

KENTISBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th November 2022 in Kentisbeare Village Hall at 7pm.

Present: Mrs Q Broom, N Woofenden, N Sanders, Mrs F Ryan, E Southerden, Mrs E Ellicott, DCC Cllr. J Berry and the Clerk. *Due to apologies received from the Chairman the Vice-Chairman Cllr. Mrs Broom took the meeting.*

135/11/22. Public Question Time: None.

136/11/22. Apologies: Cllrs. N Allan, R Shore-Quinain, M Disney & J Penfold.

137/11/22. Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Mrs Broom (personal as known to the applicant) planning application 22/01932/FULL.

138/11/22. The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27/09/22 were approved and duly signed by the Cllr. Mrs Broom as acting Chairman.

139/11/22. Matters Arising: None.

140/11/22. Planning & Planning Correspondence/Information:

a) Applications considered by the Parish Council:

22/02030/FULL Erection of 2 dwellings and alteration to existing access following demolition of existing agricultural building. Building at NGR 307120 109450 Highwoods Cross, Kentisbeare. No objections.

22/01962/FULL Change of use of land and stable block to secure dog paddock/day care centre. Land at NGR 305456 108005 Dead Lane, Kentisbeare. No objections.

22/01783/HOUSE Erection of single storey extension, swimming pool building, therapy room outbuilding, carport and replacement garage. Postwood Gardens, Kentisbeare. EX15 2BS. No objections.

22/01932/FULL Erection of roof over livestock yard. Land and Buildings at NGR 305381 106330 Aller House Farm, Kentisbeare. No objections. *Cllr. Mrs Broom left the room for this item – see declarations.*

22/01945/CAT Notification of intention to fell 7 Elm, 1 Ash and 1 Sycamore within the Conservation Area. Woodlands Kentisbeare. EX15 2AA. No objections.

22/01704/HRN Hedgerow Removal Notification for the removal of 5.5m of hedgerow. Land at NGR 307854 107010 (Orway Porch) Broad Road, Kentisbeare. No objections - suggest that that any hedgerow destruction be offset with planting.

b) Results of applications from Mid Devon District Council.

-22/01449/HOUSE Conversion and extension of garage to additional ancillary accommodation and extension to porch. 12 Manor Close, Kentisbeare. EX15 2BG. Approved.

-22/01482/MFUL Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 21/00710/MFUL - Extension of existing business park and erection of 2 industrial buildings Class E (2395sqm) - to amend previously approved plans. Land at NGR 305748 107208 Post Cross Business Park, Kentisbeare. Approved.

-22/01690/CAT Notification of intention to reduce crown of 1 Copper Beech tree by approx 1m and shape within a Conservation Area. Bridge House, Fore Street, Kentisbeare. EX15 2AD. Approved.

c) Culm Garden Village: Cllr. Mrs Broom reported that the next Delivery Board meeting will take place in December.

d) Public consultation on an Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document and Non Statutory Interim Planning Policy Statement: Climate Emergency – noted, no comments.

e) Any other Planning Matters: A representative on behalf of Danescroft hopes to attend a future meeting with reference to development east of Cullompton.

141/11/22. Reports.

a) P3 Footpaths and Parish Paths: The gatepost at Orway Ash is to be replaced. It is hoped to organise a group to help with the eradication of the Himalayan Balsam plant in Silver Wood next year. Help is available from the Himalayan Balsam Action Group (HBAG) in Hemyock and a representative will be contacted nearer the time.

b) The Clerk. (i) Cllr. Sanders hopes to attend the next Connecting the Culm Open Forum (#5 - 17/11/22). (ii) Mid Devon Wildlife Warden Scheme – details received and publicised.

(iii) BHPN parish contributions requested for survey on impact of rising inflation – Cllr. Southerden hopes to complete.

(iv) Constituency Boundaries – the Clerk reported that Kentisbeare will become part of Lower Culm with three district councillors. (v) St. Mary's Church is organising a nativity trail in Kentisbeare. (vi) There are now three or four foodbanks in Hemyock.

c) Reports from DCC & MDDC Councillors: Cllr. Berry gave a report which had been circulated to all, details include – Budget; £73 million savings are required to balance the books for the current year, Officers are identifying further potential savings with John Hart fighting to get the best deal for Devon.

