Cllr T Salter
District Councillors C Nuttall (part), K Lake.

23/220 Apologies for absence. Cllr D Jinks work commitments,
Cllr P Gandy work commitments
County Cllr A Connett personal reasons

23/221 Declarations of interest. None Declared

23/222 Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2023.

A correction made to the text In District Cllr Nuttall's Report, corrected minutes signed off by the chairman.

23/223 Matters raised by the Chairman

The Chairman raised concern that TDC planning officers no longer visit application sites, highlighting the request for a flood risk assessment (FRA)

required for the small grass area to be used as an under eights play area which parish council has applied permission for, the cost of an (FRA) at more than £1000.00 puts project in jeopardy.

Concern regarding DCC highways verge cutting which raises safety concerns, which the Parish continually raise with DCC highways.

The chairman asked our District councillors to take the matter up with DCC highways also pointing out the lack of notice given to Kenn parish council of road closures in neighbouring parishes that affect Kenn parish.

The recent trench digging around Gissons Lane highlighted to lack of communication from DCC highways, with no warning to residents of the intended work.

23/224 Clerks Report

The clerk reported some items had already been discussed including the progress of the planning application re the children's play area.

The request from the parish council to the agents working on the landfill Application for a drop-in session to be held in Kenn as well as Shillingford as they had planned.

Several highways' issues have been reported to DCC highways.

The EA have confirmed that the annual desilting of the river bed will take place in the first weeks of August.

The joint meeting of Town and parish councils held on the 21st of June was discussed and a request from Council to our District councillors to support the restarting of the Teignbridge association of local councils (TALC.)

23/225 District and county councillors' reports,

Councillor Lake agreed report the issues with DCC highways. Also chasing the Government grant funding available to Communities working on an NDP.

Councillor Nuttall also agreed to follow up on the Issues raised by the chairman.

He pointed out that the Department for levelling up, housing & communities, intends to set up an office for local Government (Oflog) a new performance

body.

The TDC local plan consultation will be published on the 24th of July.

23/226 Joint meeting with Devon & Cornwall police & Kenbury recycling management

The meeting held on 27th of June discussed the ongoing problem of overweight lorries passing through Kenn and Kennford, a better method of recording is required. The use of the speed awareness trolley was discussed, unfortunately the unit is broken and a new date will be arranged for the parish to use it.

23/227 Report from the KNDP working party:

Public consultations have been completed; A meeting is being set up with TDC to explore the next stage of the plan. Next working party meeting is on the 18th on July.

23/228 Open Spaces Report

Meadow Cutting:

Pleased with the way it has been mown by Paul Dove and topped by Rob. Plan to continue with the current cutting plan. Rob has kindly agreed to continue to top the orchard field and to top broad pathways in other areas. Chris has said he may be able to mow with a flail if needed too.

Wildflower area:

review of the area seeded with wildflower seeds previously. It has a mix of varied species now and much less grass than surrounding areas. Discussed repeating the seeding in a different area within the island field in the autumn and there is appetite for this.

Fallen tree:

This has been cleared by the Environment agency from where it was washed against the hanging gates in the main river channel, We noticed that the stepping stones are now mostly submerged and difficult to use, even with river levels quite low. We suspect they have been undermined over winter.

Fruit trees:

The orchard field has been topped with strimming around the fruit trees. Unfortunately, one of the trees may have died (not those donated by Playbox or WI). Other trees looking healthy.

Benches:

Pleased with how these are working, especially that they have little maintenance. We may consider additional benches at the right time.

Bridge:

Discussed the potential for a pedestrian bridge over the river Kenn. We think this is viable but requires consultation with the Environment agency and potential contractors.

Signage Angela Brown is working on Meadow signs. Lorna is keen to combine the unveiling of their installation with a community event, to publicise the meadow to the community. Possibility discussed of an event in Spring 2024. Another member of the community is considering organising a competition for photos of local open spaces (St Andrews Church and The Meadow) and these may be combined.

Summer Fete:

Lorna has arranged for the Open Spaces Committee to have a table within the children's area at the Fete. Money raised at the Fete will be split four ways, to include the Open Spaces Committee. Ideas is to engage children with nature orientated activities such as a nature trail and quiz.

23/229 Request for the scattering of ashes and memorial in the meadow

Agreement that ashes could be scattered, the preferred option for a memorial if required was a bench in the meadow.

23/230 Planning:

APPLICATION: 23/00939/LBC

LOCATION: The Ley Arms Kenn

PROPOSAL: New door in place of window, block up doorway, replace first floor window with smaller window and internal alterations.

Council comment No Objection

APPLICATION: 23/00942/FUL LOCATION: The Ley Arms Kenn

PROPOSAL: New door in place of window and replace first floor window with smaller window Council comment No Objection

23/231 Planning decisions:

APPLICATION: 23/00603/HOU

LOCATION: 2 Ford Cottages

PROPOSAL: Two storey side extension Permission Granted

APPLICATION: 23/00828/DCC

LOCATION: Kenbury wood transfer recycling

PROPOSAL: Erection of storage building Permission Granted

APPLICATION: 22/01162/FUL

LOCATION: Gissons Hotel Kennford

PROPOSAL: new first floor structure to provide staff accommodation
Permission Refused

APPLICATION: 22/01535/FUL

LOCATION: Gissons Hotel Kennford

PROPOSAL: Retrospective consent for installation of external lighting.
Permission Refused

23/232 ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**EXPENDITURE**

Exe Estuary pest control June	£	32.91
Planning application Play area	£	13.20
Clerk Qtr. 1 expenses	£	259.44
Travis Perkins	£	36.79
Fire electrical ltd alarm service playbox	£	252.00
Exe Valley Design and print	£	201.80
Hi viz jackets & back printing	£	79.55
Salaries June	£	1228.50
Vision ICT Data backup to 08/2024	£	144.00
Paul Cary South West Ground maintenance	£	258.00
Unity bank fees (Auto payment)	£	18.00
Malwarebytes Anti malware renewal	£	36.00
TDC planning application	£	231.00
Lengths man gully cleaning hedge trimming	£	208.00

INCOME

Deposit a/c interest	£	331.26
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23/233 Councillors Reports

Cllr Chislett asked that the list of planning comments acceptable to the Planning authority be listed on the web site for residents to refer to.

Meeting closed at :- 9.05pm

Minutes agreed at the meeting held on the 11th of July 2023

Signed..... Date.....

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