

Kenn Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Kenn Parish Council held on Tuesday the 12th of March 2024 7pm in the Kenn Centre.

PUBLIC OPEN DISCUSSION One member of the public in attendance. No comments made

24/331 Councillors in attendance, Cllr A Chislett chairman, Cllr P Westwood, Cllr Helen Mortimer
Cllr P Gandy, Cllr R Redding.

County Councillor A Connett (part until 19.30)

District Cllr's J Parrott, Cllr C Nuttall (part until 20.00), Cllr K Lake.

24/332 Apologies for absence. Cllr L Young personal reasons, Cllr C Salter Personal reasons,
Cllr T Salter personal reasons, Cllr B Stretton Personal reasons

24/333 Declarations of interest. None declared.

24/334 Dispensation requests regarding the code of conduct. None Made.

24/335 Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th of February 2024.

An amendment was made to record the planning application number and proposal to the detail of the clerk's report. Application 23/01684/FUL Mountain bike trail centre. With this amendment the minutes were signed off by the chairman.

24/336 Matters raised by the Chairman.

- 1, The chairman questioned the fluctuating power supply strength to properties in Kennford. The low output to properties is affecting household equipment such as alarm systems and Computers, the question being would the new proposed electricity substation on the edge of Exeter solve improve the resilience of the supply or is it a local issue. It was resolved to contact the Supplier to investigate.
- 2, The parish lengths man repaired a pothole by Partridge cycles, with the left over tarmac he part filled the deep pothole outside the post office. The pothole has a much larger surrounding area that needs attention. Devon Highways are now saying the pothole is not deep enough to warrant the work required. The chairman asked out County Councillor to take up the issue with DCC Highways dept.

3, The ongoing problem of surface water running through Kennford, no response from Devon Highways. It was pointed out that now the vegetation has been cut back several drains are now visible, all are silted up, A request to Devon Highways by the clerk and Cllr Connett will be made for the drains to be cleared.

4, The road reinstatement to be made by contractors has still not been carried out, to repair the subsidence. Cllr Connett pointed out the Devon Highway enforcement officer was in the process of chasing the contractor to complete the repairs required.

24/337 Clerks Report. The clerk reported on the actions from the previous PC meeting.

1, The running water issue had been re-reported to DCC Highways, **Action point;** DCC highways

2, The Flood prevention measures put forward by the Environment agency had been passed the land owner and land agent for their approval. **Action point;** to follow up for a decision.

Matter arising.

1, Report received of damage the wall at Gissons carpark, there is slight danger of injury should the loose brickwork fall. **Action point** The parish lengths man will rebuild the brickwork.

2, The date 13th March, has been set for a bye monthly meeting with D&C Police and Kennbury recycling re the HGVs passing through the restricted zones.

3, Consultation submission required should the parish wish to comment on the joint working of Devon County Council and Torbay **Action point;** the clerk to submit a comment that the parish would rather see closer working relationship with Parish and town councils, than another tier of authority that would require funding that could be used more efficiently.

4, A letter from St Andrews Church Kenn requesting a grant to cut the grass in the churchyard. It was pointed out the national rules regarding grants to religious bodies, one solution put forward was to allow the parish lengths man to cut the grass at the council's expense. It was agreed to ask the Church for more details of the number of cuts required and if TDC had maintenance responsibility for the old, closed churchyard.

24/338 District and county councillors' reports.

C/Cllr Connett went through the issue he would be following up with DCC.

Cllr Connett left the meeting to attend another Parish council meeting.

D/Cllr Nuttall reported that he had followed up on the request re listed building double glazing, the replies had been sent to the chairman, but as he had been away on annual leave no further progress had been made.

D/Cllr Parrott Reported he had also followed up on the double glazing issue and was still awaiting a response from TDC. He explained the council tax increases of TDC 3%, DCC 5% Police & fire 4.9%, which amounts to an increase of 12.9%. The parish increase, the first for three years is 4%.

D/Cllr Lake reported the recent fly tip of asbestos materials amounted to seventeen bags removed at a cost of £2495. He attended the Full TDC Council meeting, unfortunately the meeting lasted from 10am to 6pm and the five questions he had tabled were not debated and are still outstanding.

