

KENTISBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council
held on 19th January 2016 in Kentisbeare Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs. Mr J Wadsworth (Chair), Mrs Q Broom, R Shore-Quinain, M Disney, Mrs E Ellicott, Mrs W Reed, Miss D Jackson, A Southall, Mrs T Dominy, County Cllr. Mr J Berry and the Clerk.

During public question time, one member of the public was present to give details of his planning application. The member of the public left before the start of the meeting.

01/01/16. It was resolved to accept the apologies of Cllrs. Mrs S Woofenden and Mrs R Berry.

01/01/16. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda. Cllr R Shore-Quinain (DPI as spouse) Clerk's salary , and personal together with Cllrs. Mrs Reed and Mrs Ellicott reference: 16/00076/FULL. Cllrs. Mrs Broom and Disney (personal) item 7 (e) as members of Kentisbeare Village Hall committee. Cllr. Mrs Broom (personal) re: 15/01883/Full and minute reference 10/01/16.

02/01/16. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th December 2015. It was resolved to adopt the minutes as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

03/01/16. Matters arising from the minutes not already covered by the agenda. None

04/01/16. MDDC Grass Verge Cutting Consultation. MDDC are to withdraw from the grass verge cutting agreement with DCC in towns and parishes that resolved on Option 3 minute reference 135/09/15. This is due to the financial shortfall in continuing to provide the service on behalf of DCC. All future enquiries should now be directed to DCC.

05/01/16. Highways.

a) To report on work carried out by the Highways Department and to receive reports on repairs that are needed. Notification of resurfacing works to be carried out on the A373 between 25/01-27/01/16. The Clerk will follow up the report of water on the road at Post Cross. Potholes: Horn Road, Pirzwell.

b) Any other Highway matters. Following a suggestion received from a parishioner which was passed to the Neighbourhood Highways Officer previously, it was confirmed that Highways will not permit alternative parking arrangements in Silver Street (minute reference 160/11/15 b). Highways has also confirmed that warning signs with reference to HGV traffic through the village will not be permitted. A quotation has been received from SWH via the Neighbourhood Highways Officer for replacement posts and finger arms.

05/01/15. Planning

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

15/01883/FULL Change of use of existing agricultural land to residential curtilage, erection of garage, erection of an oil storage tank and minor alterations to converted barn including entrance steps, cladding, 2 flues and roof windows. Goodiford Barn, Kentisbeare. See declarations.

16/00076/FULL Erection of two storey extension, Lower Sainthill Farm. See declarations.

16/00074/HOUSE Erection of an extension, Postwood Gardens, Kentisbeare.

For information only: 15/01956/PNCOU PN Change of Use, 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.

b) Results of applications from Mid Devon District Council.

15/00835/FULL Land and Buildings at NGR 306975 109515 (Homeleigh) Croyle Kentisbeare Devon. Permitted with conditions to discharge.

15/01695/CLU CLU EXISTING Use or Development. The Stables Blackborough. Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of caravan as residential dwelling for a period in excess of 10 years. Approved.

-15/01511/MFULL Installation of a ground mounted photovoltaic solar farm. Viridor Waste Management Ltd, Broadpath Landfill Site, Burlescombe. Permitted with conditions to discharge.

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For Information only: 15/01809/PNCOU PN Change of Use. Land and Buildings at NGR 307391 107024 (Ashleigh) Broad Road, Kentisbeare. Prior notification for the change of use of an agricultural building to dwelling under Class Q. Approval of Prior Approval

15/01944/PNAG Agricultural Prior Notification. Land and Buildings at NGR 307827 108901 (Higher Pirzwell) Kentisbeare. Prior notification for the erection of roof to provide covered yard. Development Acceptance.

c) Any other planning matters. Cllr. Mrs Broom will attend the MDDC Cabinet meeting on 28/01/16 were the results of the North West Urban Extension Consultation incorporated in a revised Master Plan, are on the agenda.

06/01/16. Finance.

a) To resolve to make payments in accordance with the agreed budget. Total outgoings £1052.59

-Mrs M Shore-Quinain, Clerk's salary. Chq 007.

-Chq 008 deferred until the next meeting.

-K J Thulborn, playing field maintenance. Chq 009.

-Kentisbeare Village Hall, room hire. Chq 010.

-Project Cosmic. Website. Chq 011.

-The Wyndham Arms, electricity supply for Christmas lights. Chq 012.

-Kentisbeare Parish News. Printing. Chq 013.

-Mr R Chave, allotment rental. Chq 014.

b) Possible additional notice board. The Clerk is in receipt of a quotation for two different materials. Cllr. Mrs Jackson will source another quotation for comparison.

c) Possible annual subscription for Blackdown Hills Parishes Network. It was resolved to grant £75 to the network. To be reviewed annually.

d) Grant towards replacement windows and doors at Kentisbeare Village Hall. See declarations. Cllr. Mrs Broom reported that the external doors and windows are in need of replacement at an approximate cost of £60,000. The committee will apply for grants to help with this. Cllr. Mrs Ellicott proposed that the Parish Council grant £1100 within the next financial year. This was seconded by Cllr. Shore-Quinain.

