

Kenn Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Kenn Parish Council

held on the 18th of March 2026 at 7pm in the Kenn Centre.

PUBLIC OPEN DISCUSSION No members of the public present

26/733 Councillors in attendance, Cllr A Chislett, Cllr C Salter, Cllr H Mortimer, Cllr S Skuse

26/734 The co-option of a new councillor, Cllr D Jinks was confirmed.

26/735 Apologies for absence Cllr R Redding, Cllr P Westwood, Cllr B Stretton, Cllr D Jinks
County Cllr A Connett

26/736 Declarations of interest. None declared

26/737 Dispensation requests regarding the code of conduct. None received

26/738 Minutes To consider the approval of the minutes of the of the meeting held on
The 10th of February 2026, signed off by the Chairman.

26/739 Matters raised by the Chairman.

The chairman asked what progress had been made regarding the compliance of planning at the Haldon travellers site, Also the progree in the HGV weight limit signs due to be installed.

26/740 Clerks Report. To note the email newsletters received since the last meeting and
correspondence received and any Previous meeting action points.

- Action points**
- 1, Letter to Highways re HGV signage to match the Chudleigh/A379 one. (11/02)
 - 2, Letter to TDC thanking the council for the quick response for sandbags (11/02)
 - 3, Order replacement sandbags for replacing damaged ones (received 18/02)
 - 4, Complete EA consultation with Chairman (Completed)
 - 5, Complete Playbox consultation with chairman (Completed)
 - 6, Grit bins refill requested. Pye corner bin reported to DCC re location

- Correspondence:**
- 1, Delay in dispatching Defib Pads.
 - 2, Playbox report a leaking top in the Children's bathroom.
 - 3, Response from Cllr Connett re street lighting going off during emergencies
 - 4, WI have reported that the flower box replaced last year is falling apart repair
 - 5, Police crime report for February

6, Letter regarding future management of the Kenn Centre Agenda item **26/745**

7, Cllr resignation

Meeting attending or attended:

- 1, TDC Leaders forum 26th February.
- 2, DCT Emergency Hub meeting 3rd March
- 3, DCRF meeting Christow 26th March
- 4, Teignbridge community network event 1st April

26/741 County and District Councillors' reports.

C/Cllr Connett. Not present

D/Cllr Parrott. Response from TDC regarding the travellers site. I was hoping to get a precise count of the number of caravan units and am waiting for this, but can set out the position more generally and outline the work that is being done to improve the site.

The Council's Environmental Protection Team in the Neighbourhoods Service are responsible for the Licensing of the site and the Council's Housing Service commission Teign Housing to manage the site.

The Haldon Ridge site has 18 pitches and each pitch is permitted to have a mobile home / trailer and a touring caravan so a total of 36 units are allowed. In past years there has been an issue with an excess number of caravans / recreation vehicles on a number of the pitches and the Council and Teign Housing have worked hard to address this and significant progress has been made. I understand that there are a few pitches which are still not compliant, for example where an extended family has expanded – in such instances Teign Housing are working to find a solution such as allocation of a vacant pitch.

There has also been an issue with some disused caravan units on the site and again progress has been made but there still a few caravans that Teign Housing are working to remove. Occasionally caravans are fly-tipped at the site which adds to the issue.

More generally, work has been done to improve conditions on the site in past years. This has included removing combustible items – including wooded porches, awnings, etc, and working with residents through a series of waste collection events. There is, however, still clutter on the site which is an ongoing issue. The next planned works are new garden fencing and a refurbishment of the community area ready for summer 2026.

As you know the unauthorised encampment nearby was granted temporary planning permission on appeal. The planning conditions for this site allow for five pitches with one static and one Recreation Vehicle on each pitch - 10 in total. The current number is higher, and Planning Enforcement are aware and one of the first priorities will be removing any units that breach this condition as the site is regularised.

D/Cllr Smith. Not present

D/Cllr Nuttall. Asked for contact details regarding the Highways signage in order to follow up.

26/742 TO DISCUSS PRE FLOOD AWARENESS, TEAM PREPERATION, UPDATE THE EMERGENCY PLAN.

Cllr Jinks has prepared a draft paper on pre emergency preparations, covering volunteer co-ordination, deployment of equipment. The revised 'be flood ready' proposals will be integrated into the Parish Emergency plan and presented to Council at the April meeting.

26/743 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DONATION TO COVER THE COST OF TELEPHONE BOX REPAIRS

The very generous donation by a resident of the Parish, to cover the cost of the repairs to the phone box book exchange in kenn was acknowledge. It was agreed that a letter of thanks and appreciation will be sent to the doner.

26/744 TO NOTE THE COMMENTS FROM TDC REGARDING THE PRE SUBMISSION KNDP, TO AGREE

KNDP MEETING FOR THE 22nd of April 7PM . It was confirmed that comments and advice had been received from TDC. Work has started on revising the pre submission document. It is hoped that the revised document will be completed in time for the KNDP meeting planned for the 22nd April

26/745 TO NOTE, UPDATE ON THE PLAY AREA HEADS OF TERMS/DRAFT LEASE FOR THE PLAY AREA

The land owner's solicitor requested information regarding the funding of the play area and estimated costings. A copy of Kenn Parish Council infrastructure delivery plan has been sent to the land owner to pass on to their solicitor.

26/746 TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE KENN CENTRE MANAGEMENT. The Council have been informed that the Kenn Centre Management are standing down at their annual meeting in May. It was agreed that the parish council could not take on the day to day management of the centre. Cllr Jinks has volunteered to prepare a report on the options on the future management of the Kenn Centre, this will be presented at the parish council meeting in April.

26/747 Planning Applications -

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

APPLICATIONS: 26/00320/HOU

LOCATION 2, Winstan Gardens Kennford

PROPOSAL Single storey front extension

Action No comment

26/748 PLANNING DECISIONS:

APPLICATION: 25/021145/LBC

LOCATION: Belford House Kennford

PROPOSAL: New Electric vehicle charging points **Permission Granted**

APPLICATION: 26/00064/HOU

LOCATION: The Old Rectory Pennycombe lane Kenn

PROPOSAL: Retention of lean-to woden greenhouse, two solar panels on southern roof of 1960s steel roof. glass roof over garden storage area **Permission Granted**

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26/749 Accounts for approval

TO RECEIVE THE END OF MONTH BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT FOR

The month ending on the 28th of February 2026. agreed and signed off.

1358	Replacement sandbags	£	35.99
1359	February salary	£	1228.50
1360	Van wash (re flood work)	£	100.00
1361	Strimmer repairs	£	30.00
1362	Storage boxes/stationary	£	30.28
1363	Travis Perkins trickle vent	£	17.84
1364	keys cut lock up/sandbag store	£	40.80
1365	Octopus energy playbox	£	117.66 DD
1367	Vision ICT annual email fee	£	240.00
1368	Adobe indesign sub KNDP	£	262.51
1369	Length man's work February	£	192.60
	Total	£	2296.18

INCOME To note income for the previous month

46	Playbox rent Quarter 4	£	1.000
47	Parishioner donation	£	1.600

Bank balance on the 28th of February 2026

Current Account £ 51,570.83 Deposit Account £ 53,307.91

TO note Public works loan board statement (PWLb) as at 15/5/25 Balance to pay £109,035.01

26/750 Councillors reports, and External Meetings attended (for information only).

Cllr C Salter enquired about the progress on the VAS sign repairs, also on the progress of the speed awareness work

The next meeting of the parish council, will be on the 14th of April 2026. 7.00pm at the Kenn Centre.

Meeting closed 18.45

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