

## **Minutes of the meeting of Kenn Parish Council held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2019, 7pm in the Kenn Centre.**

Present: Cllr. Chislett (Chairman); Cllr. Lovell; Cllr. Crisp; Cllr. Stretton; Cllr. Birt; Cllr. Westwood; Cllr. Lewis; PC Hodges; 3 members of the public; Penny Clapham (Clerk).

**Co-option to fill final vacancy. Not actioned.**

### **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.

#### **Simon Preece.**

On behalf of the Church, many thanks to the council for the kind donation to the church towards the grounds maintenance; thank you also for the plaques now installed on the war memorial in memory for those who lost their lives during the two world wars.

Very impressed with the 'slow down' 20mph signs; they look really great. Any chance of signage for the village of Kenn.

Cllr. Chislett has been round Kenn with Cllr. Connett and the highways officer some while ago.

Clerk will progress with the highways officer.

**PC Steve Hodges** is based at Chudleigh, since December 2019. There is only himself and 1 PCSO covering 100 sq. miles. He admits that one of the biggest issues is access to the police, and getting people to report crimes when they see a crime being committed. Work commitments make it not always easy to get out on patrol as regularly as he would like.

Cllr. Birt did promote the attendance of PC Hodges coming to the meeting this evening in the hopes that members of the public would also attend. The 101 system is not fit for purpose as there are currently not enough people to take the calls. It is best to contact police through the website <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/contact/>

Please note, feedback is not given after contacts have been made; however the information received is always logged. Speedwatch, is being re-started and will be driven by PCSO's. Neighbourhood watch is still running, locally headed up from Chudleigh. PC Hodges will email the watch co-ordinator to both Cllr. Birt and Peter Phillips for enablement in the parish.

Cllr. Chislett enquired about the white lines on the A379 causing problems; this could be a road design problem. Please report all incidents.

Chairman thanked PC Hodges for taking the time to come to the meeting tonight. Very much appreciated.

**2) Community Resilience** – particularly regarding flooding issues within the parish. Kelvin Boot updated council on the flood resilience plan circa 2013, which now needs to be updated for 2019. He has still been attending resilience meetings. More than one person is needed to update this plan – any plan, though ours, is also lodged with Devon Resilience. Community resilience plan also becomes the emergency services plan, it is not just about floods; there is help available from Devon Resilience, there is a need to get representatives to supply information (farmers, WI,) included would be a list of helpers, as well as those who need help in case of an emergency.

Kelvin Boot, together with Cllrs. Stretton, Crisp, Westwood, Chislett and possibly Cllr. Taverner, to have an initial meeting to decide who else is needed and a way forward. Dates to be advised via the Clerk.

**3) Apologies For Absence:** Cllr. Coates. Cllr. Taverner. County Cllr. Connett. District Cllr. Nuttall.

**4) 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.

**5) Matters raised by the Chairman** (for information only)

Considers Devon Highways/Highways England should be contacted regarding the bridge (A379) over the A38 (from Frank Tuckers) where the white line becomes a kerb – the kerb is causing vehicles to crash and over turn.

Would like to know if/when the parish lengthsman is coming, to clear buddle holes/drains. There is one in particular on Old Dawlish Road just past the VW garage, on the same side as Kerswell Farm 150 yds on left. It is a depression in the road which holds flood water.

Tubes for the air pollution tests are up.

River Kenn was polluted 4 weeks ago; still awaiting an update on this pollution incident from the Environmental Agency.

**6) Correspondence regarding speeding down Trehill Lane, Kenn** – to agree actions. Cllr. Westwood met with the correspondent, and drove up Trehill Lane himself to try to ascertain what the speed limit is. There are no repeater 20mph signs going up the lane, though there is one sign on the road coming down into the village. Clerk to progress with the Highways officer and Cllr. Connett. There is a general uncertainty as to the actual speed limit on this road.

**7) Proposed Weight Limit** – Cllr. Chislett to update council. No action on this to date, however, Highways Officers and Cllr. Connett will attend the meeting in September and would appreciate a 6.30pm start. Agreed and as many councillors as possible will attend at that time.

**8) District and County Councillor Reports** – None to hand.

**9) Minutes** – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**10) Land Purchase** – the purchase of the piece of land for recreational use has been completed and now paid for. Completion date pending. Clerk updated council on the financial situation. The Environmental Agency have mowed the bank (it is possibly their responsibility). Actions: Clerk suggested all councillors meet to assess needs at the field. Cllr. Lovell will circulate some possible dates by email.

**11) Proposed new Play Area** – Council were not selected from the many applicants for local grant funding. To receive an update on the lease issue from Cllr. Lovell, if available. September agenda.