e) Tap fund 2015/16 and 2016/17. An amount of £790.90 is available for the parish for this financial year. Cllr. Mrs Broom proposed that the Parish Council apply for this on behalf of Blackborough Village Hall to help with renovation works. This was seconded by Cllr. Disney. Cllr. Berry confirmed that the Tap Fund will continue for the financial year 2016/17 and it was resolved to grant this to Kentisbeare village hall to help with the aforementioned windows and doors (minute ref 06/01/16 d).

f) To ratify the precept for 2016/17. Following a discussion held at 7pm to discuss the financial needs for the coming year, it was resolved to set the precept for 2016/17 at £20,056. It is a requirement that a sum of between 3-12 months expenditure or 50% of the precept is held in reserve as a contingency fund/general reserve. In addition to this, funds will be held in reserve regarding maintenance/replacement equipment with reference to the playing field, office equipment and village maintenance, together with other minor expenditure. Due to possible loss of services, it was agreed to continue to precept and hold an amount for village maintenance, some of which may go towards replacement finger posts within the parish. An amount will be held in reserve towards possible bye-election costs. It was resolved to continue to build up a fund towards a possible community owned sports field. Following a parish questionnaire in 2011, 89% were keen to support such a project. The precept figure reflects a figure of £1100 which was resolved to grant to Kentisbeare Village Hall (as above). An amount was included to cover an increase in the workload of the Clerk together with a 1% rise in the NALC salary scales and a pension scheme which will be necessary due to auto-enrollment; to be ratified by the Personnel Committee. It was noted that some grants previously received are still held as ear marked reserves. MDDC will be instructed to deduct the payment for the 2016/17 DALC subscription. Councillors were unanimous in their decision to set the precept at £20,056.

g) Any other financial matters to be noted. The combined bank balance was reported as at 18/12/15. Credits received at the bank £1800.47 VAT re-claim 2014/15, £100 in respect of advertising on the parish website

07/01/16. Reports.

a) The Clerk. It would be beneficial for the hall to have a Broadband connection, particularly due to the introduction of electronic planning applications. The possibility of the Parish Council helping the village hall committee with some funding will be put towards the hall committee by Cllr. Mrs Broom.

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- b) Police Report. One report received.
- c) The Chairman. The history date has been postponed from 12/03/16. Revenue from businesses advertising on the parish website has brought in £1045 to date. It would be beneficial for future events to be promoted on the website. Mrs Thorne is willing to continue as manager of the website and a quotation will be agreed at the next meeting.
- d) The Parish Paths (P3) Co-ordinator Cllr. Mrs E Ellicott. Following the recent rainfall a large amount of water is lying in the permissive path adjacent to Silver Wood. The stile has been repaired at Bonds Bridge.
- e) Playing Field. The Clerk has requested that the condition of the fence be reviewed.
- f) County Cllr. J. Berry. There has been a cut of just over 28 million between the 2016-17 and 2015-16 budget. A 4% increase in council tax is being proposed. Local people can hire speed guns to try and combat speeding traffic in rural areas. Cold callers appear to be a problem. The width of the new distributor road between Willand Road and Tiverton Road in Cullompton is likely to be 6.5metres.
- g) District Cllr. Mrs R Berry (via email). A report has been received which The Clerk will circulate. The report includes details of the budget and government grant, South West Devolution, recycling, playgrounds that MDDC no longer wish to maintain, revision of car parking charges the MDDC Cabinet meeting of 28/01/16 amongst other issues.

08/01/16. Nominations for Buckingham Palace Garden Party 24/05/16. Cllr. Shore-Quinain to be put forward.

09/01/16. Blackdown Hills Parishes Network. Parishes are being asked for feedback on Planning, Traffic and Transport and Communications – Clerk to respond.

10/01/16. To ratify permission for works carried out for the installation of an underground water pipe across the splay area and verge at the playing field as owned by the Parish Council. Following correspondence received and communication between the Parish Council over the Christmas period works have now been completed. The Parish Council are in receipt of the necessary documents relating to insurance, public liability and indemnity. An Easement Agreement will follow shortly. See declarations.

11/01/16. Celebrations to mark the Queen's 90th birthday. Letter received from David Fursdon, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Devon (DALC Newsletter). Cllr. Wadsworth confirmed that a ball will take place in Kentisbeare Village Hall on 11/06/16, and celebrations will continue on 12/06/16. Further details will follow.

12/01/16. MDDC: Draft Corporate Plan (circulated to all). No comments.

13/01/16. Procedures for matters outside of the Parish. It was agreed to form a working group to consider and formulate a response for certain consultations and matters outside of the parish, where it is felt that a response may be beneficial. The group will consist of a minimum of three parish councillors. Councillors will liaise between meetings and bring a response to a Parish Council meeting for agreement. If a response is required between meetings, agreement will be made via email. Cllr. Southall will be the chair of the working group and Cllrs. Miss Jackson, Mrs Ellicott and Miss Dominy will form the remainder of the group. Any other councillors may request to be included at any time, or with reference to any matter.

14/01/16. CORRESPONDENCE. Letter of thanks from Kentisbeare Players. Devon Communities First Aid Kit. Clerks and Councils Direct. Shelterbox.

15/01/16. Future agenda items. Personnel committee meeting 09/02/16 at 7pm.

16/01/16. Dates of future meetings of the Parish Council. 09/02/16, 08/03/16, 05/04/16, 03/05/16, 07/06/16.

The meeting finished at 10.10pm.