

KENTISBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held remotely on 14th October 2020 at 7pm

Present: Cllrs. Mrs Q Broom (Chair), N Allan, E Southerden, R Shore-Quinain, Mrs F Ryan, N Sanders, Mrs E Ellicott, M Disney, County Councillor J Berry & the Clerk.

68/10/20. Public Question Time: The Chairman of Kentisbeare Cricket Club (KCC) was present to speak with reference to planning application 20/01452/MOUT.

Cllr. Allan informed the meeting at this point that he would be declaring an interest with reference to planning application 20/01452/MOUT (see 70/10/20).

KCC has concerns over the proposed relocation of Cullompton Cricket Club (CCC) to Kentisbeare – it is proposed for the club (CCC) and new venue, to be sited within a mile of KCC which could have a detrimental effect on the club in Kentisbeare. KCC has been an integral part of Kentisbeare for some 130 years, now running two adult teams and a junior team - it will be challenging for Kentisbeare to attract new members if there is another club with such extensive facilities within such close proximity. KCC hosts a number of events annually, including charity events, fundraising and events for the village, and it is feared that these may cease if the proposal goes ahead. There is also concern over the scale of the proposal which will lead to a significant increase in vehicle movements along Horn Road, which it is felt is inadequate to take same.

69/10/20. Apologies: Cllrs. Mrs S Woofenden, N Woofenden & District Cllr. D Pugsley.

70/10/20. Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Shore-Quinain (DPI as spouse) payment to the Clerk. Cllr. Allan declared a personal interest in item 6.2 (planning application 20/01452/MOUT) on the agenda, due to his ownership of the land of Kentisbeare Cricket Club. Cllr Allan also declared that this interest could be perceived as a disclosable pecuniary interest depending upon the discussion that took place. However, he intended to focus purely on the interests of the community and he had been granted a dispensation by the Clerk to participate and vote.

71/10/20. The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15/09/20 were approved.

72/10/20. Matters Arising: Cllr. Southerden reported a concern about a couple of the Parish paths (see minute 76/10/20 (i)).

73/10/20. The following planning applications were considered:

a) -20/01502/CAT Notification of intention to remove lowest east facing limb and reduce limb above by 1.5-2m from 1 Horse Chestnut tree (T1), remove south west facing limb at 4 metres, limb extending east over road at 3.5 metres and remove lowest limb from 1 Walnut tree (T2), reduce 1 Yew tree (T3) by 2 metres within a Conservation Area. Lower Pound, Silver Street, Kentisbeare. No objections.

b) -20/01452/MOUT Hybrid application for a new cricket facility consisting of an Outline application for a pavilion of up to 2 storeys, indoor cricket centre of up to 2 storeys, scorers hut, ground equipment store, outdoor cricket nets, landscaping and parking (all matters reserved) and a Full application for layout and earthworks for 2 cricket grounds. Land at NGR 305210 108255 Horn Road, Kentisbeare. *See declarations.*

It was noted that the Parish Council has been granted an extension, on the time to submit a response to the Local Planning Authority (LPA), and a full response will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

The majority of councillors expressed concern over the proposal, due to its size and location, and being in an area which the Parish Council and many parishioners have expressed desire for a green buffer to be kept between Kentisbeare and the garden village. It is considered that the scale and location are inappropriate, and that the access is inadequate. The proposal could have an adverse effect on the community and village amenities, all of which should be safeguarded.

It was agreed for the Parish Council to instruct a consultant (with associated costs) to assist with its decision making and response as a consultee – the Parish Council is only a consultee and not the LPA; the final decision lies with the LPA. It was further agreed for a letter of draft objection, in respect of the application, to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

74/10/20. Finance. The following payments were approved totalling £3476.77:

-Chq 1776 T J McCabe Ltd. Replacement fence at Parish play park.

-Chq 1777 Clerk – reimbursement for stationery ex WHSMITH. *See declarations.*

-Chq 1778 Countrywide Grounds Maintenance Ltd. Grass maintenance contract.

75/10/20. It was agreed to appoint Cllr. Southerden to the Playing Field advisory group.

76/10/20. Items for information, future agenda items & future meetings: (i) Path numbers are required so that the Clerk can investigate the issue of motorcycles apparently having used a couple of the Parish paths. (ii) The Chairman will approach the landowner of the Eel Pool with reference to some hedging. (iii) It is expected that the precept demand will be due sometime around mid-end of January as normal, further details are awaited. (iv) A new padlock will be purchased for the gate in the play area. (v) The next full council meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th October 2020 at 7pm.