

KENTISBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on December 13th 2016 in Kentisbeare Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs. J Wadsworth (Chair), Mrs Q Broom, R Shore-Quinain, Mrs D Jackson-Wootton, Mrs T Dominy, District Cllr. Mrs R Berry and County Cllr. Mr J Berry.

Public Question Time: None.

156/12/16. Apologies: Cllrs. Mrs W Reed, Mrs E Ellicott, A Southall, and Mrs S Woofenden.

157/12/16. Declarations of interest. Cllr. Shore-Quinain DPI (as spouse) payment to the Clerk and personal (as known to the applicant) planning application 16/01833/FULL. Cllr. Mrs Broom personal (as known to the applicants) planning application 16/01833/FULL and 16/01875/HOUSE and personal (as management committee member) item 7.5.

158/12/16. Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 08/11/2016. It was resolved to adopt the minutes as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

159/12/16. Planning.

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

-16/01796/FULL Land and Buildings at NGR 308290 107101(The Coach House), Orway. Conversion of barn to dwelling and erection of garage.

-16/01875/HOUSE Erection of extension to form double car port and oil store, Warren Farm. See declarations.

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

b) Results of applications from Mid Devon District Council

-16/01598/FULL Land at NGR 306191 107570 (South Of Moorlands) Kentisbeare. Retention of change of use of agricultural land to form new access. Approved.

-16/01474/FULL Kentisbeare Village Hall. Replacement of timber doors and windows with double glazed PVCu windows and doors. Approved subject to conditions.

-16/01660/FULL The Birches, Goodiford, Kentisbeare. Change of use of agricultural land to erect 2 domestic garden sheds and retention of 1 domestic shed. Approved.

-16/01585/HOUSE Old School House, Blackborough. Erection of two storey and single storey side extensions following removal of conservatory.

-16/01292/FULL. Brick House, Silver Park, Kentisbeare. Erection of 2 dwellings. Permission refused. Likely to result in undue overlooking and overbearing impact for the occupants of 3 surrounding properties, and considered contrary to various policies.

c) Any other planning matters. a) MDDC Solar PV Developments in the Landscape (document received as adopted June 2016). b) It was noted that the following application has been submitted: 16/01773/MARM – Reserved Matters for the erection of mixed use facilities building with associated parking and highway works following Outline approval 13/00947/MOUT. Land at NGR 305036 113872 (Jct 27) Sampford Peverell.

160/12/16. Highways.

a) The Clerk has reported a number of items following the significant rainfall in November.

b) The Clerk has made contact with the Neighbourhood Highways Officer regarding maintenance in the Parish together with costs involved. Details have been received of a local contractor that may undertake various duties if required. It was agreed for The Clerk, Chairman and any other Parish Councillors that may be available to meet with the contractor to review the Parish and discuss possible options. The Neighbourhood Highways Officer will be invited to attend.

161/12/16. Reports.

a) The Clerk: The Clerk and Chairman were unable to attend the annual town and parish meeting held on 05/12/16 at MDDC, but details of the meeting held have now been circulated to all. Notification of iPad training at MDDC on 08/02/17. Clerk to attend SLCC AGM 09/12/16. Following a recent event, the Clerk and Cllrs. Mr and Mrs Berry reported on refurbishments to Blackborough Village Hall.

- b) The Chairman:** Thanks go to all helped erect the Christmas lights.
- c) DCC Cllr J Berry:** The contract for Highways has been awarded to Skanska, to run for three years from April 2017. The South West remains under funded by £270-£300 per child in respect of school children, and the Government are being pressed to fill the gap. There are more children in care.
- d) MDDC Cllr Mrs R Berry:** A detailed report was circulated to all in advance. The possibility of five refugee families is under discussion. Budget – details of the Government grant are awaited, a £400,000 overspend is predicted and council tax is due to increase. The result of a 1% increase in council tax is £50,000. There has been some re-organisation in corporate responsibility. Amendments to the Local Plan were approved on 01/12/16 and the Plan will go out to public consultation on 04/01/17 until 14/02/17, with submission to the Planning Inspectorate expected by the 17/03/17. The Environment Agency study regarding road improvements at Jct 28 has not been received, it is expected in January and will be submitted with the Local Plan. In the Autumn Statement the Government pledged more funding for infrastructure and road network projects in respect of the East of Cullompton relief road, and it is hoped this could bring some funding for Jct 28 which could mean it is delivered sooner. Air Quality Improvement - The Government has challenged districts to improve air quality. The Water Mills Hydro Power Project should not only provide hydro power for the District but also help with flood mitigation in the Culm Valley. Officers and Members have been given briefings on mental health problems and also Dementia. Organisations may apply for grants from Tesco Plastic Bag Credits; running costs are not funded, but capital and other projects are eligible.
- e) Playing Field.** The Clerk will arrange for the contractor to deal with the problem of moles. The Parish Council would like to remind everyone that dogs should not be taken into the playing field.
- f) Police Report:** Report of a theft from a van in Silver Street recently where work tools were stolen.
- g) The Parish Paths.** The Clerk will inform The Woodland Trust that dogs have been seen digging alongside the river bank. A new gate has been installed at Footpath 2.
- g) Kentisbeare Village Hall:** The hall has been awarded £30,000 from Viridor Credits to help with the cost of replacement windows and doors. The Planning Department has stipulated that anthrite grey must be used on the outside opposed to white. This has resulted in a significant increase in cost, and due to the soffits and fascia's requiring replacement an extra £24,000 is required. The hall committee will be putting an extra £7500. Kentisbeare Players have donated £500 and The Wyndham Singers will be fundraising. The Parish Council was asked to consider a further donation, as per agenda item 7.5 December 2016. Cllr. Mrs Broom will apply to Tesco Credits.
- i) Blackdown Hills Parishes Network.** The Clerk gave a brief report on a recent meeting and confirmed how the network was funded. Two members will endeavour to visit Parish Councils in the New Year to discuss transport issues and give some info on the network.
- j) Any other reports:** Cllr. Mrs Broom gave a report on a "Get up to Speed" event held at the district council recently.

