

# Kenn Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting of Kenn Parish Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### 7pm in the Kenn Centre.

**23/267 Councillors in attendance,** Cllr A Chislett, Cllr C Salter, Cllr Pat Gandy,  
Cllr T Salter, Cllr B Stretton,

**23/268 Apologies for absence,** Cllr P Westwood personal reasons  
Cllr L Young Personal reasons

County Cllr A Connett Work commitments

Cllr D Jinks Resigned from the council personal reasons .

Mrs Helen Mortimer attended the meeting having expressed the desire to join the council, Following the policy of Casual adoption, a discussion was held, the vote was unanimous to co-opt Helen onto the council, filling one of the two vacancies since the May 23 elections. There are still two vacancies following Dom Jinks resignation.

**23/269 Declarations of interest** None declared

**23/270 Public open session,** One member of the public spoke about the flooding issues in Kenn Particularly the area around the triangle, pointing out that the culvert under the road is completely silted up and the access overgrown with brambles and other vegetation. The issues were taken up under agenda item 23/275,

**23/271 Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023,** The minutes were agreed and signed off by the chairman,

**23/272 Matters raised by the Chairman**

- 1, The Chairman reported he had ordered two remembrance wreaths, one for the parish and one for the church, there was some comment on why the church did not source their own wreath. It was agreed that Cllr Stretton and the Clerk would put up the lamp post poppies prior to remembrance day.

- 2, The recent road works across Gissons lane carried out on behalf of Gissons hotel has started to subside noticeably.

ACTION POINT Clerk to report to Devon Highways and Gissons hotel for action.

- 3, The interceptor system put in by Highways England when the A38 and the A380 were realigned, does not appear to have been cleared, evidence of pollution is apparent in the river Kenn downstream from the interceptor.

ACTION POINT Clerk to contact Highways England re maintenance the interceptor

- 4, The desilting of the river bed at Kennford under the bridge has not been done to the usual Standard, in previous years the scrape was down to the ancient, cobbled bed when the river at that point was a ford, the present level will stop the relief flaps the other side of the bridge to be held shut at time of high-water flow.

ACTION POINT Clerk to contact the EA pointing out the issues

#### **23/273 Clerks Report**

- 1, VAS signs update on insurance, the councils' insurers confirm that the four VAS signs are covered on the insurance policy.
- 2, Response from highways re HGVs using sat nav's Shillingford lane A reply from Devon Highways confirmed that sat nav nis information is a national problem, DCC is working with South West Freight partnership and other local authorities and encouraging Sat Nav and mapping providers to improve their products
- 3, Horse chestnut tree at Ley arms investigation into the condition of the tree in Kenn suggests the Problem is leaf blotch, coursed by a fungus. Recommendation is to collect fallen leaves and dispose (burn) to atop the fungus spores spreading to new leaf growth in the spring
- 4, DALC Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> October 6pm clerk will be attending the meeting
- 5, Teignmouth NDP is out for consultation, Cllrs asked to read the policies to see if there is anything that could be used in the KNDP
- 6, Meeting with D&C Police, Kenbury recycling re HGVs Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2pm

#### **23/274 District and county councillors' reports,**

In the absence of County Councillor Connett, the clerk drew the attention of Council to the DCC

Report sent out by Cllr Connect and circulated to councillors, covering the support available following the recent flooding along with several other topics of interest

**District Councillor Nuttall** reported that next week is TDCs recycle week, an email was sent out to all Councils asking for support.

Teignbridge District Council is extending for six weeks the consultation into the revised local plan. He confirmed that an affordable housing survey had been sent to all parish and town councils.

**District Councillor Lake** reported that he had contacted TDC re their tree officer. He confirmed that sandbags supplied by TDC, were intended for domestic household use only. Business's should purchase any sandbags they may require direct from TDC.

Contact had been made to the relevant departments, following enquiries by two residents on issues overgrown vegetation and the siting of a power pole. TDC contacted regarding litter on the A379, TDC will liaise with DCC to carry out litter picking when highway is being carried out. Cllr Lake also sent supporting emails covering issues the Parish Council were already dealing with, including desilting the river, blocked drains, and double glazing on listed buildings.

