

KENTISBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th April 2017 in Sainthill Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs. J Wadsworth (Chair), Mrs Q Broom, R Shore-Quinain, Mrs D Jackson-Wootton, Mrs T Dominy, A Southall, Mrs W Reed, M Disney, Mrs E Ellicott, District Cllr. Mrs R Berry, County Cllr. Mr J Berry and the Clerk. Three members of the public were present for part of the meeting.

Public Question Time: A parishioner from Sainthill spoke about the problems in relation to Broadband speeds and connections within the immediate area. Cllr. Mrs Berry offered to progress the situation and parishioners with problems are encouraged to contact Cllr. Mrs Berry direct. A notice will be put into the Parish Magazine and onto the Parish website. A second parishioner raised concerns about flooding within the area. Cllrs. Wadsworth and Berry confirmed that the Highways Department is aware of the problems in the lower part of Sainthill leading to Stoford Water, and it is anticipated that a plan is in the making to try and alleviate some of the problem.

40/04/17. Apologies. Cllr. Mrs S Woofenden.

41/04/17. Declarations of interest. Cllr. Shore-Quinain DPI (as spouse) payment to the Clerk. Cllr. Mrs Broom personal cheque number 01430 (as Kentisbeare Village Hall Secretary).

42/04/17. Approval of minutes: Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 07/03/2017 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

43/04/17. Planning.

a) Applications considered by the Parish Council. No objections to the following application:

-17/00427/HOUSE | Erection of two-storey extension and detached garage. Daleside, Kentisbeare.

b) Results of applications from Mid Devon District Council.

-17/00020/FULL Yerrishayes, Yerris Rd. Erection of extension to dwelling. Approved.

-16/01833/FULL Conversion of barns to 3 dwellings. Land & Buildings at NGR 308024 107283 (Orway Porch Farm). Permitted with conditions to discharge.

-17/00104/HOUSE Western Farm, Blackborough. Erection of two storey rear extension, single storey side extension and detached garage following partial demolition of existing two storey rear extension and existing garage. Permitted with conditions to discharge.

-17/00153/HOUSE Erection of two storey side extension and single extension to rear. 8 Parsons Close. Approved.

The following items are for information only: -17/00452/CAT Larkrise, Fore Street. Five day notification to fell one Laburnum tree within the Conservation Area.

-17/00232/PNAG Agricultural Prior Notification. Land at NGR 306578 108325 (The Old Mill) Kentisbeare.

Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural storage building. Decision: Development Acceptance.

c) Greater Exeter Strategic Plan Consultation: Issues. Cllrs. A Southall and Mrs Broom reported their attendance at a recent consultation. It was agreed for a letter to be sent to the district council expressing disappointment at the lack of information at the exhibition.

d) MDDC Local Enforcement Plan Consultation. Noted, no comments submitted.

e) Any other planning matters. (i) Following communication with the Head of Planning at MDDC it was agreed that as there was not much more information in respect of the Government approval of Garden Village Status at this time, a meeting would be deferred until more significant information is available. It was also suggested that discussions regarding the possibility of a Neighbourhood Plan may be deferred in the short term. (ii) The Clerk reported that the following two applications have been received since posting of the agenda and will therefore be on the next agenda:

-17/00488/FULL Erection of a single storey dwelling, Land at NGR 308863 109406 Blackborough House. A site visit will be held before the next meeting to enable a full discussion. -17/00542/FULL Brick House, Silver Park. Erection of 2 dwellings. *No site visit necessary as the application is similar to that of the previous one.*

44/04/17. Highways.

- a) Works to be carried out and repairs that are needed – a drain is blocked above Wressing Barton. A reminder has been sent to Highways regarding the drain outside of the Post Office.
Notification of road closures; from Yew Wood Cross from 26/4/17 and closure of Fore Street & High Street from 16/05/17. A parishioner has queried the possibility of a warning sign in respect of Deer crossing along Rectory Road near the business park; Highways has confirmed that these signs are no longer being erected. Details of a recent review of the village of Kentisbeare carried out by three Parish Councillors have been sent to the Neighbourhood Highways Officer. *One member of the public left the meeting.*
- b) Drain Warden: Cllr. Mrs Dominy offered to assist in the matter of inspecting the drains within the village. A notice will be put on to the website to see if others are interested in helping and “adopting a drain”.
- c) Blackdown Hills Parishes Network – transport issues, feedback: Feedback was given for submission to the network regarding transport issues and needs in the Parish; this included details on roads, HGVs, road signs etc.
- d) Any other highway matters: Following the placement of Mr W Pike to another area, it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent for his assistance over the years.

