

KENTISBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting & Reception held on 15/03/2019 in Kentisbeare Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. Mrs Q Broom (Chair), Mrs E Ellicott (Vice-Chair), Mrs W Reed, R Shore-Quinain, M Disney, N Allan, Mrs S Woofenden, District Cllr. Mrs R Berry, the Clerk and members of the community as invited.

Apologies given in advance of the meeting from the following councillors: Cllrs. A Southall, Mrs D Jackson-Wotton, Mrs T Dominy and County Cllr. J Berry.

42/03/19. Welcome and introductions. Cllr. Mrs Broom, Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for attending - thanks were extended to all that volunteer for activities in the Parish.

The format of the evening was explained, which consists of annual reports and guest speakers. Guest speakers included a number of parishioners representing various Parish organisations.

The Chairman explained that there would be an opportunity for questions or comments following the reports.

43/03/19. ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF KENTISBEARE PARISH COUNCIL. The annual report was read out by the Vice-Chairman, Cllr. Mrs Ellicott. *A summary of the Chairman's report is as below:*

The current term is coming to an end and a new council will be formed in May. Information has been publicised on the website, in the Parish News and in the electronic newsletter.

The next four years will prove to be busy, with the continuation of proposed development to the East of Cullompton. Over the last year, things have become busy with reference to the Garden Village proposal – a consultation having recently finished, three sessions were held in Kentisbeare which appeared to be well attended.

The Parish Council is very grateful to Cllr. Nick Allan, who joined the Parish Council last May - for all of his work with the Garden Village consultation and the Local Plan Review Examination. Cllr. Andrew Southall has been a great asset in assisting Nick, and for attending the Local Plan Review Examination recently on behalf of the Parish Council.

Kentisbeare Parish Council is represented on the Garden Village Delivery Board by the Chairman of the Parish Council and there are three representatives on the Stakeholder Forum, so Kentisbeare should always be represented at these sessions.

Kentisbeare Parish Playing Field

Devon Air Ambulance Trust – we were granted planning permission for a night time landing site, to be located on the playing field towards the end of last year. Western Power Distribution will now take this forward and we await further details. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone that has donated and helped with this worthwhile project.

Improvements to the play park - thanks go to Debbie for her help with carrying out the weekly checks at the playing field. We have recently had a new noticeboard installed which looks very nice.

We have agreed to bring water into the site and we will be looking into this shortly.

A drop in session/consultation in respect of a cycle track should be held sometime this year – following a meeting with some councillors and a contractor, plans will be available at the consultation.

Footpaths and The Woodland Trust – Elise works hard in helping to keep the footpaths and bridleways in good condition. This year the Annual Clifford Pike Memorial Walk was combined with the open gardens at Blackborough, and the summer evening walks took place in July and August.

The Parish Council maintains a good working relationship with The Woodland Trust and Melanie keeps in touch regularly. We try to help to improve the site at Silver Wood and keep it open and accessible for all.

Website and e-newsletter – the website is a great asset to the Parish, and between them Maria and Melanie maintain it. The income generated from businesses advertising on the Parish website so far this year amounts to several hundred pounds.

The electronic monthly newsletter is very informative - thanks to Maria for putting it together on our behalf, and for her work with the website.

Christmas Eve - the Christmas Eve street party now attracts a great many people, and we were happy to assist by purchasing new steps for the trailer. Due to a high proportion of the original lights not working, we purchased new lights last Christmas. Thank you to all of the volunteers that help with this event.

Kentisbeare Village Hall - we recently arranged for the installation of an overhead projector in the committee room of the hall, which will help the Parish Council in the future as more things become electronic. This projector is also available for hall hirers. Earlier in the year, we arranged for the installation of broadband, so the two combined make the hall more attractive for hirers. Separately - the hall committee is looking to install an overhead projector in the main hall.

Blackborough Village Hall – we were pleased to help Blackborough Village Hall recently with a grant of £1000 for necessary works in the updating of the hall kitchen.

Sainthill Youth Club – we continue to support Sainthill Youth Club, which is a great service available for the youngsters of the Parish.

Finally, thanks go to everyone in the Parish for volunteering with various events and helping numerous organisations – thanks to all of our Parish Councillors for their hard work over the last four years. Also thanks to Rosemary and John Berry for their continued support, and for their helpful reports at our monthly meetings, most of which are publicised in the Parish magazine and/or via the website.

44/03/19. The Chairman then handed over to the guest speakers.

REVEREND DAVID BEAZLEY, MINISTER AT SAINTHILL - gave information on the youth club at Sainthill which takes place in term time, and is available for both primary and secondary school children. Thanks were given to the Parish Council for the grant awarded.

