KENTISBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a remote meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 7pm

Present: Cllrs. Mrs Q Broom (Chair), N Allan, E Southerden, Mrs E Ellicott, Mrs F Ryan, N Woofenden, M Disney, Mrs S Woofenden and the Clerk.

16/01/21. Public Question Time: None.
17/01/21. Apologies: Cllrs. R Shore-Quinain and N Sanders and DCC County Cllr. J Berry.
18/01/21. Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Mrs Broom (DPI as personal payment) payment cheque number 1811. Cllr. Allan (personal) as previously declared, with reference to agenda item 6.2 re: planning application 20/01452/MOUT.
19/01/21. The Minutes of the remote meeting of the Parish Council held on 07/01/21 were approved.
20/01/21. Matters Arising: None.

21/01/21. Planning:
a) Applications to be considered:
-21/00037/FULL Erection of two-storey extension. Hollis Green, Kentisbeare. EX15 2DR. No objections.
b) Cllr. Allan reported on two of the applications considered at the MDDC Planning Committee meeting of 13/01/21 *(see declarations)*: - **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 AND - **20/00876/MFUL** Construction of Cullompton Town Centre Relief Road comprising new 1350 metre road connecting Station Road to Duke Street and associated works. Land at NGR 302456 107324 Cullompton. Both applications were approved, some extra Conditions were imposed. Full details are available via the MDDC website.
c) Results of applications from Mid Devon District Council: As above 20/01452/MOUT - Permitted with conditions to discharge. 20/00876/MFUL – Permitted with conditions to discharge.
d) Culm Garden Village: (i) Cllr. Mrs Broom will endeavour to attend the next meeting of Cullompton & District Members Forum, scheduled for 12/02/21. (ii) An informal remote meeting will be arranged shortly with the Chairman of the Delivery Board so that councillors can understand the master planning process in respect of a buffer zone. The Parish Council is keen to engage in the most effective way possible to ensure that there is a boundary between Kentisbeare and the Garden Village.
e) Neighbourhood Plan: Re-cap following meeting held in 2020 with DCT; including details with reference to the possibility of a Housing Needs Survey with questions for a questionnaire. Agreed to defer.
f) Any other Planning Matters**:** None.

22/01/21. Reports.
a) DCC Cllr. J Berry – A report will be circulated to all. Covid-19 – cases have risen steeply and are still rising, Mid Devon, and Cullompton in particular, being a hotspot. Priority groups are being invited for vaccine by GP Groups in 16 local vaccination centres, more planned. The Oxford Astra Zeneca vaccine is being rolled out and sent out to Care Homes and eventually local surgeries. Community Testing will be rolled out in Devon very soon. Top-up grants for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses - one-off top-up grants for retail, up £9,000. A £594 million discretionary fund to support impacted businesses. Further funding is being made available for businesses not eligible for the grants and the DCC Leader is asking for more help for struggling small businesses**.** Education – laptops and tablets are available for disadvantaged children. The DfE is providing support for pupils who have no internet access or who cannot afford increased data charges. Free school meals – schools can soon provide vouchers instead of food parcels. Broadband – please write to your MP and Connecting Devon and Somerset to complain if your service is poor. Libraries - are closed during lockdown until 29/03. Learn Devon provides many free, online adult and community learning courses continuing during Lockdown Details via **https://www.learndevon.co.uk/** or as follows: **0345 155 1014** or email: learndevon@devon.gov.uk.
MDDC Report from Cllr. John Berry. Covid-19 **–** Mid Devon cases are high for Devon in the week preceding mid-January, sadly with 10 fatalities**.** The government is monitoring the results of the lockdown. Devon and Cornwall Police are warning the minority who flout the rules that they will be penalised. Business support Grants will be £7.3m across the various schemes. Community Testing – MDDC will potentially work with DCC to roll out Community Testing sites in Mid Devon and on providing Vaccination sites. Advice after vaccination can be found on the government website. Schools fall under DCC but many are struggling to cope with the number of children in school while providing online education for others.