## **12) PLANNING**

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

- i. 19/01367/CONSLT Various sites in Teignbridge, including Kennford. Consultation on the removal of the telephone box. For discussion.  
14 calls made from this box in the past year. Council have resolved to buy the box, keeping the electrics. Action – Clerk.
- ii. 19/01338/FUL Creation of a new vehicular access, The Lawns, Clapham.  
Determined 13<sup>th</sup> August. GRANTED.
- iii. 19/01318/VAR Removal of condition 10 on planning permission 17/02365/FUL relating to foul drainage, Haldon Hill Services, Haldon Hill.  
**Objection** on the grounds that condition 10 (foul drainage) was listed as “not a dischargeable condition”, therefore it should not be changed.
- iv. 19/01457/ADV Installation of one free standing 12 metre illuminated totem sign, Land at Haldon Hill Services, Kennford.  
**Objection** – public safety, causing a distraction for road users; illumination not in keeping with the height of the Haldon Ridge; cause a visual impact on the environment in an area of outstanding natural beauty.
- v. 19/01456/ADV Installation of seven illuminated fascia signs Land at Haldon Hill Services, Kennford.  
**Objection** – public safety, causing a distraction for road users; illumination not in keeping with the height of the Haldon Ridge; cause a visual impact on the environment in an area of outstanding natural beauty.
- vi. 19/01458/ADV Various site signage including one height restrictor, four freestanding signs, three banner units, 14 dot signs and one digital booth screen, Haldon Hill Services, Kenn.  
**Objection** – public safety, causing a distraction for road users; illumination not in keeping with the height of the Haldon Ridge; cause a visual impact on the environment in an area of outstanding natural beauty.
- vii. 19/01267/FUL Two storey rear extension to include balcony, raise existing ridge height, two front dormers and new front porch, 21 Rayners, Kennford. **WITHDRAWN.**
- viii. 19/01425/FUL Single storey rear extension with alterations and conversion of stables to form annexe accommodation and garage, Little Woodlands, Kennford. Cllr. Lewis declared an interest. Comment: Council expressed concern about the possible lack of provision for parking to cover the proposed annexe.

#### B. Planning Decisions

- i. 18/01905/FUL Second storey extension, 1 Mill Cottages, Kenn  
GRANTED

### 13) FINANCE

<b>Expenditure</b>	Supply of 3 nox tubes air quality monitoring	£1,036.80	BACs
	Fire & Electrical Solutions Playbox annual service	£226.80	BACs
	Employment July	£440.40	BACS
	SW Grounds Maintenance June	£240.00	BACs
	DALC good councillor training 17/7/19	£132.00	BACs
	Deposit to solicitor for land purchase (A.Chislett)	£300.00	Cq 159

Gilbert Stephens (land purchase & fees)	£50,810.85	BACs
PKF Littlejohn (external audit)	£240.00	BACs
Fine Memorials – plaques on war memorial	£2978.40	Cq 160
Teignbridge DC – election recharge	£172.35	BACs
South West Grounds Maintenance 4 <sup>th</sup> cut	£240.00	BACs

Bank Reconciliation and Statement, for information

Council resolved to accept the accounts. Proposed by Cllr. Lovell, seconded Cllr. Lewis, all in favour by show of hands.

**14) Notice of Conclusion of Audit** – notice published. No issues raised by the external auditor – noted.

**15) Replacement Computer** – Clerk’s request to replace the desk top computer with a laptop which could then be brought to meetings with all Council’s information to hand. To consider an HP 250 i5GB 15.6 Win 10. Estimated cost £549.98 + carriage + exchange of information to new computer. To agree actions and associated expenditure. Clerk wishes to purchase the desktop at a cost to her of £50.

Cllr. Lovell proposed Clerk go ahead with the purchase of a new laptop and the associated expenditure. All agreed by show of hands.

**16) WW1 & 2 plaques** – Have now been installed onto the war memorial in the churchyard. Noted.

#### **17) Open Spaces**

- I. Gissons Lane – Clerk still awaiting a contract price from SW Grounds Maintenance to cut back the hedging. Price of £250 from SWGM - Council authorised this expenditure. Action, Clerk.
- II. Wilding of verges – Cllr. Lovell to report. October agenda. Signed up to Plantlife.

#### **18) Clerk's report (for information only)**

- a) Clerk had a meeting with Mary Ridgway Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August – a pre-meeting for councillors will be arranged in September prior to any community drop-in event regarding St. Andrews Close. Dates to be arranged.
- b) The cycle/footway to Old Haldon Hill has been cleared and is now passable.
- c) Arranging for the air conditioner/heating unit at Playbox to be serviced.
- d) Defibrillator training to be held at Longdown Village Hall, 7pm 26<sup>th</sup> September – all are welcome.

#### **19) Councillor's reports and External Meetings attended (for information only)**

Cllr. Westwood – large amount of hay litter on the Kenn roads, which is not the contractors fault. Usually caused when contractors are hauling past parked cars. This is blocking some of the drains. Wishes to attend the Planning course 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Cllr. Lewis wishes to attend the Being a Good Councillor course 11<sup>th</sup> November at Honiton 6.30-9pm. Cllr. Crisp and Stretton will also attend.

Cllr. Stretton – need some small chippings for Bulford Lane footpath. Council authorised Cllr. Stretton to purchase sufficient chippings.

Cllr. Birt – wishes to facilitate a parish events calendar: communication with councillors, possibly via Whatsapp – this last not agreed to.

Cllr. Crisp – reported a water main fault which is steadily worsening in the field above Pye Corner. SW Water know about the problem.

Meeting closed at 9.18pm

**Items for Information** - The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 6.30pm at the Kenn Centre.

**Signed**.....

**Dated**.....

**Email Circulation**

DALC News

CPRE – litter pick information

NALC Chief Executive’s Bulletin

Connectme Devon – EV charge points

**Hard Copy**

DALC Annual Report – conference on 23<sup>rd</sup> October at the racecourse.

Countryside Voice

**MEETINGS ABSENCE RECORD 2019/2020**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Councillors</u>	<u>District Cllrs.</u>	<u>County Cllr.</u>
May		no meeting	
June	Cllr. Westwood - Holiday	Cllr. Foden	
		Cllr. Nuttall - Holiday	
	All apologies accepted.		
July	Cllr. Birt – holiday	Cllr. Foden	
	Cllr. Crisp – meeting	Cllr. Swain	Cllr. Connett
	All apologies accepted. Agreed that Cllr. Nuttall will be Kenn’s District representative.		

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