

Kenn Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Kenn Parish Council held in the Kenn Centre. on Tuesday the 10th of September 2024 7pm in the Kenn Centre.

PUBLIC OPEN DISCUSSION 3 members of the public.

A request for repairs to the road markings and road edge at Pye corner which has become a trip , hazard and slippery when wet, was made to the council. The clerk will report to Devon Highways.

A resident from Clapham pointed out a HGVs overturned crushing a car on a lane in Clapham, the latest of several incidents, including speeding, HGVs getting stuck. A request was made to ask for signs to be put place to stop HGVs. Unfortunately, a weight restriction order would be required to warn drivers, but as proved in Kennford which has a restriction the police do not enforce it. It was agreed that a sign warning of sharp bends may help. Clerk to submit a request to highways.

The new owner of Haldon Quarry gave a brief outline to council of a planning application shortly to be submitted to the Planning authority. It is proposed to place 27 holiday echo lodges on the land, a public consultation is to be held for residents to view the proposed plans.

24/437 Councillors in attendance, Cllr A Chislett, Cllr P Westwood, Cllr C Salter, Cllr H Mortimer,
Cllr S Skuse, Cllr T Salter Cllr Rob Redding
District Cllr K Lake.

24/438 Apologies for absence. Cllr P Gandy Personal reasons, Cllr B Stretton Personal reasons
County Cllr A Connett other commitments, District Cllrs J Parrott, C Nuttall Holiday.

24/439 Declarations of interest. None declared

24/440 Dispensation requests regarding the code of conduct. No requests

24/441 Minutes To consider the approval of the minutes of the of the meeting held on the 13th of August 2024
The minutes were agreed as set out and signed off by the Chairman.

24/442 Matters raised by the Chairman.

1, The number of HGVs passing through Kennford ignoring the weight restriction continues to grow, despite reporting to the police with documented evidence there has not been one prosecution. Our records show 110 HGVs photographed and reported to the Police since January 2024 to The 9th of September. The Chairman requested that all agencies involved be invited to finally seek a solution to the issue.

Action point Invitees to the meeting include D&C Police beat officers, D&C Police community Liaison Officer, Devon Highways officers, Coastal recycling, County and District councillors. Courtesy copy invites to our MP, Police Crime Commissioner.

2, The environment agency has informed the parish that they will not be desilting the river bed in Kennford this year, this is the first time in 38 years that this vital desilting will not be carried out. The residents of all the properties in the area are acutely aware of the flooding treat they will now face all through the coming months. It was pointed out that the flood defence system put in following the 2012 floods has no headroom since the trunk road alterations at Splatford split redirected surface water towards Kennford, without notifying the EA.

Action point A letter of grave concern will be sent to the Environment Agency pointing out the worry, distress, and possible financial repercussions for residents and the accountability of the authority for this decision they have made, that with better planning by the Agency could have been avoided, and can still be reversed, Copies also to our MP, County and District Councillors seeking their help in the urgency in reversing this decision.

24/443 Clerks Report. To note the email newsletters received since the last meeting and correspondence received and any Previous meeting action points.

Previous meeting Action points

- 1, Set up defibrillator training, [local contact no longer in village, contact be made to Devon Communities Together or Devon Air Ambulance od British Heart Foundation.](#)
- 2, Obtain a quote from P Carey re grass cutting in the meadow [Ongoing](#)
- 3, Arrange a meeting with Coastal/ police/Cllrs re HGV issue [see above](#)

To note Correspondence

- 1, Email from St Andrews church warden re grass/footpath cutting
- 2, Email from resident re flood prevention measures in Kenn.
- 3, August crime report from D&C Police
- 4, Kennford post office closing 30th of September

Action points; Matter arising.

- 1, EA Letter re Desilting
- 2, Arrange meeting re HGVs
- 3, A letter of thanks to the farmer re the flood prevention work in Kenn
- 4, Report issues raised during Public open session

24/444 District and county councillors' reports.

C/Cllr Connett Emailed the Chairman and clerk re progress on ongoing issues that he is following up.

D/Cllr Nuttall Not in attendance. **D/Cllr Parrott** Not in attendance.

D/Cllr Lake Reported he would follow up and add his weight to the issues raised in the public open session, the EA desilting cancellation, also HGV issue. Cllr Lake also updated the council on issues including the removal of a bamboo plant causing problems, and a resident's planning problem that has been ongoing for some time. Some of the potholes he reported in Clapham have been put on a forward plan as the work required is more extensive, which means they will get worse before a budget is found to conduct the work.

24/445 Lower Brenton Farm update.

All three documents relating to the application, covering Highways, Ecological and environment issues have now been submitted to the planning authority. These submissions covered the section 25 questions DCC asked the applicant to address. A further section 25 request has been made by DCC planning, which the applicants must now answer. There will be a further 30 day consultation when the response to the latest response is submitted. The council and members of the public will be able to submit further comment at that time.

24/446 TDC local plan inspection, and the impact on Kenn Parish

The TDC local plan inspection starts on the 16th of September, since submission the new Government has reviewed the housing numbers increasing TDC required number from 717 to 1066 homes to be built each year of the local plan. This means TDC will be re examining the land put forward by landowners for development, which may impact Kenn parish as there were five sites rejected in the process of forming the local plan. As part of the final inspection Land owners can ask the inspector to allow rejected site to be put into the plan.

There are two of these rejected sites in Kennford that agents are going to challenge both are now being put forward as employment sites not housing. The council will have to wait and see the outcome of these requests.

24/447 KNDP update on progress, & next meeting date

We now have a consultant Deborah McCann, who has agreed to redraft our proposed policies into the required legal format. She will also investigate our desired policy on double glazing and put together a draft for our consideration. All this work will be ready for our next KNDP meeting on the 18th of September.

24/448 REPORT FROM THE OPEN SPACES GROUP.

No report received.

24/449 Planning Applications - Teignbridge District Council has asked for comments from the Parish Council on the following planning application.

APPLICATION: 24/01396/FUL
LOCATION: Goosemoor Kennford Devon EX6 7XZ
PROPOSAL: Demolition of barn and construction of self-build dwelling
Action point. Support the application

APPLICATION: 24/01436/CAN
LOCATION: Woodlands Pennycombe lane Kenn
PROPOSAL: Fell Eucalyptus tree
Action point. No comment defer to arboreal officer

24/450 Planning Decisions Non received

24/451 Accounts for approval

TO RECEIVE THE END OF MONTH BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT FOR

EXPENDITURE invoices for payment

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| 1175 | South West Water (Playbox) May -July | £ 111.33 DD |
| 1176 | Printer ink | £ 46.17 |
| 1177 | Staf salary | £ 1228.50 |
| 1178 | Lengths man work conducted | <u>£ 309.00</u> |
| | Total | £ 1695.00 |

INCOME To note income for the previous month

No income received

24/452 Councillors reports, and External Meetings attended (for information only).

CLlr C Salter investigating the legal position on using a speed gun to try to slow drivers down, also writing to the Police and crime commissioner (PCC) to ask for her support

CLlr R Redding Asked if any progress had been made on the children's play park. The landowner to Be contacted re the draft lease required.

Cllr P Westwood Enquired on the possibility of the parish lengths man rodding the drainage grid leading into the recent flood defence work conducted in Kenn.

Cllr H Mortimer Asked if there was anything to be done to save the shop & post office following the announcement that it is about to close.

Meeting closed at :- 20.51

Signed.....

Date.....8th October 2024.....