

## KENTISBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on February 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 in Kentisbeare Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs. Q Broom (Chairman), M Disney, Mrs T Dominy, Mrs D Jackson-Wotton, Mrs S Woofenden, DCC Cllr. J Berry, MDDC Cllr. Mrs R Berry and the Clerk. *Due to an informal meeting beforehand which overran, the meeting started at 20.00 hours.*

**Public Question Time:** None.

**13/02/18. Apologies.** Cllrs. A Southall, Mrs W Reid, Mrs E Ellicott and R Shore-Quinain.

**14/02/18. Declarations of interest.** None.

**15/02/18.** With one amendment, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16/01/2018 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman. Amendment with reference to minute 08/01/18 to read “ (a) Credits since the last statement: £530 in respect of advertising on the Parish website, £7.50 in respect of one allotment rental and £816.94 on 08/12/17 VAT refund 2017-18.”

**16/02/18. Matters Arising.** None.

**17/02/18. Planning & Planning Correspondence.**

**a)** To note that details have been received in respect of the following for Blackborough House, Blackborough and that an extension of time has been granted on the time for response to be received by MDDC as 09/03/18: [17/01904/MFUL](#) and [17/01905/LBC](#) Change of use and Listed Building Consent for the change of use and refurbishment of house to hotel and spa, Piazza garden, 34 letting rooms (Pavilion and Botanical Gardens), restoration of walled garden with new orchard and amphitheatre, erection of 7 detached dwellings, all associated car parking and erection of bat house. *It was noted that there had been an error on the part of MDDC in the original description regarding the number of rooms, and it now reads “24 letting rooms, Piazza garden, 36 letting rooms in Pavilion (60 letting rooms in total) with botanical gardens”.*

**b) Applications to be considered by the Parish Council:** None

**c) Results of applications from Mid Devon District Council and information:**

[-17/01690/LBC](#) Paddock Head, Kentisbeare. Listed Building Consent for the installation of a 6.0KW convection wood burning stove. Permission granted.

[-17/01740/CLP](#) 24 Cotters Close, Kentisbeare. Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of an extension and alterations to garage. Permission granted.

**d)** CPRE: New Housing and The Greater Exeter Strategic Plan. Cllr. Mrs Broom gave a brief report on a seminar held on 19/01/18 which was attended by approximately 150 people. Some details were given of the five districts working together in the Exeter Strategic Plan. *Cllr. Mrs Berry and Mr J Berry joined the meeting.*

**e)** Any other planning matters: (i) Following a public meeting held prior to the Parish Council meeting, where information was given regarding the proposal for Blackborough House, the Parish Council will meet informally to discuss a possible response for agreement at the Parish Council meeting in March. (ii) Enquiries will be made regarding allocation of S106 funds for the Parish. (iii) Cllrs. Mrs Broom, Mrs Dominy and the Clerk will attend planning training as offered by MDDC. (vi) It is possible that the first phase of the NE development in Cullompton will start in the summer – 1200 houses.

**18/02/18. Highways.**

**a)** To report on work carried out and to receive reports on repairs that are needed: Details received of dates for road closure/diversion for works to be carried out along the A373 shortly. Some sweeping work and verge clearance has taken place.

**b)** Report on informal meeting with NHO: A brief report was given by the Clerk and Cllr. Mrs Broom on a recent informal meeting with the NHO; the possibility of drain clearance within the Parish was discussed. It has been suggested that a meeting with the Clerk and NHO takes place at least quarterly.

**c)** Any other matters: Following a recent request, notification has been received from DCC Highways that permission has not been given for a memorial to be placed on a public verge.

**19/02/18.** Expiry of Notice of Vacancy and co-option: Following display of the Notice of Vacancy for the required time, there have been no election requests and the Clerk will now publicise the vacancy which can be filled via co-option.

**20/02/18. Reports.**

- a) The Clerk: Further enquiries will be made regarding the possible hosting of a workshop “Driving Safer for Longer Workshop”.
- b) The Chairman: Cllr. Mrs Broom reported that the supplier has reported that internet connection for Kentisbeare Village Hall is now postponed until 31/05/18. All monies paid in advance will be taken into account and refunded where necessary.
- c) DCC Cllr. J Berry: Devon still receives £263 per child less than large urban city education authorities. Leaders of all parties and MP's continue to lobby for fairer school funding for Devon. Carers are eligible for an allowance for caring for family members. Highways Maintenance is slightly behind schedule due to wet weather. The budget meeting is to take place shortly.
- d) MDDC Cllr. Mrs R Berry: Universal Credit has not been revised since the 1940's. Housing Infrastructure Funding – MDDC has been successful in its bid for £18 Million, £10 million for improvements to M5 Junction 28 which will provide extra lanes, and pedestrian bridges and £8 million for the extension to the Link road and the Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension (EUE).  
*Cllr. Mrs Berry and Mr J Berry left the meeting.*
- e) Playing Field: The weekly checks will be verified. The nearside part of the roadside hedge has been lowered.
- f) Police: A report has been received. PCSO Morris will arrange for Special Constables to pay attention to both car parks in the village.
- g) The Parish Paths and Silver Wood: The sleeper that was damaged along FP36 has been repaired. The site manager of Silver Wood has confirmed that there is no budget this year for path works in Silver Wood.
- h) Any other reports: (i) The Clerk will liaise with The Community Landing Sites Development Officer of DAAT, regarding the power take-off point at the Playing Field in respect of the helipad. (ii) It was reported that someone is hanging dog bags on a hedge near to The Honest Heart; the Clerk will inform the Dog Warden and it will be mentioned in the Parish magazine and e-newsletter.

**21/02/18. Finance.**

- a) The bank balance was reported as at 31/01/18. Credits received: £535 credits in respect of advertising on the Parish website and £7.50 in respect of one allotment rental.
- b) Payments were approved totalling £1146.59:
  - Chq 1512 M Shore-Quinain, Clerk's salary and expenses.
  - Chq 1513 Mrs M L Thorne. Website and Newsletter.
  - Chq 1514 Project Cosmic. Additional annual support/training.
  - Chq 1515 R&R Services (Devon) Ltd. Work at playing field.
- c) The deduction in respect of Nest for January 2018 was confirmed.
- d) As reported last month, a payment of £20.04 for Utility Warehouse (internet connection at Kentisbeare Village Hall) was taken on 31/01/18.
- e) One quotation has been received for the supply and installation of a gate post at the playing field, other quotations are being obtained.
- f) Work to Parish drains: Following discussions with the NHO (see 18/02/18 b), it was agreed that this would be beneficial to the Parish and information and quotations will be obtained.
- g) General Data Protection: There may be some cost involved going forward. The Clerk will attend training in March and report back.
- h) Review of effectiveness of system of internal control: Resolved that the arrangements in place are satisfactory.
- i) Any other financial matters to be noted: Cullompton Town Council has given support for an application by the Parish Council to the Tap Fund Phase 2 for an overhead projector in the committee room of Kentisbeare Village Hall.

**22/02/18. Correspondence:** CPRE membership pack. Healthwatch.

**23/02/18. Items for information and future agenda items:** Planning proposal for Blackborough House – [17/01904/MFUL](#) and [17/01905/LBC](#)

**24/02/18. Dates of future meetings.** 06/03/2018 at Kentisbeare Village Hall at 7.30pm.

*The meeting finished at 21.45.*