**District Councillor Parrott** Not in attendance

## **23/275 TO DISCUSS THE RECENT DTORM DAMAGE AND THE EMERGENCY PLAN**

The discussion focused on the need for the Emergency plan to be the go-to document for all residents should any emergency occur. There is a need for some updating of content i.e., snow warden helpers. Confirmation regarding access to the sandbag store, and the confirmation that TDC supply the sandbags free of charge for domestic household use, that business's need to purchase sandbags from TDC. The pumps had been checked, storage of fuel is an issue, directions required of where to obtain fuel/in an emergency need to be placed with the pumps. Storage of one of the pumps in Kenn could be achieved if the Teign housing project came forward. The issues raised during the public open session were discussed in detail. It was resolved to approach the land owner of the land bordering the triangle in Kenn for permission to access his land and carry out ditch and culvert clearance, Also investigate the issue of overgrown vegetation in the stream running past Brook cottage.

**ACTION POINTS** Site visit with the lengths man and resident  
Once permission is granted Chairmen to contact landowner.  
Clerk to update the emergency plan

**23/276 KNDP UPDATE** The clerk reported that Devon communities together had drawn up a contract For the work they will be doing on Kenn's NDP there is a need to part pay the first half of the agreed invoice, it was agreed that the clerk could progress the payment once it was agreed the contract met the needs of both \Kenn parish council and Devon communities together, Future meeting dates have been circulated; they will be on Wednesday evenings going forward.

**23/277 REPORT FROM THE OPEN SPACES GROUP** No report this month, The clerk to contact the group Regarding the leaf fungus, and collecting and disposing of the fallen leaves

**23/278 Planning:**

APPLICATION: 23/0118/FUL

LOCATION: Land Adjacent to the Kenn centre Exeter road Kennford

PROPOSAL: Change of use of land to a children's play area and install  
Low height safe play equipment.

Council Comment As this is an application by the parish

No comment would be made. Councillor were encouraged to spread the word to residents who may wish to support the application

APPLICATION: 23/01693/CAN

LOCATION: Trehill House Kenn

PROPOSAL: Various works around the herb garden

Council comment No comment

**23/279 Planning decisions:**

APPLICATION: 23/01531/CAN

LOCATION: The Orchard Kenn

PROPOSAL: 1 Himalayan Birch- Crown Lift south east facing, crown to three meters (improved access to gates and drive required) 2 Lawson Cypress. Removal of Not in good condition close to another tree, three & 4 Two Lawson Cypress. Removal no 3 dead, tree four in poor condition. 5 Blue Spruce. Removal Not an attractive specimen, in the centre of lawn which is to become a play area. 6 Elm Dead, removal. 7 Judas Tree. Remove. this tree, which is in poor condition, it has had its branches tied together as the trunk is splitting. The rope has cut into the tree causing scarring. 8 Lawson Cypress 4 leylandii type trees used as screening, they are dying and tied up with string. (trees will be replanted for new hedging)

Application Agreed

## 23/280 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Council noted the conclusion of external audit 2022/2023,  
the public right of access posted on the web site along with the external auditor's certificate.  
A date will be set for the budget working party to start work on the precept for 2024/25  
The half year report on expenditure against budget was circulated and discussed.  
The bank balances for the deposit and current accounts were presented, both have been  
reconciled to income and expenditure.

## 23/281 Accounts for approval

### EXPENDITURE

Invoices for payment for September all agreed

Utility Bank Charges	£ 18.00
Office 365 Annual renewal	£ 59.99
Staff Salary	£ 1228.50
Hi Viz clothing re Emergency plan	£ 279.80
Office expenses quarter three	£ 227.60
External Audit fee 22/23 accounts	£ 252.00
Exe estuary pest control	£ 32.91
Printing S2P hi viz Jackets & vests	£ 72.00
Lengths man's boots + key cut	£ 68.49
Fire and electrical solutions Playbox pat testing	£ 324.00

### INCOME

**INCOME** To note income for the previous month

EDF Refund on Playbox utility cost	£ 295.36
TDC 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment of Precept	£19,427.50
Playbox rent Quarter 3	£ 1,000.00

## 23/281 Councillors Reports

No reports

Meeting closed at :- 21.35 pm

Minutes agreed at the meeting held on the .....2023

Signed

Date

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