

# Kenn Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting of Kenn Parish Council held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**7pm in the Kenn Centre.**

**Public open session,** 5 members of the public were in attendance, issues raised included the current landfill site application, a planning application in Kenn, HGV traffic through the village

**23/250 Councillors in attendance.** A Chislett, D Jinks, L Young, T Salter, C Salter, P Gandy P Westwood  
County Cllr A Connett (part until 7.35pm)  
District Cllr K Lake  
District Cllr C Nuttall (part until 8pm)

**23/251 Apologies for absence.** B Statton personal reasons

**23/252 Declarations of interest.** None declared

**23/253 Dispensation request.** None received

**23/254 Minutes of the meeting held on 2023.** Agreed and signed off .

**23/255 Matters raised by the Chairman**

- 1, There is still an issue with water treatment and discharge into the water courses which in turn enters the Exe estuary close to the oyster beds
- 2, The ongoing number of low voltage power cuts in the village, and the reporting process, and the effect they have on people who rely on emergency response equipment that fails during the power outage,
- 3, Comment was made regarding the further long-term disruption by the 9+ months road works from the Devon hotel along the A379, as Way brook lane is also closed Kennford residents are almost cut off from reaching Exeter without a very long and costly detour.
- 4, The chairman offered his thanks to Kelvin Boot for his contribution to the Lower Brenton Farm application comments, also to Andy Crisp for his work maintaining the emergency pumps. finally, to Cllrs Connett and Lake for the follow up they have done on parish issues.

5, Regarding the District and County Carbon reduction plan, the chairman asked both County and District councillors to follow up on a previous request regarding double glazing in listed buildings

Action Clerk to follow up all point raised

### **23/256 Clerks Report**

- 1, The clerk received a reply from the national grid office in Exeter regarding the power cuts mentioned in the chairman's report, saying they only monitored high voltage failures. They supplied a number that residents could use to report low level household cuts.
- 2, A reply was noted from MP Mel Stride regarding the proposed banning of new gas boiler production from 2025, As mentioned in the chairman's report, this policy change further complicates the carbon plan, alternatives are not compatible with older and listed buildings.
- 3, Council noted the DALC Annual conference would take place on 27<sup>th</sup> September.
- 4, Council noted the new system of communication put in place by DCC following the failure of communication during the recent Gissons lane road closures.
- 5, It was pointed out that there may be a shortage in insurance cover for the VAS signs in the village, the clerk to follow up with the insurance company, to adjust cover if required.
- 6, Confirmation of the river bed desilting will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of September.
- 7, Repairs to the red phone box community library in Kenn have Taken place, the pint is on hand to repaint the box, volunteers required.

### **23/257 District and county councillors' reports,**

#### **County Councillor Connett**

Councillor Connect confirmed that planning permission had been approved for a community centre hub on the Matford development.

The delayed construction of the through school on the site, it is now hoped that the school will open in September 2024, this year's intake has been transferred to St Lukes school. Any parents filling in preference forms within the catchment area should continue to put Matford Brook Academy on their list for next year's intake.

Cllr Connett also mentioned the 9 months of roadworks as mentioned above.

#### **District Councillor Lake**

Response from MP Mel Stride via M Gove communities Minister speeding up and releasing

funds to Parish Councils. An Objection submitted online to Parrs farm substation application.

Donation of community funds to Kenn fun day ( £200). Subject of power cuts asking for response again, to frequent low voltage power cuts. sent email to minister regarding the issue Enquiry sent to SW request for info of how many so far this year sewerage overflow spillages into River Kenn.

#### **District Councillor Nuttall**

Reported that TDC have agreed replacements to the refuse collection fleet, which will make collection more efficient as the old fleet suffers from maintenance issues that deplete the number of available units to keep up with collections, he also reported that all the smaller fleet vehicles used by TDC would all be replaced with electric vehicles, however the large collection vehicles are not at present sufficiently developed to go all electric

**District Councillor Parrott** Not Present at the meeting

#### **23/258 To agree the comments to be submitted re the planning application DCC/4337/2023**

Council agreed to all the documents being submitted also to be sent to each member of the DCC planning committee. Thanks were made the clerk, Mr Kelvin Boot and Mr Jon Pearson for their work producing the reports.

#### **23/259 To discuss supporting the community library in the Kenn centre, agreed to fund the installation of the shelving required at a cost of £299.66**

#### **23/260 Update on progress of the KNDP**

It was reported that the grant applied for from Locality has been received, work will now commence on preparing the full questionnaire next meeting date 19<sup>th</sup> September

#### **23/261 To Discuss any non-contentious waiting restrictions to submit to DCC HATOC committee.** It was decided that no further waiting restrictions are need in the parish.

#### **23/262 Report from the open spaces group**

Cllr Young reported that Volunteers Rob Taverner, Graham Lewis & Chris Connett had cut the grass in the meadow and reseeded the area. It was confirmed that a grant of £200 had been agreed with Cllr Lake from his community fund, the money would be used towards a family day in the meadow

#### **23/263 Planning:**

**APPLICATION:** 23/01531/CAN

**LOCATION:** The Orchard Kenn

**PROPOSAL:** Removal of eight various trees

**Council comment** Clerk to request a site visit with the arboriculture officer. Unable to

arrange as TDC has at present no arboriculture officer, employs a temp one day a week.

**APPLICATION:** 23/01446/FUL

**LOCATION:** Gissons hotel

**PROPOSAL:** retrospective application re external lighting

**Council comment** Council to object on the grounds of light pollution to neighbours and across the wider landscape towards Kenn.

**APPLICATION:** 23/01447/HOU & 23/01448/HOU

**LOCATION:** Belford House

**PROPOSAL:** retrospective application following fire damage

**Council comment** council raise no objection and defer to the listed building officer.

**APPLICATION:** 23/01649/PO

**LOCATION:** Brook cottage Kenn

**PROPOSAL:** Crown topping of one tree

**Council comment** No objection

**APPLICATION** 23/01693/CAN

**LOCATION:** Trehill Estate

**PROPOSAL:** Various tree works around the herb Garden

**Council comment** No objection

**23/264 Planning decisions** None received

**23/265 Accounts for approval**

Agree correction to END of Year AGAR statement

**EXPENDITURE**

Southwest Ground Maintenance	£	258.00
Speed trolley charger (amazon)	£	29.15
Highways consultant re planning app DCC/4337/2023	£	576.00
Noise consultant re planning app DCC/4337/2023	£	228.00
Staff Salary August	£	1228.50
EDF utility cost Playbox	£	52.00
SWW May-Aug (playbox)	£	159.72 DD
Lengths man Hedge trimming, phone box repairs	£	180.00
Library shelving	£	229.66

Flood risk assessment re play area £ 1750.00

**INCOME**

Locality Grant ref the KNDP £ 3875.00

Devon communities Grant re hi viz jackets £ 372.24

**23/266 Councillors Reports**

Cllr Westwood, Reported to the public rights of way (PRW) the very boggy area at Holloway lane that need attention

Cllr C Salter Reported ready to run Speed awareness sessions, waiting for delivery of the trolley From the police.

Cllr Young Reported that the horse chestnut tree on the triangle in Kenn looks to be in Trouble looking in need of attention. Also, the overgrown vegetation over the footpath leading from Glisson's hotel up past the shell garage

Meeting closed at :- 21.05 pm

Minutes agreed at the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> October2023

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