

## KENTISBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a remote meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 7pm

**Present:** Cllrs. Mrs Q Broom (Chair), N Allan, E Southerden, Mrs E Ellicott, N Sanders, Mrs S Woofenden, M Disney, R Shore-Quinain (part of meeting), County Cllr. J Berry & the Clerk.

**80/11/20.** Public Question Time: None.

**81/11/20.** Apologies: Cllrs. N Woofenden, Mrs F Ryan and District Cllr. D Pugsley.

**82/11/20.** Declarations of Interest: Cllr Sanders planning application 20/01859/CAT - DPI as the application relates to his property. Cllr. Shore-Quinain (DPI as spouse) payment to the Clerk. Cllr. Allan declared a personal interest in item 6.2 a) (re: 20/01452/MOUT), 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.

**83/11/20.** The Minutes of the remote meeting of the Parish Council held on 27/10/20 were approved.

### **84/11/20. Planning:**

**a)** Applications considered:

-20/01764/FULL Erection of stables. Land and Buildings at NGR 307069 109581 (Homeleigh) Croyle, Kentisbeare. No objections.

-20/01805/FULL Erection of general purpose agricultural building. Land at NGR 306671 109548 (Croyle Farm), Kentisbeare. No objections.

-20/01859/CAT Notification of intention to fell 1 Fir tree within the Conservation Area. Apple Garth, Priest Hill, Kentisbeare. No objections. *See declarations – Cllr. Sanders left the meeting for this item.*

-20/02035/FULL Change of use of former indoor equine exercise area to yoga studio and equine therapy area. Stables, Broad Oak Farm, Broad Road, Kentisbeare. No objections.

**b) (i)** An update was given on 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. The Planning Officer has confirmed that a special committee is not going to be held and that the next available committee date is 13/01/21. It is hoped that reports will be available by the next Parish Council meeting which was set for 07/01/21, when the Parish Council may consider additional comments for submission. **(ii)** Any other matters. *See declarations.*

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

-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. Approved.

-20/01719/PNAG Prior Notification for the erection of an agricultural storage building. Land and Buildings at NGR 307044 109614 (Homeleigh) Croyle, Kentisbeare. Approved.

-20/01721/PNAG Prior Notification for the erection of an agricultural storage building. Land at NGR 307044 109614 (North of Highwoods Solar Farm) Kentisbeare. Approved.

-20/01328/HOUSE Erection of first floor extension and balcony to existing self-contained annex. Ponchydown House, Blackborough. EX15 2HQ. Approved.

**d)** Culm Garden Village. **(i)** Two Stakeholder meetings have recently been held and Cllr. Mrs Broom and the Clerk joined the meeting regarding the proposed country park. Notes have been published on the Culm Garden Village website <https://culmgardenvillage.co.uk/decisions/>. **(ii)** Some councillors recently met on site to look at the proposed site for Cullompton Cricket Club and the possible area for the buffer zone. It had been felt by attendees that Horn Road marked a natural boundary for the Garden Village. Cllr. Allan reported that Cllr. Chesterton had offered to visit early in 2021 to have some discussion about where a buffer zone might be, what it might consist of and how it might be managed. **(iii)** Cllr. Mrs Broom will attend the upcoming Delivery Board meeting. It was agreed to ask for Kentisbeare Parish Council to have two representatives on the Delivery Board, and as Cullompton Town Council - only one would be permitted to vote. **(iv)** Any other matters: None.

**e)** Any other Planning Matters: Cllr. Allan joined the recent Connecting the Culm event where he reiterated the council's willingness to help facilitate meetings with landowners to improve water retention higher up the River Ken system.

