

Minutes of the meeting of Kenn Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th January 2020, 7pm in the Kenn Centre, Kennford.

Present: Cllr. Chislett (Chairman); Cllr. Coates; Cllr. Birt; Cllr. Goodey; Cllr. Lewis; Cllr. Westwood; Cllr. Taverner; County Cllr. Connett; 3 members of the public; Penny Clapham (Clerk).
Cllr. Stretton did not attend the meeting or offer his apologies.

1) Co-Option to Council: Martin Diment co-opted to Council, all in favour by show of hands.

2) 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.

3) Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Swain. Cllr. Crisp. 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)

Grants for Churches. Discussed. Chevrons on the bend A379: crash barrier and chevrons replaced, but now the turn into Days Pottles Lane is dangerous because traffic coming up is no longer visible.

Chairman has received many complaints about the mud coming out of Trood Lane onto the A379. Drains are now blocked because of this mud, flooding today 14th January. Cllr. Connett will take this on.

Request the 30mph sign at Gissons to be removed (Cllr. Connett). Old Dawlish Road near the gas board site is still flooded. It has been reported online and directly to Highways Officer.

Bridgette Williams, a previously long-serving councillor is currently in Derriford Hospital recovering from a brain haemorrhage. All on the Council wish Bridgette a speedy recovery.

6) District and County Councillor Reports -

County Cllr. Connett – Teignbridge budget propose a £5 increase. Proposals include enhancing planning enforcement in the district; working towards becoming a carbon neutral and have allowed money in the budget. Further proposals to reduce councillors community fund to £1000 instead of £1500, and a draft proposal to end rural aid.

Devon County Council matters: to carry on pursuing Trood Lane. Note that the flashing speed signs for the village of Kenn have been turned down by Highways, not because it is a conservation area but because it does not comply. Council can still continue to pursue this idea. Nearly at the end of the public consultation on the weight limit process. Would be useful if the Council write in to Highways in support.

Cllr. Connett left the meeting at 7.30pm to attend another parish council meeting.

7) Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th December 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

8) Lease – to receive proposals for a lease on a small piece of land adjacent to the Kenn Centre in order to create a play area for small children.
No proposals available at present.

9) Climate Emergency: Council to consider declaring the parish of Kenn to be a part of the Climate Emergency and to support Devon County Council. Cllr. Lewis led on this item.

The Devon Climate Declaration was circulated to councillors to read. Now adopted by Devon CC, Teignbridge DC, Dartmoor National Park and at least 24 other parish councils.

Cllr. Lewis considers this declaration could be used as a starting point, aspiring to show a lead to our community and will be put onto the council website.

Resolved to join the Climate Emergency Plan, proposed by Cllr. Goodey, 7 in favour 1 abstention. Motion passed. NB No additional monies have been allocated in the forthcoming budget to take this forward.

The Big Energy Saving Network give presentations to communities and advise on ways of saving energy in the home. Council approved Tuesday the 24th March as the date for a presentation, 7pm. Clerk to book Kenn Centre from 6pm for setting up. Refreshments to be available.

Action for Climate Change Teignbridge can also do a presentation to Council.

10) PLANNING

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

Planning Decisions

11) FINANCE

Expenditure	Employment December	£538.60	BACs
	PAYE Q3	£450.95	BACs
	Clerk's expenses Q3	£219.43	BACs
	Teignbridge DC dog bin empties	£61.55	BACs
	Bank charges Q3	£18.00	DD

Income	Interest Q3	£62.23	DD
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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 – Resolved, to finalise the budget for the 2020/2021 financial year as presented to Council. Proposed by Cllr. Chislett. All in favour by show of hands.

13) Precept – Resolved to set the parish precept for the 2020/2021 financial year at £37,938 an increase of 4%. Proposed by Cllr. Coates. All in favour by show of hands. The final agreed budget will be published on the Council website.

14) Devon Association of Local Councils – to agree to continue to subscribe for 2020/21. Agreed. All in favour by show of hands.

15) Bank signatory – Resolved to add Cllr. Birt and remove Cllr. Stretton from the banking authority. Proposed by Cllr. Chislett. All in favour by show of hands.

16) Drain Clearance – brought forward from December minutes for further discussions. Cllr. Coates cleared many drains in Kenn mostly of leaf fall; 2 blocked by mud, were reported to Highways and within a

week these were cleared out. Prices from Glanville £75 per hour minimum of 4 hours; £120 a ton to dispose of the waste. (They cleared the drains on behalf of Highways).

Cllr. Coates considers the emergency is over now the leaves have fallen and been cleared.

Clerk to ask Phil Hill if he can deal with drain blockages and if he has a jet cleaner; also if he is able to do all the parish drains, identifying those that are blocked regularly.

17) Open Spaces – draft terms of reference for this committee to be agreed and finalised.

With three amendments, the terms of reference were agreed. The Committee has been formed and can now co-opt outside parishioners.

18) SW Water and Planning – to further discuss and agree actions as to why SW Water is not a statutory consultee for all planning applications.

Cllr. Connett considers that SW Water are consultees to all planning applications. Further to this and allowing all the planning of new properties, question to Cllr. Connett as to why the NHS is not consulted. The National Planning Policy Framework does not make the NHS statutory but they are consulted. The NHS is a national infrastructure and is dealt with by national Government.

It would be useful to make representation to direct to Government via the local MP, Mel Stride. This idea could be taken to the local Teignbridge Association to ask both them and other councils to make representation.

19) Clerk's report (for information only).

- i. Dog bin letter from Teignbridge DC outlining increased costs.
- ii. Request made to Simon Pearson for a speed camera assessment, Clapham.
- iii. Reminder of the CLT open meeting 6pm start on Tuesday 28th January 2020 in the Kenn Centre.

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

Cllr. Birt – Community calendar fully live online through the council home page and the Kenn & Kennford events page on facebook.

Cllr. Westwood – Brook Cottage, the stream is undermining the wall on the roadside. A subsidence issue.

Cllr. Goodey – vacancies on the DALC committee. Suggest this is raised at the next TALC meeting.

Cllr. Coates – football match on Boxing Day a great success.

Cllr. Taverner – Gissons Lane discussed the cutting back of the hedging and clearing the path.

Cllr. Lewis – fly tipping at the top of Old Haldon Hill.

Items for Information - The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, 11th February 2020, 7.00pm at the Kenn Centre.

Meeting closed at: 8.50pm.

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