LOCAL BUSINESS – a parishioner gave details of a small business which has been running for several years within the Parish, producing quail eggs and asparagus.

KENTISBEARE FOOTBALL CLUB AND KENTISBEARE RIDING CLUB –representatives gave details of the two clubs, both of which taken place in grounds made available by a local family; thanks were given for this facility.

45/03/19. DEVON COUNTY COUNCILLOR JOHN BERRY (DCC)
(a summary of the report as given by Cllr. Mrs Berry due to apologies)

Brief details of the budget were given – Children’s Services and Adult Care are receiving an increase in funding, both of which are growing in numbers and are of a concern, also Highways have increased funding.

Garden Village Proposal - feedback has been given continually at the stakeholder meetings regarding the buffer zone and the fact that development should not encroach over the Parish boundary. Concern has also been raised regarding the suggested location for the school in Phase Two - this will be subject to further consultation. Phase One is subject to the Planning Inspector's report.

Blackborough House planning- notification from Highways that it is considered that there would be a significant increase in traffic if planning is approved, and that they would seek mitigation in terms of passing places.

The Eastern Relief Road - awaiting formal confirmation regarding funding but indications are positive. Route "B" was approved by DCC Cabinet on the 13th March, but there are considerable challenges along the way.

Cllr. Berry is delighted to have been able to award funds from the Invest in Devon Budget and from The Locality Budget to a number of organisations within the Parish – the Cricket Club and the Football Club, Blackborough Village Hall and Sainthill Youth Club.

Thanks go to all of the volunteers who do so much for the Parish, and thanks to the Parish Council and the Parish Clerk.

46/03/19. MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MRS ROSEMARY BERRY (MDDC)

(a summary of the report as given by Cllr. Mrs Berry)

Planning - has dominated the year yet again. The Local Plan was subject to Public Examination in February. The Indicative Report due soon should indicate if changes should be made. The final assessment will come later.

Phase One of the East Cullompton development - now designated as a Garden Village is part of this Local Plan, and will be assessed as part of it.

This has been master planned and with the Vision and Concept for Phase Two, have recently been subject to consultation. It is hoped that there was a large response from Kentisbeare, as this has the potential to influence the outcome and potential to protect the Parish boundary. Phase Two will be master planned and consulted on as part of the Greater Exeter Strategic Plan – it is hoped that there will be a large response to the consultation.

It is important to protect the boundaries, the character and community of Kentisbeare and other existing communities from encroachment by the new community – this has been fed back at stakeholder meetings.

Garden Village status should ensure that there is better design, quality and community infrastructure than recent developments, but pressure needs to be kept up to try to ensure that this is delivered.

MDDC is producing a Design Guide – hopefully this will put some structure in place to prevent some of the worst excesses by Developers. Members and Parish Councils will have an input to this at a meeting shortly

Blackborough House - is an unusual planning application. The Blackborough Area Community Organisation "BACO" has a wealth of experience and has been very diligent in considering all aspects. It is not known when the application will be referred to the Planning Committee but it could be in May.

Cullompton Eastern Relief Road – the preferred route "B" has been approved by MDDC and DCC planners, and it is hoped that it will be funded by the Housing Infrastructure Fund, in which case it must be delivered by 2021. The terms are still being negotiated.

Hydro Mills Project - an exciting project, unique to Mid Devon which has huge number of waterways. University and other interest up to Government level. It is sustainable and has potential to provide a great deal of renewable energy and be a beacon for other areas. The Economic Development team responsible have been short listed for an award. The applications for Tiverton Weir will be submitted shortly.

Fly Tipping and Littering – MDDC is taking a more robust approach to this, there have been prosecutions and there is now a dedicated team dealing with this.

Budget – the deficit is £45,000. There will be an increase in council tax.

Dogs worrying and attacking sheep – this should be reported via 101. If a cluster, the police will investigate.

Cllr. Mrs Berry finished by giving thanks to Kentisbeare Parish Council and the Clerk.

47/03/19. CHAIRMAN OF KENTISBEARE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE – the Chairman of Kentisbeare Village Hall then gave thanks to Cllr. Mrs Broom for the evening and for her continued work with the Parish Council and more recently being appointed as Chairman again. Cllr. Mrs Broom was also given thanks for her commitment and hard work for many aspects in the Parish over a period of many years to date; she was thanked for her continued work as Secretary of Kentisbeare Village Hall Committee, a role which she has undertaken for many years.

48/03/19. The Chairman of the Parish Council gave thanks to the Clerk. Thanks were then given to the speakers, the meeting closed around 9pm and was followed by light refreshments.