45/04/17. Reports:

- a) The Clerk: (i) It was agreed that training offered by SLCC in respect of the transparency regime, procurement and internal audit small and large councils will be beneficial for the Clerk. (ii) The Clerk confirmed that Reports was a standard agenda item for anyone to offer a report.
- b) The Chairman: Councillors were encouraged to help with information towards the monthly e-newsletter. The recent e-newsletter was circulated to 216 people.
- c) DCC Cllr J Berry: Nothing to report.
- d) MDDC Cllr Mrs R Berry: An electronic report will follow and will be circulated to all; a summary will be put on to the website. Cllr. Mrs Berry queried whether the Parish would benefit from a Memory Café; notice will be put into the Parish magazine and onto the website.
- e) Playing Field: (i) The Children’s Centre in Cullompton is holding a play day in Kentisbeare Park on 13/4/17. (ii) Details of two BMX tracks were shown, one which could accommodate skaters and scooters. It was agreed to seek assistance from Devon Communities Together and to hold an open session at the hall. This is opposed to having a table at the village fete and will be to gauge interest in additional facilities/improvements at the playing field. The Clerk and Cllr. Miss Jackson-Wootton to organise. (iii) Cllr. Mrs Jackson-Wootton will arrange for the playing field checks to be verified. (iv) The annual inspection is due next month. *Two members of the public left the meeting.*
- f) Police, monthly report: 5 incidents - 3 public safety and 2 transport. 2 crimes - 1 violence with injury and 1 criminal damage which was caused along Sliver Street between 17/03 and 20/03/17.
- g) The Parish Paths and Silver Wood. (i) The Annual Clifford Pike Memorial Walk will be held on 11/06/17 and will finish at Broadhembury Village Hall. (ii) A report was given on recent meeting at Silver Wood where options were discussed regarding the possibility of upgrading part of the path. The Woodland Trust is keen to assist, and if forthcoming, works will start in the autumn. Enquiries will be made regarding the removal of the stile by the permissive path. (iii) Communication has been received from a parishioner regarding an extra dog bin, and a query as to whether any more stiles can be upgraded to gates as the recent change to the stile along footpath 2. The Clerk and P3 co-ordinator will enquire, and the item will be put on to the next agenda.
- h) Kentisbeare Village Hall: Replacement of the new windows and doors has started.
- i) Any other reports. (i) The Clerk has put the Blackdown Hills Natures Future Project in contact with the primary school in respect of environmental education sessions. (ii) Cllr. Southall gave a brief report on a new £1 million flood competition to protect more communities; it was agreed for this item to be on the next agenda. (iii) The football club has been granted an extended lease.

46/04/17. Finance.

- a) The bank balance as at 31/03/17 was confirmed. Credits received include £120 in respect of advertising on the Parish website, £7.50 for allotment rental and a P3 grant for 2017-18 of £1000.
- b) Payments were approved totalling £ 3481.39.
- Chq 001426 Mrs M Shore-Quinain, Clerk’s salary and expenses. See declarations.
 - Chq 001427 Kentisbeare Parish News. Printing.
 - Chq 001428 Kentisbeare Village Hall, room hire.

- Chq 001429 KJT Group Ltd. Playing field grass maintenance contract.
- Chq 001430 Kentisbeare Village Hall. Grant towards new windows and doors. See declarations.
- Chq 001431 SMA Services Ltd. Payroll provider.
- Chq 001432 Kentisbeare Village Hall. Room hire (£137).

- c)** An invoice received from DALC for the annual subscription has been received; payment to be deducted by MDDC from the precept as previously agreed.
- d)** The Nest Pension Scheme deduction for March 2017 was confirmed as taken on 31/3/17.
- e)** Audit: The unaudited accounts for 2016/17 were approved subject to a review by the Internal Auditor.
- f)** Tap Fund Phase 2: The Tap Fund Panel has awarded £1400 towards an outdoor table tennis table for the playing field.
- g)** Grants 2017/18: Following agreement at the precept meeting, cheques will be issued for the grants agreed next month. It was also agreed to issue the cheque for allotments earlier in the year.
- h)** Any other financial matters to be noted. (i) The Chairman reported on communication received from a parishioner in respect of Christmas Eve in the village square and the possibility of financial assistance. (ii) S106 funds: Following recent communication with MDDC, the Clerk reported on S106 funds in respect of an application in the Parish; due to having had a reduced timeframe to start works where permission was not implemented in time, the contribution for the development will be deleted from the records and will never be available for the Parish. Cllr. Mrs Berry requested that the details be forwarded to her to enable her to make enquiries with MDDC. (iii) MDDC has queried whether works have started in respect of application number 15/01771/FULL.

47/04/17. Correspondence. None.

48/04/17. Annual Parish Meeting and Reception on 25/04/17. The Clerk confirmed that representatives from various organisations within the Parish have been invited. It was agreed for some photographs and details of the organisations invited to be put into a report for the Parish magazine and the website.

49/04/17. Charter between MDDC and the Town and Parish Councils in Mid Devon. Noted, no comments for submission.

50/04/17. Devon Air Ambulance – Community Landing Site Information. Cllr. Mrs Dominy reported on a recent meeting with DAAT where a number of sites were reviewed, in and around the village of Kentisbeare, for a possible night time landing facility. Cllr. Mrs Dominy reported that at this stage, the playing field may be the preferred option, but that an assessment of the site is required before confirmation. In view of the area required, there was some uncertainty as to whether the playing field should be used for this facility, due to the possible restriction of future improvements.

51/04/17. Items for information and future agenda items. Dog bin (reference communication from Parishioner). New £1 million flood competition to protect more communities.

52/04/17. Dates of future meetings of the Parish Council. Annual Parish Council Meeting 09/05/17 (Kentisbeare).

The meeting closed at 10.20pm.