

Minutes of the virtual meeting of Kenn Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th May 2020 at 7pm.

Present: Cllr. Chislett (Chairman); Cllr. Birt; Cllr. Stretton; Cllr. Coates; Cllr. Goodey; Cllr. Diment; Cllr. Lewis; County Cllr. Connett; Mary Ridgeway (Teignbridge DC); 1 member 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.

2) Apologies For Absence: District Cllrs. Nuttall, Foden and Swain. Cllr. Taverner. Cllr. Crisp. All apologies accepted.

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 only)

Met with Cllr. Nuttall and mentioned the potholes in Old Dawlish Rd, caused by the lorries from the gas board. Passed to Cllr. Connett as this is a Highways matter.
EA today cut part of the meadow that is their responsibility to keep the watercourse clear.

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

Cllr. Birt – just an event regarding the sunflower competition starting this weekend to raise funds for the primary school allotment club. Gissons Lane has been cut by both Paul Cary and Highways within 3 weeks. Horses are allowed on Gissons Lane as it is still classed as a highway.
Cllr. Stretton – possible to have some shingle later in the year to put onto the paths.

6) District and County Councillor Reports –

Cllr. Connett – Teignbridge response to the Covid-19 emergency, Council have responded to food banks, CVS, Citizens Advice Bureau, Westbank with grants. Providing food parcels to those on the at risk register. Reminder that the draft local plan is out for consultation, ending in June. Will check on the implementation of the weight restriction to get some timings on this.

7) Minutes – approved the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th March 2020. They will be signed at the next available open meeting.

8) Community Land Trust – to receive an update from Mary Ridgeway.

Trying to use this time effectively; would like to meet with those who are thinking about the CLT with a training programme from Andrew George (Cornwall CLT) – this can be done on Zoom; Tuesday 2nd June, 10am. Clerk to contact all those interested. Feasibility of the St. Andrews Scheme – need a topographical survey for levels; asked for this to be commissioned now with an eye to parking arrangements. Drafted a report to ask for a budget to pay for further surveys, such as ecological, trees, highways. Conversation with Teign Housing. David Luke is interested in sitting in on the CLT meetings, his early involvement and expertise would be welcome. Let's just begin and pull people in as we go, getting the work done. Cllr. Goodey would like details of the meeting circulated and Cllr. Birt will advertise this meeting on the local Fb page. Other details were discussed regarding this site; no decisions at this early stage.

9) Playbox

- i. After recent meter read, the electricity account is £1.16 debit – payments to remain the same at £78 pcm. Noted.
- ii. To receive a report from the Playbox committee – circulated prior to this meeting. This report requested assistance with the rent payments for the first 2 quarters of this financial year. After discussion, Cllr. Chislett proposed to waive the rent, however this should be delayed until all grant avenues have been explored. All agreed this proposal. Clerk to write to Playbox with this offer and conditions. Cllr. Connett indicated that there is support from Devon CC from the Early Years Team and asked that Playbox get in touch with him direct. Agenda for June for an update.

Cllr. Connett left the meeting.

10) PLANNING

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

- a) 20/00418/OUT Dwelling to replace workshop (all matters reserved), Badgers Meadow, Clapham
Application discussed by email due to Covid-19 – sent to Planning 14th April as follows:-
“Council expressed concerns regarding the current outfall from the septic tank and should this be used for the proposed dwelling, outfall onto the road would increase. Council consider the existing exit onto the lane is dangerous. These matters should be addressed.”
- b) E2/34/08 Making of provisional TPO – Council comments already submitted to Planning:
 1. There have been two incidents of trees falling.
A tree fell over onto a car in the car park.
A tree fell over onto the gas tank and severed the main outlet pipes, the Ley Arms had to be evacuated and the emergency services of Fire brigade called out to deal with the dangerous situation.
 2. The majority of the Trees along the river bank are unsafe and at an angle, the river bed is eroding and worsening after water levels rise.
 3. Trehill Estate have submitted professional Tree surgeon reports on this matter to Teignbridge Council, which state the trees are now unsafe.
 4. The situation of dangerous trees is not going to improve and will only get worse over time. Coppicing/felling and replanting is the only responsible solution to this situation.
 5. The trees are not aesthetically pleasing, they are either dead or dying.
- c) 20/00551/TPO Land adjacent to the road bridge over the river Kenn at NG292203 85575 , Trehill Estate, Kenn. Fell 4 alders from a line of trees and coppice remainder.
Council support this application, submitted to Planning.
- d) 20/00424/FUL Land south west of Brenton Rd (Clapham) Erection of agricultural storage building.
No Comment, submitted to Planning

