

KENTISBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
held on 17th September 2015 in Kentisbeare Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. Mr J Wadsworth (Chair), Mrs Q Broom, Mrs S Woofenden, Mrs E Ellicott, Mrs W Reed, A Southall, Mrs T Dominy and the Clerk.

129/09/15. To accept apologies for absence. It was resolved to accept the apologies of Cllrs: Shore-Quinain, Disney, Miss Jackson, Mrs Berry and J Berry.

130/09/15. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda. Cllr. Mrs Reed (personal) re: planning application reference 15/01357/FULL.

131/09/15. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th August 2015. It was resolved to adopt the minutes as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

132/09/15. Matters arising from the minutes not already covered by the agenda. None.

133/09/15. Highways.

a) To report on work carried out by the Highways Department and to receive reports on repairs that are needed. A bollard is missing between Pool House and Ponchydown Farm. Blocked drains: Near Old Brooke Cottage and The Honest Heart.

b) Any other Highway matters. (i) Notification of Devon Highways Town and Parish Council Conference. (ii) Devon Highways Briefings (circulated to all). (iii) Changes to Neighbourhood Highway Group, contact details for the Parish Neighbourhood Highways Officer remain the same.

134/09/15. Planning.

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

-15/01357/FULL Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling. (Orway Porch Farm) Kentisbeare.

-15/01431/LBC Listed Building Consent for 4no replacement windows on the east elevation and 1no replacement window on the south elevation. 2 Hillview Cottages, Kentisbeare.

b) Results of applications from Mid Devon District Council.

-15/01072/CAT Notification of intention to fell 1no Elm tree and to reduce the height of 1 Laurel by 33% and 2no Cherry trees by 50% within a Conservation Area. Monkwood, Priest Hill, Kentisbeare. No objection.

15/00426/LBC Variation of condition (7) of Listed Building Consent 12/00787/LBC to allow the substitution of Elm floorboards with Oak timber boarding. Land and Buildings at NGR 305287 106640 (Aller Barns) Kentisbeare.

Permission refused.

-15/01170/FULL and 15/01166/LBC. The Coach House, Croyle. Listed Building Consent and permission for the installation of a wood pellet boiler with flue and removal of existing oil tank. Approved.

For information only: 15/01061/PNCQU Land and Building at NGR 305623 108363 (Goodiford Mill) Kentisbeare.

Prior notification for the change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling house under Class Q. Refusal of change of use.

b) MDDC. NW Cullompton Master Planning – second consultation. The Clerk will respond with the following points/concerns: (i) The new relief road through the development must be wide enough to discourage vehicles from parking on pavements (ii) There should be no delay in the construction of the eastern relief road as more development will cause congestion in the centre of Cullompton. (iii) Relocation of the fire station should be part of the Masterplan. (iv) One large play area opposed to a few small areas would be more beneficial. (v) Support will be given to the proposal for a community garden at College Surgery .

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c) Any other planning matters. MDDC Parish Planning training slides have been circulated to all following a recent training session at the district council where Cllr. Southall was in attendance.

135/09/15. MDDC Grass Cutting Consultation. Following a reduction in funding from DCC, a decision has been made to reduce the specification on cutting grass verges on land owned by DCC across the District. MDDC are now consulting on options regarding the cutting of grass verges. It was resolved not to agree to provide funding to MDDC or to maintain the land on behalf of DCC, but to accept the reduced specification being "to maintain visibility at road junctions and restrict the width of the grass that is cut on the roadside verges to approximately 1 metre". It was understood that this may result in MDDC withdrawing from the agreement with DCC (which it has provided for 20 years), due to financial viability. A map identifying the land within the Parish has been received, and The Clerk will make further enquiries with reference to the land that has been identified.

136/09/15. Finance.

a) To resolve to make payments in accordance with the agreed budget. £793.34

-Mrs M Shore-Quinain, Clerk's salary. Chq 1362.

-Grant Thornton UK LLP. External audit free. Chq 1363.

-MNR Projects Ltd. Playground maintenance. Chq 1364.