Reports continued:

DCC has created new courses in speech and language to help children and young children. Available for parents, carers, and staff who work with young people, to help children catch up and reach their potential. DCC has a programme of holiday-time activities, with hot meals, for up to four days over the Christmas holiday. Sign up for DCC updates - the latest national advice on coronavirus (COVID-19) is available on the government website and NHS website. Boundary Commission Ward changes consultation – Mid Devon boundaries are being changed before the next elections, there are significant changes proposed for Kentisbeare and Blackborough. Police Health & Wellbeing Team are seeking volunteers to pass on information and advice to maintain and improve Health and Wellbeing of Police employees. Training will be given. Details on www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/volunteer-vacancies. Tiverton Police Station is now open Monday to Saturday 10am – 3pm. Modern slavery - to learn how to spot the signs and report your concerns, visit the Coalition to Stop Slavery and Safer Devon websites. The Growing Communities Fund has opened up again for applications and the Locality Budget has been re-instated.

d) Any other reports: None.

142/11/22. Highways: Erosion of the road at Hollis Green will be reported. Cllr. Berry will raise the issue of a possible Access Protection Marker outside of Kentisbeare Village Stores.

143/11/22. Christmas Lights in the Parish: Cllr. Southerden is liaising with Blackborough Village Hall and will report at a future meeting. Cllrs. Woofenden and Disney will arrange the lights in Kentisbeare village square.

144/11/22. Finance.

a) The bank balance was noted and direct debits were noted: Nest 27/09 £72.95, EDF 12/09 £7 & 10/10 £8. Utility Warehouse 30/09 & 31/10 - £41.05. Credits received: website advertising 09/09 - £20, 20/10 - £7.50. MDDC second precept second instalment 05/10 - £20,045.50.

b) Payments were approved totalling £2644.51:

- Chq 1997 Clerk – salary and expenses.
- Chq 1998 Website and Newsletter.
- Chq 1999 J Batten. Playing field maintenance.
- Chq 2000 SMA Services. Payroll provider.
- Chq 2001 Countrywide Grounds Maintenance. Grass maintenance contract.
- Chq 2002 Allotment Rental.
- Chq 2003 Cosmic. SSL Certificate.
- Chq 2004 MDDC. Bin emptying.
- Chq 2005 Dutch Landscape Architects Ltd. Re: cycle track.
- Chq 2006 Association of Local Clerks – membership renewal.

c) To note that the following payment was raised under the scheme of delegation – cheque number 1996 to PKF Littlejohn LLP for £240 in respect of the external audit fee.

d) Audit 2021/22- Notice of Conclusion & External Auditors Report: No matters of concern - The relevant documents have been publicised as required. *It was noted that an 'interim' letter (completion not certified) was received on 29/09/22 and completion was confirmed on 01/10/22.*

e) Letter from Andrew Jarrett Deputy Chief Executive at MDDC regarding provision of services and possible help from Town and Parish Councils: The Clerk will discuss the situation with Mr Jarrett and report at a future meeting.

f) Projector training: It was agreed to arrange training for the Clerk with the supplier; a number of councillors would like to attend.

g) Any other financial matters. (i) MDDC email ref Participatory Budgeting – the Clerk and the vice-chairman will respond. (ii) Following an increase on the NALC salary scales councils are encouraged to implement ASAP – Clerk to arrange. (iii) A payment will be raised for the next meeting to cover use of Sainthill Church Hall recently for an advisory group meeting. (iv) The Clerk will attend training with reference to the website in the New Year. (v) Notification from MDDC of the date required for submission of the precept – 25/01/23.

145/11/22. Kentisbeare Play Area.

a) Cycle track (i) To review and agree documents prior to the tender process – the advisory group gave an update and documents were agreed in principle; all being well the tender will go live asap and before the Christmas break. An update will be given at the next meeting.

b) Any other matters: Arrangements will be made for the removal of the goal post and tree in the play area as previously agreed. The Clerk will look into a DBS check for the handyman.

146/11/22. The Clifford Pike Memorial Bench. Cllr. Mrs Broom reported that the bench has again been vandalised. Arrangements are being made for its repair and it was agreed to site the bench in a more secure location. A more robust bench will be purchased for the village hall car park; Cllr. Mrs Broom will report at a future meeting.

147/11/22. Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations: Deferred to a future meeting.

148/11/22. Parish Council Owned Email Addresses: A representative will attend a meeting to give details of Office 365.

149/11/22. Correspondence & Any Other Consultations. Thank you letters: Blackborough Village Hall, Sainthill Youth Club and Baptist Church. New Community Project - Power Allotments, Devon Clerks and Councils Direct Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service – Consultation. MDDC Residents Survey. Public consultation on the Devon Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy.

150/11/22. Items for information, future agenda items, and dates of future meetings. Future meeting dates – 06/12/22 and 17/01/23.