Lack of reliable rural Broadband is a problem causing some pupils to be in school when otherwise they need not be. The Local Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has published proposed boundary changes and (MDDC) will shortly be doing same. The proposal is for MDDC to have 42 councillors, and for the boundaries of all wards to change except for Silverton and Upper Culm; following representations Blackborough and Kentisbeare to remain in the same ward as each other, which will be Lower Culm. 2021 Census on 21/03/21 - to provide a snapshot of modern society, providing information on which future infrastructure needs are assessed, and it will be principally online. For more general information visit the Census website.
b) Footpaths – MDDC will be asked to consider whether or not a dog bin can be placed near Blackborough churchyard for people walking the footpaths. The matter will be placed on a future agenda.

23/01/21. Highways. Any Highways matters including upcoming road closures. Temporary Traffic Order (i) Temporary Traffic Order - ROAD FROM ROAD FROM PRIORY WALL CROSS TO ORWAY CROSS, Kentisbeare (TTRO2138351), from 22/03 to 26/03. Highways will be asked if a sign warning motorists of possible flooding can be erected on the A373 near Newlands.

24/01/21. Christmas Lights. The Clerk will make contact with St. Marys Church following a few queries regarding the Parish Council looking at funding the purchase of Christmas lights for the church grounds.

25/01/21. Kentisbeare Play Area.
a) Update on works carried out and works required following the annual inspection. Works to the surfacing underneath the small roundabout are imminent. A quotation for £350 from Green Valley Pest Control was agreed in respect of eradication of moles. It was agreed that work should start asap and the play area will be locked overnight whilst works are underway. b) Any other matters – it is hoped that works to the cycle track will start this year.

26/01/21. Consultations/Surveys – Cllr. Southerden will consider the following, and whether or not to make a response on behalf of the Parish Council:
a) Devon Carbon Plan.
b) DCT Survey re: Climate Emergency.

27/01/21. Census 2021 – Details of the Census have been publicised. People are encouraged to look up the Census 2021 website where possible.

28/01/21. Finance.
a) The bank balance was noted as at 31/12/20. Direct debits Nest - 03/12 £64.26, 23/12 £66.58, EDF - 10/12 £9, Utility Warehouse - 31/12 £41.05.
b) Payments were approved totalling £1443.68.

-Chq 1805 Kentisbeare Parish News. Printing.
-Chq 1806 J Batten. Playing field maintenance – hedge cutting.
-Chq 1807 BHPN. Subscription.
-Chq 1808 Countrywide Grounds Maintenance Ltd. Grass maintenance contract.
-Chq 1809 MDDC. Supply and installation of dog bin.
-Chq 1810 Power supply for Christmas lights.
-Chq 1811 Chairman – office expenses. *See declarations.*
-Chq 1812 ALCC subscription.

c) Precept 2021/2022: Following an informal meeting with the Clerk, Chairman and Vice-Chairman and circulation of suggested figures to cover financial needs for the coming year, a report was given and it was resolved to set the precept for 2021/22 at £36,585. The precept figure includes grants for the village halls, the three churchyards, the youth club, minor works required to the Bier House, additional Christmas lights, the start of a possible Neighbourhood Plan and improvements to the Parish playing field. A contingency fund will be held as required, and a fund will continue to be built for the cycle track. Councillors were unanimous in their decision to set the precept at £36,585. As in previous years, MDDC will deduct the subscription for DALC from the precept.
d) Review of effectiveness of system of internal control: Resolved that the arrangements that are in place are satisfactory.
e) Local Council Administration - updated edition for Parish Councils. The Clerk will purchase the most up-to-date version.

f) Review of staff salary: The council went into Part 2 for a staff salary review.
g) Any other Financial Matters: The Clerk will get up-to-date figures of S106 funds as held in reserve at MDDC.

29/01/21. Correspondence: None.
30/01/21. Items for information, future agenda items, and dates of future meetings. Possible donation to Citizens Advice Bureau. Possible start of plans towards the cycle track including available S106 funds. Buffer zone. Next meeting - 02/03/21.