

# Kenn Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting of Kenn Parish Council

held on the 09<sup>th</sup> of June 2026 at 7pm in the Kenn Centre.

### PUBLIC OPEN DISCUSSION

Two members of the public were in attendance.

Residents raised the ongoing issue of HGVs passing through Kennford. It was reported that members of the public had been stopping offending HGV drivers and forcing them to reverse back towards the A38 slip road.

This was noted to be extremely dangerous, as reversing vehicles could encounter fast-moving traffic leaving the A38. It was also noted that such action may be illegal, and that only the Police have powers to intervene in these circumstances.

It had been suggested that the Council had encouraged this action. The Council stated that this was incorrect. Residents have only been asked to record the HGV registration number, the time, and, where possible, the company name.

The Parish Council has been collaborating with the Police, Kennbury Recycling, and the County Council to address the issue. A reporting system has been established through the Parish Council, with all organisations contributing to efforts to reduce HGV weight-limit violations. The Council is also investigating the wording of the traffic order, which currently makes prosecution difficult.

Members of the public were encouraged to continue reporting incidents to the Council to strengthen the evidence base for improved signage and enforcement.

**26/793 Councillors in attendance,** Cllr A Chislett, Cllr C Salter, Cllr S Skuse, Cllr j Prince, Cllr D Jinks

**26/794 Apologies for absence** Cllr P Westwood, Cllr H Mortimer, Cllr R Redding, Cllr B Stretton  
C/Cllr A Connett, D/Cllr K Smith

**26/795 Declarations of interest.** None declared

**26/796 Dispensation requests regarding the code of conduct.** None received

**26/797 Minutes** To consider the approval of the minutes of the of the meeting held on

The 12<sup>th</sup> of May agreed as accurate signed off by the Chairman.

**26/798 Matters raised by the Chairman**

**Power cuts in Kennford** Several power cuts have occurred in Kennford. These have been reported and queried by the Chairman.

A response has been received from National Grid explaining some of the causes of power outages. However, National Grid's records do not match residents' experience. Future power cuts will therefore be logged and reported to the contact already established with National Grid for further investigation.

**HGVs in Kennford** The continued problem of HGVs passing through Kennford has still not been properly addressed. It has now emerged that the wording of the original traffic order limits police action. Enquiries will be made to seek an amendment to the traffic order.

**Bin collections** Bin collections remain unreliable, with delays of several days resulting in recyclable material being blown onto the highway.

**Haldon Ridge traveller site** The traveller site on Haldon Ridge has not yet complied with the conditions attached to the temporary planning permission. A further response was included in the District Councillor's report.

**26/799 Clerks Report.**

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| <b>Action Points:</b>           | 1 Councillor progress migrating to the new Email domain.        | Completed                         |
|                                 | 2 Unity Bank removal of councillor signatory's no longer on PC. | Actioned                          |
|                                 | 3 Changes to Unity Bank contact details signatures required     | Actioned                          |
|                                 | 4 Two Defib pads ordered in March refunded not available        |                                   |
|                                 |                                                                 | Reordered with different company. |
| <b>Correspondence received:</b> | 1 Changes to ROI legislation agenda item 26/801                 | Actioned                          |
|                                 | 2 re improving wild life habitats in the Teign valley area      | circulated                        |
|                                 | 3 Quote from Kennbury carpentry re Playbox fencing              | Agreed                            |

**26/800 County and District Councillors' reports.**

**C/Cllr Connett.** Not Present

**D/Cllr Parrott.** An update on the conditions which were included on the planning permission

for the above site which was granted at appeal by the Planning Inspectorate on 13 January 2026. We received a discharge of condition application to discharge conditions 4 (wildflower grassland & biodiversity enhancement), 5 (site management details) and 6 (disposal of foul drainage & grey water) on 10 April. The details that we have received for Condition 4 look broadly acceptable. We received little information for Condition 5 when the discharge of condition application was originally submitted, and we requested more details from the applicant's agent. More details for the site management were received

last Thursday, and we are currently considering this information. Teignbridge District Council's Drainage department advised that more information was also required for Condition 6 and additional information regarding the disposal of foul drainage & grey water was received on 1 June. The Council's Drainage department are currently considering whether this additional information is acceptable.

I also note that Condition 3 of the Inspector's decision required that within 3 months of the date of the decision, full details shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval of the intended site restoration scheme for when the 3-year period in Condition 2 has expired, together with a timetable for its implementation. We have not received any details of the intended site restoration scheme.