10) For this meeting:-

- e) 20/00532/FUL/35 Adjacent to Kenn parish boundary – agricultural building and hard standing, Land off Shillingford Lane.
Comment: request the building should be a subtle colour, require an earth bund and trees to shield the building from the A379.
- f) 20/00625/FUL Garage/workshop, Orchard Lea, Kenn
No comment

- g) 19/01838/ADV Haldon Hill Services – revised application form and plan, for 3 fascia signs, 1 roof letters sign; 2 building signs; 1 fence sign; 2 key seller signs; 1 pole sign; 1 height barrier sign; 1 double menu sign; 1 banner frame; 5 directional signs. (Costa Ltd.)
Objection: excessive over-bright signage.
- h) 20/00705/FUL Proposed jet wash and minor forecourt alterations, Telegraph Hill Services.
No Objection.

Planning Decisions

- a) 20/00177/NPA Application for prior approval for the installation of solar PV on a pitched roof, Forestry England, Bullers Hill.
REFUSED
- b) 20/00245/VAR Variation of condition 2 to allow redesign of approved scheme, Partridge Cycles
APPROVED
- c) 20/00
- d) 250/VAR Variation of condition 2, Kennford International Caravan Park,
REFUSED
- e) 19/01456/ADV Installation of 7 illuminated fascia signs, Haldon Hill Services
CONSENT
- f) 19/01458/ADV Various site signage, land at Haldon Hill Services
CONSENT
- g) 20/00418/OUT Outline, dwelling to replace workshop, Badgers Meadow, Clapham
REFUSED
- h) 19/01457/ADV Installation of 1 freestanding 9 metre illuminated totem sign (McDonald's)
CONSENT

11) FINANCE

Expenditure for April

Trehill Estate, annual seat rental	£20.00	BACs
Employment March	£478.80	BACs
PAYE Q4	£359.00	BACs
M. Diment for printing of leaflets & maps	£91.20	BACs
Clerk's expenses Q4	£182.35	BACs

Payments for April, authorised on 14th April 2020

Expenditure for May

Subscription to Zoom paid by Clerk	£143.88	BACs
Employment April	£478.80	BACs
DALC annual sub taken from precept	£239.82	
Came & Co Insurance renewal	£814.63	BACs
Exe Estuary Pest Control – April	£32.91	BACs
Classic Gates & Railings	£288.00	BACs
Loan repayment due 15 th May	£6165.29	DD

Income	First half precept received less the DALC sub.	£18,729.19
	VAT refund	£1,833.65

- I. Bank Reconciliation and Statement, for information
- II. Council resolved to accept the accounts. Proposed by Cllr. Goodey, all in favour by show of hands.
- III. Unity Trust Bank – no longer paying interest on the deposit account as the Bank of England reduced the base rate to 0.25% in March. Noted.
- IV. Small business rate relief applied to the car park – amount payable Nil.

- V. HMRC has increased the working from home allowance from £4 to £6 pw from 1st April 2020.
Noted.

12) Annual Governance Statement – Council resolved to agree this statement circulated prior to this meeting. Chairman signed the statement and the hard copy will be posted to the Clerk.

13) Annual Accounting Statement – Council resolved to agree the accounting statement circulated prior to this meeting. Chairman signed the statement and the hard copy will be posted to the Clerk.

14) Grant to Westbank – to consider a grant for Westbank Wellbeing Centre, who are currently covering those in need due to the Covid-19 virus in the parish of Kenn. Discussion ensued for this good cause. Cllr. Chislett proposed a grant of £1,000 to Westbank. Resolved. All in favour by show of hands.

15) Bus Consultation – Council to consider their report on this consultation. Re-sent by email on 27th April. No comment to this consultation.

16) Clerk's report

Nothing to report this month.

Meeting closed at 8.27pm

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Items for Information - The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, 9th June 2020, 7.00pm.