-Getmapping plc. Parish on-line annual fee. Chq 1365.

b) External Auditor's Report and Notice of Conclusion of Audit for 2014/15. Completion of the annual audit – Certified Annual Return received. All in accordance with proper practices and no matters brought to the attention of Grant Thornton giving concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. With reference to Section 3, The Clerk has queried the points raised here with the External Auditor and will now discuss them with the Internal Auditor for future reference. Notice of Conclusion of Audit and Right to Inspect the Annual Return together with a copy certified Annual Return to be displayed on the Parish notice board for the required time.

c) Any other financial matters to be noted. The combined bank balance was reported as at 19/08/15. Notification received of the addition of Cllrs. Mrs Dominy and Southall to the LTSB Bank mandate. The Clerk can now request a form for the addition of Cllrs. Mrs Woofenden and Mrs Reed, as agreed at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 19/05/15 (75/05/14 b).

137/09/15. Reports.

a) District Cllr. Mrs Berry (via email). Proposed development east of Cullompton – the Inspector's report is expected in October. Junction 27 is still being considered by Planning Officers and Cabinet. The Chief Executive, Kevin Finan has given notice that he intends to retire shortly. Work has been delayed at The Manor House Hotel. Refugees – MDDC has pledged to do what it can to help, but await details from the Government of how this will work and what funding will be available. A Broadband Briefing was received (see Connecting Devon and Somerset for status).

b) Parish Paths. P3 coordinator Cllr. Mrs E Ellicott. The summer walks were a success. The cutting should now have been completed for the year and an invoice will follow. The Clerk will make enquiries about the P3 Autumn Workshops. *Cllr. Mrs Ellicott left the meeting.*

c) Playing field. The Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Mrs Dominy regarding a minor point on a spindle - to report next month. R&R Services will inspect the problem of moles to determine whether or not there is still a problem, as previously agreed, The Clerk has instructed them to commence works if required. The Clerk has requested an invoice from K J Thulborn Ltd for works to date.

d) The Clerk. Received - CCD Membership pack. Notification of The Rural Futures Conference and The DALC Conference. Invitation received to a licensing service on 30/09/15 at St. Mary's, Kentisbeare from The Churchwardens of the Culm Valley Mission Community. Cllrs. Southall, Mrs Dominy and Mrs Reed to attend. A letter has been received from the East Devon Tractor and Vintage Machinery Club requesting support for the Devon National Vintage tractor road run 2016, which it is proposed, will pass through the Parish. The Parish Council is pleased to support this charitable event by means of promoting it through the website or posters. The Clerk will make enquiries about possible road diversions.

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- e) The Chairman. Leaflets regarding the e-newsletter have been distributed in Kentisbeare. The next newsletter will be sent out shortly. The Website Advisory Committee will meet shortly to discuss invoicing.
- f) Notification of the next BHPN Meeting on 7/10/15. It was discussed that Cllr. Mrs Reed would attend if there are specific points of interest on the agenda. The Clerk will continue to circulate information.
- g) The Litter Picking Group. A brief report was given on the recent litter pick. Cllr. Disney to organise another session.
- h) Any other reports. Cllr. Mrs Broom reported that a new under floor heating system and a new floor has been installed in Kentisbeare Village Hall. Funds came from Kentisbeare Village Hall and a grant had been awarded from Viridor for help with the project.

138/09/15. Correspondence. Gambling consultation. North Devon Healthcare Trust Stakeholder letter (circulated to all). Clerks and Councils Direct. Posters from Tiverton Museum.

139/09/15. Devon Minerals Plan Consultation – circulated to all prior to the meeting. Cllr. Southall to determine whether or not to make a response.

140/09/15. DCC: Bus Service Changes in Mid Devon. Following the County Council's review of supported bus service commitments, a number of changes have been agreed by the Cabinet which will take effect from 20/09/15. Service 675 has been withdrawn in this area and Service 694 will be reduced to a Tuesday, Friday and Saturday only. A useful interactive map showing routes and timetables is available on www.journeydevon.info and a link will be put on to the Parish website.

141/09/15. Items for information and future agenda items. Apologies from Cllr. Wadsworth for 06/10/15.

142/09/15. Dates of future meetings of the Parish Council. 06/10/15 at Kentisbeare Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 10pm.