24/339 To agree the date and time of the annual parish meeting.

It was resolved to hold the meeting at the Kenn Centre on the 9th of April at 7pm. The Parish Council meeting will follow on the conclusion of the Annual parish meeting.

24/340 To discuss the continuing power cuts and voltage reduction.

This agenda item had been discussed in the chairman's report, no further discussion took place.

24/341 To Discuss the safe storage of council minutes and archive documents.

The clerk informed council that the current storage in one of the carpark sheds is not ideal for the long term safe keeping of the documents, contact had been made with Devon Archives & Southwest Heritage based in Exeter, who are willing to take charge of the documents. It appears that they already have some Kenn Parish historic documents. Council noted that public access to past historic documents would still be available. It was resolved to transfer all the minutes in our store to Devon Archives.

24/342 To note the progress of the KPDP

The final report on the Resident questionnaire has been received from Devom Communities Together and checked for accuracy, Agreement was reached to pay the final invoice to DCT for the work they have now completed, which marks the end of the first stage of completion of the NDP.

A further grant application would be made in the new fiscal year to Locality, to finance the second and final part of producing neighbourhood development plans.

The next working party meeting will be on the 20th of March 7pm Kenn Centre.

24/343 To discuss joining the West Country Rivers trust.

The Chairman explained the work the trust does across Devon. It was considered that the parish could benefit from joining the group which works to protect and enhance the waterways of the county, a donation to the charity was suggested to the sum of £50.

24/344 Green spaces report No report

24/345 Planning Applications - Teignbridge District Council has asked for comments from the Parish Council on the following planning application.

APPLICATION 24/00330/FUL

LOCATION: Winning post filling station Kennford

PROPOSAL: Formation of two jetwash bays including 2.7m screens

Council noted the concern raised by SWW on the foul water disposal from the proposed car wash Highlighted in a previous withdrawn application from the same applicant

Action point. It was resolved to raise concern on the water treatment and disposal from the site.

APPLICATION 24/00323/CAN

LOCATION: The Gables Ken, Bel Vue Close Kenn

PROPOSAL: a large silver Birch reduce crown to previous pruning points

b, to crown lift to three mt.

c, trees species unknown ornamental, Fell

Action point. It was resolved to make no comment,

24/346 Planning decisions:

APPLICATION: 23/01920/FUL

LOCATION: GO Ape Haldon forest

PROPOSAL: Replacement welcome building Permission granted

APPLICATION: 23/02209/MAJ

LOCATION: Land at Telegraph hill

PROPOSAL: Variations of conditions Permission granted

APPLICATION: 23/00051/FUL

LOCATION: Partridge cycles Kennford

PROPOSAL: Change of use on Ground floor storage Permission granted

PLANNING APPEAL

APPLICATION: 23/00034/REF

LOCATION: Goosemoor Kennford

PROPOSAL: demolition of barn to create a dwelling Appeal dismissed

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

APPLICATION: 24/00079/FUL LOCATION: Winning post filling station

PROPOSAL: Formation of two jet wash bays

24/347 Accounts for approval

EXPENDITURE

Invoices for payment

1122	Travis Perkins Ltd post hole digger	£	42.53
1123	Staff salary	£	1228.50
1124	Vision ICT annual hosting fee	£	216.0
1125	Exe Estuary pest control	£	32.91
1126	Devon Communities Together KNDP	£	1725.00
1127	Qtr. four office expenses	£	162.18
1128	Parish lengths man drain/pot hole work	£	243.60
1129	EDF playbox energy Feb	£	115.00 DD
1130	Honda water pump	£	76.50

INCOME To note income for the previous month

Nil

24/348 Councillors reports, and External Meetings attended (for information only).

Cllr Mortimer Raised concern about the number of learner driving schools using the road of the parish for instruction.

Cllr Gandy Pointed out that he would be submitting a letter of support to planning application 23/01684/FUL Mountain bike trail centre.

Cllr Redding updated council on the progress to repair the broken pipe and secure to inspection drains from further erosion on the river bank by SWW.

Meeting closed at :- 9pm

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