**85/11/20. Reports.**

- a) Cllr Mrs Ellicott P3 Co-ordinator – a site meeting will be arranged to look at the possibility of the reduction of overhanging tree limbs along a path.
- b) DCC Cllr. Berry is to circulate a report which will be publicised in the electronic newsletter. Details include – free car parking in some of the district car parks in the run up to Christmas. The council is set to save £3 million to balance the budget. There has been an increase in the number of children that are being taken into care. There is now a Covid-19 testing site at Cullompton and the Nightingale Hospital is now taking patients.
- c) The Clerk gave a report on the use of the website and e-newsletter. The website and social media page are well used.
- d) Village Halls: Cllr. Mrs Broom reported as Kentisbeare Village Hall Committee secretary – the hall has been pleased to assist by storing donations collected for those in need at Christmas as collected by a parishioner. Gifts will go alongside the local food banks etc. Cllr. Mrs Broom has been in touch with Blackborough Village Hall regarding loss of income this year due to Covid-19 and the subject of ongoing running costs.

**86/11/20. Highways.**

- a) Due to occasional problems with heavy vehicles travelling through the village of Kentisbeare, enquiries are being made regarding the erection of improved signage.
- b) Any other matters: The tree stump opposite the village hall entrance has been cut back. Works have been carried out to the road Nibby's Cross and in the Stoford Water area. The Clerk will query some outstanding items previously reported with the NHO. *Cllr. R Shore-Quinain left the meeting.*

**87/11/20. Christmas Lights 2020/21 – quotation received.** (i) Two suppliers that specialise in the erection of Christmas lights were contacted regarding the lights in the village square, one was unable to assist and a quotation from Encore Electrical was agreed. (ii) Following a site visit a new power supply is required. It was agreed for this to go ahead with the installation of an extra socket for power for the Christmas Eve event in years to come.

**88/11/20. Kentisbeare Play Area Annual Inspection:** Some minor works are now required and a quotation has been received from T K Play Ltd. Some councillors will visit the site to review the area. Hedge cutting and the problem of moles will be carried out shortly.

**89/11/20. Finance.**

a) The bank balance was reported as at 30/11/20. Direct debits taken: 10/11 EDF £9, 30/11 Utility Warehouse £41.05. Credits received: 05/11 DCC P3 PROW grant £1850.

b) Payments were approved totalling £3528.49.

-Chq 1783 Countrywide. Grass maintenance contract.

-Chq 1787 Clerk – salary and expenses. *See declarations.*

-Chq 1788 SMA Services Ltd. Payroll provider.

-Chq 1789 Website and e-newsletter works.

-Chq 1790 N Page. P3 footpath work.

-Chq 1791 Kentisbeare Football Club. Grant.

-Chq 1792 Kentisbeare Village Hall. Room hire.

-Chq 1793 Society of Local Council Clerks. Membership renewal for the Clerk.

-Chq 1794 CPRE. Membership renewal.

*To note that cheque number 1795 has been spoilt and has been cancelled internally.*

c) Audit 2019/20: Report and notification of conclusion of audit received; no matters of concern. The relevant documents have been publicised as required. Cheque number 1796 payable to PKF Littlejohn (external auditor) for £360 was agreed.

d) A quotation for website and social media works for 2021 was agreed.

e) The date for receipt of the precept demand at MDDC is 22/01/20. The Clerk will prepare some suggested figures and meet with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and report at the next meeting.

f) Any other Financial Matters: (i) The payment to Nest for December was reported. (ii) Due to some technical difficulties experienced by some with Go-to-Meeting, Zoom will be used going forward.

**90/11/20. For information - to note the following actions/info under Coronavirus (Covid-19) restrictions/delegated powers.**

a) MDDC recommendation to remove S52 agreement at Higher Sainthill Farm, Kentisbeare, Cullompton, Devon EX15 2DR. Agreed.

b) Cheque number 1786 to C V Hopkins Planning Consultant for £750.00 – re: assistance with decision making and response in relation to 20/01452/MOUT.

**91/11/20. Correspondence.** Clerks & Councils Direct (Nov 2020). Countryside Voices (Autumn Winter 2020).

**92/11/20. Items for information, future agenda items, and dates of future meetings.** Next meeting Thursday 07/01/20. Parish precept.