162/12/16. Finance.

a) The bank balance was confirmed as at 19/11/16. Credits received since last statement: £933.84 Tap Fund overspend pot on 10/11/16, £3314.05 Tap Fund Phase 1 on 14/11/16 and £650 throughout the month in respect of advertising on the Parish website.

b) To resolve to make the following payments:

-Chq 01399	£618.38	Mrs M Shore-Quinain, Clerk's salary and expenses. See declarations.
-Chq 01400	£ 54.00	John Batten. Hedge cutting, playing field.
-Chq 01401	£ 13.20	SMA Ltd. Payroll provider, Nov and Dec 2016.
-Chq 01402	£ 75.00	Blackdown Hills Parishes Network subscription.
-Chq 01403	£ 500.00	Kentisbeare Village Hall. Hall fees for Christmas production.
-Chq 01404	£ 69.50	Annual subscription for the Clerk to the Society of Local Council Clerks (paid jointly with Culmstock Parish Council).

It was further agreed for a cheque to the ALCC for £10. –Chq 1407

-Chq 01405	£1100.00	Kentisbeare Village Hall. Grant towards windows and doors (min ref 06/01/16 d).
-Chq 01406	£ 54.00	Project Cosmic. Works to website.

c) The Nest Pension Scheme deduction for November and December 2016 was confirmed as £51.21 per month. To be taken in December 2016.

d) To consider a grant for Kentisbeare Village Hall towards new windows and doors. *See declarations.* Cllr. Mrs Broom left the room for this item. Following the report from Cllr. Mrs Broom at agenda item 6.8 it was resolved to give £2500 per financial year for two years (16/17 and 17/18). Proposed by Cllr. Shore-Quinain and seconded by Cllr. Wadsworth, all councillors agreed.

- e) To consider a grant towards the hall hire fees for Jenny Tots toddler group. It was agreed for a grant of £8 per week to help with the hall hire fees for the new toddler group “Jenny Tots”. To be reviewed before the start of the summer term. Councillors consider the group much needed and of great benefit. Thanks go to the organiser.
- f) Precept 2017/18. The date set by MDDC for return of the parish precept payment form is 27/01/17. The amount will be ratified by the Parish Council at the next meeting on 17/01/17; it was agreed for an advisory group of Cllrs. Wadsworth, Mrs Broom and the Clerk to meet on 09/01/17 to review the figures and to report on 17/01/17. Various items were discussed for inclusion including grants to help Sainthill Youth Club and Blackborough Village Hall. Following the report given by the Clerk in relation to Highway costs, funds for works in the Parish were considered. It was agreed for deduction of the DALC subscription by MDDC.
- g) The Turning the Tides Project. Deferred to another meeting. Cllrs. Mrs Dominy and Jackson-Wootton to liaise with Cllr. Southall to see if there is enough interest.
- h) Any other financial matters to be noted. It is hoped that more funds will be received with reference to advertising on the Parish website.

163/12/16. Correspondence. Community Composting and Recycling Centres Consultation. Details circulated to all, response date of 23/12/16.

164/12/16. Deed of easement to Barn 1 & 2 Goodiford Mill. Signed copy received. Solicitors to register with the Land Registry.

165/12/16. Kentisbeare Post Office and Stores. The Parish Council is pleased that a solution has been found and that the post office and stores will continue to run from January 2017.

166/12/16. Possible flood prevention ideas following the bad weather in November. The Clerk showed a sample of an Aqua Sac. Discussion deferred to another meeting due to a number of apologies received for the December 2016 meeting.

167/12/16. Items for information and future agenda items. Precept 2017/18. Litter picks 2017. Flood prevention ideas.

168/12/16. Dates of future meetings of the Parish Council. 17/01/2017 at 7pm informally to discuss the precept, to be agreed at the full council meeting immediately thereafter at 7.30pm.