

KENTISBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on March 8th 2022 in Kentisbeare Village Hall at 7pm.

Present: N Allan (Chair), Mrs Q Broom, M Disney, E Southerden, Mrs F Ryan, N Sanders, R Shore-Quinain, J Penfold, the Clerk and one member of the public.

30/03/22. Public Question Time: None.

31/03/22. Apologies: Cllrs. Mrs E Ellicott, N Woofenden and DCC Councillor J Berry.

32/03/22. Declarations of Interest: Cllr. R Shore-Quinain (DPI as spouse) payment to the Clerk (chq 1926).

33/03/22. The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 08/02/22 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

34/03/22. Matters Arising: The Parish Council is pleased to note that new tenants have taken over the lease for Kentisbeare Village Stores and Post Office.

35/03/22. Planning:

a) Applications to be considered:

-22/00400/FULL Erection of farm workshop. Land and Buildings at NGR 308002 107381 (West Of Orway Porch Farm Buildings), Kentisbeare. No objections.

b) Results of applications from Mid Devon District Council.

-22/00019/FULL Construction of all weather pump track for users of bikes and skateboards with footpath from existing carpark. Land at NGR 306239 108045 (Recreation Ground) Silver Park, Kentisbeare. Approved.

c) Culm Garden Village: A Stakeholder meeting is due to take place in April.

d) MDDC – Plan Mid Devon Issues Consultation Regulation 18: A response was agreed to the 58 questions and a copy will be circulated to all before submission. Concerns were raised over 50% of development in the district being allocated for Cullompton and whether this could be reduced to look to include more general development at Junction 27 and elsewhere. It was also indicated that the development of the Garden Village should not compromise Kentisbeare as a distinct rural community. Concern was raised regarding the ongoing problems of the traffic flow and congestion in Cullompton. Suggestions were made regarding infrastructure and facilities in the area amongst other suggestions including renewable/clean energy and employment.

e) Any other Planning Matters: Notification of further training online as provided by MDDC on 07/04.

36/03/22. Reports.

a) Access - P3 Footpaths and Parish Paths: Via the Clerk – the path surveys have been completed. Various storm damage is being reported.

b) The Clerk: (i) Slides following a presentation to ward councillors at MDDC by Airband have been circulated. (ii) The Parish Council supports the village school children hanging light streamers (prayer flags) in the village tree following the Ukrainian crisis – the organisers will be asked to ensure that arrangements are made for the removal of the streamers at an appropriate time. It was suggested that the Christmas lights may need to be removed before the erection of the streamers and the organisers will be informed.

c) Any other reports: As an interested member of the public MDDC Cllr. R Evans reported that collection of waste will reduce to three weekly collections from September with no change to the recycling schedule.

37/03/22. Highways: Following further communication from a parishioner regarding concerns over a few issues in the Parish, Cllr. Allan will endeavour to meet the Headmistress of Kentisbeare Primary School regarding parking in the village at school drop off times. A pothole at Aller Barton will be reported online.

38/03/22. Kentisbeare Play Area.

a) Cycle track: Notification has just been received of approval of planning permission. The Clerk will look into the tender process with assistance from MDDC as previously agreed.

b) Any other matters: Cllr. Disney will make arrangements for renovation of the monkey bars.

39/03/22. Finance.

a) The bank balance was reported as at 28/02/22. Direct Debits taken were noted as: Nest £69.30 04/02, EDF 10/02-£7, Utility Warehouse 28/02 - £41.05.

b) Payments were approved totalling £2505.56:

- Chq 1925 SMA Services Ltd. Payroll provider.
- Chq 1926 Clerk – salary and expenses. See declarations.
- Chq 1927 Website and Newsletter.
- Chq 1928 Kentisbeare Village Hall. Room hire.
- Chq 1929 Green Valley Pest Control Ltd. Play area maintenance.
- Chq 1930 T K Play Ltd. Play area maintenance.
- Chq 1931 Kentisbeare Parish News. Printing costs.
- Chq 1932 Parish maintenance. Works at Eel Pool and Village Square. *(It was noted that this payment was £55 and not £50 as detailed on the agenda).*

c) Kentisbeare Handyperson Position: A job specification was agreed. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk will arrange to meet with the candidate and report back.

d) Annual Review of Fixed Asset Register: The Register was updated and approved.

e) Any other financial matters: None.

40/03/22. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

a) NACO Tree Planting Day: NACO (National Association of Civic Officers) is hoping that as many civic leaders as possible will all, on the same day, plant a tree to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 11/03/22 - the 70th day of the year in which The Queen marks the 70th anniversary of her accession. It has the full support of The Queen's Green Canopy project organisers. It was agreed for Cllr. Allan to plant a tree in St. Mary's Churchyard and for Cllr. Southerden to plant a tree in All Saints Churchyard, Blackborough.

b) To consider financial help towards celebrations and memorabilia for the children in the Parish: It was agreed for the Parish Council to fund an item for all children under the age of 18 in the Parish. The Clerk will make enquiries with the Jubilee committee and report back as to what is appropriate and the cost. The Parish Council will consider funding the hall hire over the Jubilee weekend, possibly in conjunction with the hall committee – Cllr. Mrs Broom will approach the hall committee and report back.

41/03/22. Letter from Cullompton Neighbourhood Policing Team: A letter has been received with reference to police consulting with communities when decisions about policing priorities are made - a link to an interactive crime map was provided together with a link to collision data as recorded in partnership with DCC. Following an invitation for a Parish Councillor to accompany officers on their patrols to see first hand what takes place, Cllrs. Southerden and Mrs Ryan expressed an interest in attending.

42/03/22. Annual Parish Meeting 2022: It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish meeting immediately before the Annual Parish Council meeting - planned to take place on 10/05/22. It was agreed to hold a reception next year to coincide with the Annual Parish Meeting in March or April 2023.

43/03/22. Renewal of Grass Maintenance Contract: Details had been sent to four contractors and two had submitted a quotation. It was agreed to accept the quotation from Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (CGM) with a review early in 2023 as specified by CGM.

44/03/22. Correspondence & Consultations: Clerks and Councils Direct.

45/03/22. Items for information, future agenda items, and dates of future meetings. 12/04/22, 10/05/22. Possible History event (Cllr. Penfold, 10/05/22 agenda).