**D/Cllr Smith.** Not Present

**D/Cllr Nuttall.** Reported the problems TDC were having with the collection of Waste and recycling, which is due to problems with the vehicle fleet and the shortage of manpower. TDC were hard to resolve the issues and hope to have collection schedules back to normal by the end of June.

**26/801 TO RESPOND TO THE CHANGES IN LEGISLATION IN THE REGISTER OF INTERESTS,**

New legislation from the ministry of Housing, communities & local government advised that local authorities will no longer be required to publish an elected member's home address on the local authorities register of interest. Cllrs agreed to the offer of removal of their addresses from the register.

**26/802 TO NOTE UPDATED WEBSITE PROFILES AND PHOTOS REQUIRED** Resolved

**26/803 UPDATE ON THE REVISED THE EMERGENCY PLAN AND PRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE GROUP.**

Cllr Jinks reported that the revised Emergency response plan was complete, just required an accuracy check of details. It was agreed to agenda the item at the July meeting for approval.

**26/804 TO PROGRESS THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE KENN CENTRE MANAGEMENT** A representative of the

Kenn Centre Management was present, during a discussion on the future Kenn Centre Management.

Priority is an increase in Trustee's of the Kenn Centre charitable trust, currently just two trustees, with the inclusion of at least one Parish Council member. Also discussed were the options for the day to day running of the centre.

It was agreed that the present Management committee and Trust members should meet without delay to make decisions on the immediate running of the trust and the Kenn Centre operation.

**26/805 Planning Applications -**

**Planning Applications** - Teignbridge District Council has asked for comments from the Parish Council on the following planning application **No Applications received**

**26/806 PLANNING DECISIONS:**

APPLICATION: 26/00613/FUL ; 26/00614/FUL; 26/00615 /FUL.

LOCATION: Higher Brenton farm Kennford

PROPOSAL: Three applications, re extension roof work to farm buildings, new on silage  
Clamp Roof.

**All Three Permissions Granted**

**26/807 FINANCE:**

1, TO RECEIVE THE END OF MONTH BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT FOR **31<sup>st</sup> of May 2026**

Please note that any invoices that are received after the publishing of the agenda, will be presented at the PC meeting for agreement, to ensure our suppliers are not waiting over four weeks to the next PC meeting for payment agreement which may be beyond their terms of supply.

**INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

|       |                              |             |
|-------|------------------------------|-------------|
| 1389  | Octopus energy Playbx        | £ 122.90 DD |
| 1390  | May salary                   | £ 1228.50   |
| 1391  | Playbox quarterly water bill | £ 167.70 DD |
| 1392  | H Lee internal audit         | £ 210.00    |
| 1393  | P Cary Grass cut             | £ 258.00    |
| 1394  | Unity Bank Fee               | £ 7.00 DD   |
| 1395  | Epson printer ink            | £ 36.82     |
| 1396  | Printer Copy Paper           | £ 19.95     |
| 1397  | Lengths-man                  | £ 359.40    |
| 1387  | HMRC ENI 25/26               | £ 1461.64   |
| Total |                              | £ 3871.91   |

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

|                                         |           |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|
| 51 Playbox 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter rent | £ 1000.00 |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|

**Bank balance** at 31<sup>ST</sup> of May 2026

|                 |             |                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Current Account | £ 61,248.04 | Deposit Account | £ 63,399.90 |
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TO note Public works loan board statement (PWLb) as at 17/4/26 Balance to pay £102,100.14

**26/808 Councillors reports, and External Meetings attended (for information only).**

**Cllr: C Salter** Reported that a speed awareness session had taken place at the top of Kenn Lane 42 cars had passed through , only 2 were above the speed limit. Cllr Salter showed Council two speed awareness posters that she would like to display around the Parish this was agreed. Also, a couple of volunteers from the village have offered to repaint the bus shelter in Kennford, this offer was accepted Cllr Salter to progress.

**Cllr: S Scuse** Also took part in the speed awareness day in Kenn

**26/809** It is proposed that in accordance with section 1(2) of the public bodies (admission to meetings) Act of 1960, the press and public will be excluded from item 26/810 (Part II) having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be Transacted.

**26/810 TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL FROM THE IVY TRUST REGARDING THE PLAYBOX, WITH FOCUS ON THE EXISTING LEASE.**

Further information to be sought from Michelmores solicitors concerning the lease of the Playbox and its implications to the Parish going forward. Cllr Skuse to continue as contact with the solicitors on the matter.

The next meeting of the parish council, will be on the  
14<sup>th</sup> of July 2026. 7.00pm at the Kenn Centre.

Meeting closed at :- 21.00

Signed.....

Date.....