

Minutes of the meeting of Kenn Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th January 2019, 7pm in the Kenn Centre, Kennford.

Present: Cllr. Chislett (Chairman) Cllr. Westwood; Cllr. Coates; Cllr. Stretton; Cllr. Lovell; County Cllr. Connett; 2 members of the public; Penny Clapham (Clerk).

1) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

An opportunity for members of the public to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business on the agenda, or any matter of interest to the parish. The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed 15 minutes. (Standing Orders 3e and 3f).

Reminder that members of the public are not allowed to raise issues when Council is in committee.

Parishioner raised the issue of the potholes above the school. The pumps in the pumphouse should be serviced. Suggest flood committee look into this. Also a letter of thanks to Judith Benyon for the xmas wreaths around the village.

Parishioner from Clapham living on the road into Clapham from Haldon Forest. The speed of cyclists in particular coming down this hill. There are no 20/30 mph signs. Clerk to ask Highways officer about signage.

Cllr. Connett commented on this.

2) Apologies For Absence: Cllr. Pollitt. Cllr. Birt. Cllr. Williams.

3) Declarations Of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members are required to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have, in items to be considered at this meeting. Members are also reminded that any change to their Declaration of Interests must be notified to the Monitoring Officer at Teignbridge District Council within 28 days of the change. None declared.

4) Matters raised by the Chairman (for information)

Council to ask Highways when they are going to fill the marked potholes. To advise Council in advance so that signage can be put up.

Sewage discharge – to check the frequency of the discharge. This item has been closed.

Pollution levels in Kennford. Clerk to check the update.

Commented on the cycle route that is not an official cycle route even though it has the blue cycle signage.

Cllr. Connett has followed this through, to no avail at present.

5) District and County Councillor Reports -

Nothing to report.

6) Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th December 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

7) Standing Orders - to approve a slight amendment to paragraph 3(e) outlined in yellow and circulated by email prior to this meeting. Approved.

8) Churchyard grass cutting proposals - discussed. Cllr. Lovell reported a request from the Church Committee to keep the grass under control at the back of the church.

Standing orders suspended –

Costs about £2,000 pa to keep the grass cut and the churchyard tidy. The Church is struggling to keep up with the costs. Paul Cary has been asked to quote (Council's grass cutter). A lot of the grass is mowed by volunteers. It is the parish church and an asset to the villages.

Standing orders resumed.

Council resolved to support the Church and have allocated £1,000 in the budget for 2019/20. (LGA 1972 214(6)). All agreed by show of hands.

9) Proposal for a 'food bank' bin at the school - Cllr. Lovell to report. February agenda.

10) PLANNING

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

- a) 18/02547/FUL Extension to provide cafe area, Partridge Cycles, Kennford.
No comment
- b) 18/02545/FUL Single storey extension to rear/side of forecourt sales building and new bin store, Winning Post Filling Station, Kennford.
No comment

Lights at the Gissons – Enforcement view the lights with concern and the affected residents should contact Environmental Health, Teignbridge.

Planning Decisions

- a) 18/02143/FUL Attached general purpose agricultural building, Lower Brenton.
GRANTED
- b) 18/02246/NPA Application for prior approval change of use agricultural building to two dwellings, The Lawns, Clapham
APPROVED
- c) 18/02154/FUL Agricultural livestock building and associated groundworks, Higher Brenton Farm.
GRANTED
- d) 18/01909/FUL Alteration and extension of existing dwelling and new detached garage, The Lawns, Clapham.
GRANTED

11) FINANCE

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| Expenditure | C.R. Tonepohl: Playbox undersink water heater | £245.99 | BACs |
| | Coeval: Flashing Light systems x 2 | £6,580.15 | BACs |
| | Employment December | £336.60 | BACs |
| | PAYE Q3 | £368.40 | BACs |
| | DALC - 10 copies of Good Cllr Guide for elections | £34.90 | BACs |
| | Clerk's Expenses Q3 | £250.44 | BACs |
| | Cllr. Chislett - purchase of large poppies | £25.00 | CQ 154 |
| | EDF Energy | £113.00 | DD |
| | Bank service charge quarterly | £18.00 | DD |
| | Data protection fee - annual charge | £35.00 | DD 11/01 |

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| Income | Bank interest to 31st December 2018 | £98.47 |
| | Bank Reconciliation and Statement, for information | |

Council resolved to accept the accounts. Proposed by Cllr. Chislett. All in favour by show of hands.

12) Budget 2019/2020 - To finalise and agree the budget prior to setting the precept. Council resolved to accept the budget as circulated to all councillors prior to this meeting. Proposed by Cllr. Chislett, all in favour by show of hands.

13) Precept 2019/2020 - To agree and set the precept for the next financial year commencing on 1st April. Council resolved to set the precept at £36,479 an increase of £1,031 on the previous year. Proposed by Cllr. Chislett, seconded Cllr. Lovell, all in favour by show of hands. (This is an overall increase of 2.9%, as Council will no longer receive the support grant from Teignbridge of £2,590.) The agreed budget will be published on the website.

14) Speed signage for Kenn - Clerk is to meet with Helen Frankpitt (Highways officer) in January to discuss the position of possible signage for Kenn. Noted.

15) Sweeper Hire/Drain cleaning - Highways have no problem with Council arranging private drain cleansing work. To arrange hire of a sweeper to clear drains prior to the next major rainfall. Clerk to be advised as to the most important drains and their situation - to liaise closely with Cllr. Stretton as road warden. Drains near the Ley Arms, opposite Gissons, Cllr. Chislett will agree with Cllr. Stretton which drains need clearing so that the Clerk can obtain quotes for the work.

16) Clerk's report

- i) Purchase order emailed to Fine Memorials on 12th December for action.
- ii) Replies sent to residents of Kenn regarding the possible installation of speed signs.
- iii) Successfully gained level 5 in Community Governance - thank you Council for assisting with the expense of my studies.

17) Councillor's reports and External Meetings attended (for information only)

Cllr. Lovell – Bulford Lane footpath, the last part of it is very wet and boggy. Footpath warden will take a look at the situation.

Cllr. Westwood – the fallen trees on some of the footpaths have all been removed. Not at next Kenn Centre meeting, Cllr. Stretton could attend instead.

Meeting closed at 8.14pm

Items for Information - The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, 12th February 2019, 7.00pm at the Kenn Centre.

Email Circulation

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