

## KENTISBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7pm in Kentisbeare Village Hall

**Present:** Mrs Q Broom (acting Chairman), N Sanders, Mrs F Ryan, E Southerden, J Penfold, M Disney, R Shore-Quinain, the Clerk and DCC Cllr. Berry. *Due to apologies from the Chairman Mr N Allan, the Vice-Chairman Cllr. Mrs Broom took the meeting.* MDDC District Cllr. R Evans was present as an interested member of the public.

**33/03/23.** Public Question Time: None.

**34/03/23.** Apologies: Cllrs. N Allan, N Woofenden & Mrs E Ellicott.

**35/03/23.** Declarations of Interest: Cllr. R Shore-Quinain (DPI as spouse) payment to the Clerk. Cllr. Mrs Broom (DPI as personal payment) cheque number 2042.

**36/03/23.** The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14/02/23 were approved and duly signed by the vice-chairman.

**37/03/23.** Matters Arising: It was noted that correspondence had been received confirming that none of the sites submitted in respect of Power Allotments are viable at the moment.

### **38/03/23. Planning & Planning Correspondence/Information:**

**a)** Applications considered by the Parish Council:

23/00101/MARM Reserved Matters for a new cricket facility consisting of 2 storey pavilion, scorers hut, ground equipment store, outdoor cricket nets, landscaping and parking following Outline approval 20/01452/MOUT Land at NGR 305210 108255 Horn Road, Kentisbeare: Following a vote, there were five objections and two in support of the application. A site visit had taken place previously and comments were considered. The majority of councillors are concerned about the application as it is currently framed, with the principal objections centred around the proposed pavilion which appears to be oversized both in area and height; the design does not appear to be in keeping with the concept of a rural cricket pavilion. The proposal is for a two phase development of a clubhouse of 727 sq m, rising to 898 sq m with two different function rooms - the club's existing pavilion has an area of 292.5 sq m. There is concern that the site would be far more actively used than previously indicated which would generate significant regular traffic along Horn Road as well as light pollution and related noise. A reduction in the scale of the proposed pavilion to one of true equivalence and designed in a style that fits the landscape in which it is to be sited is urged.

23/00260/HOUSE Erection of single storey extension, carport and detached double garage, detached therapy room and indoor hydro pool with plant room and changing room and demolition of existing garages/store (Revised scheme). Postwood Gardens, Kentisbeare. EX15 2BS. No objections.

**b)** Results of applications from Mid Devon District Council.

-23/00038/CLP Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a porch. 14 Parsons Close, Kentisbeare. EX15 2BN.

-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. Approved.

**c)** Culm Garden Village: The Delivery Board meeting has been postponed. The cost of the Cullompton Relief Road has increased to £31 million. There are a number of options being considered in respect of a new motorway junction.

**d)** Any other Planning Matters: Danescroft has sent details of a public presentation due to take place on 30/03/23 which have been publicised. Danescroft has acquired a significant proportion of the East of Cullompton allocation.

### **39/03/23. Reports.**

**a)** The Clerk. (i) Details were given of the District and Parish Elections and Voter ID, all of which has been publicised. (i) Details received in respect of the Hedgehog Highway Project - circulated to all, agreed not to pursue as a Parish Council but that details can be publicised. (ii) The Clerk will shortly attend training in respect of the website. The annual service of the laptop will take place shortly.

**b)** Reports from DCC & MDDC Councillor: DCC Cllr. Berry had previously circulated a report to all with an update regarding DCC and MDDC. Details include – info regarding the DCC budget; extra has been allocated to tackle the problem of potholes. A new school for Special Educational Needs (SEND) is to be built in East Devon, near Cranbrook. Help for Households – Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding (EBSSAF) until 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023, provides £400 support for households without a direct relationship with an electricity supplier. Applications to be made direct to the Government – phone 08081753287 or via the gov.uk website. There is help available from various sources for families that are struggling with the cost of living crisis. Waste Disposal - It is disappointing that 41% - 55% of non-recycled waste could have been recycled. Children's Mental Health - The [YoungMinds website](#) useful information about ways to support children who are struggling with worry or anxiety and where to get help.

*Reports Continued:*

There is a free parent helpline on 0808 802 5544. **MDDC:** An update was given on the cost of services, where balancing the budget has been a challenge. Leadership & Cabinet appointments have changed recently. A reminder that ID is required by all voters in the upcoming elections.

**c) P3 Footpaths and Parish Paths.** (i) Details of the summer walks are to be finalised. (ii) Any other matters – it is hoped that a working party can be formed to help eradicate the Himalayan Balsam plant in Silver Wood. Cllr. Mrs Ellicott will attend a celebration at Hembury Fort as invited by the Devon Archaeological Society and Historic England, to mark the purchase of Hembury Hillfort by the Society, with support from Historic England.

**d) The Chairman/Vice-Chairman:** None.

**e) Any other reports:** Theft of oil from the tank in Kentisbeare Village Hall occurred recently.

**40/03/23. Highways:** Upcoming road closures will be publicised. DCC Cllr. Berry reported that in total last year 27,000 reported potholes were assessed, in January 500 reports a day were received and 10,000, potholes assessed. 15,000 tons of salt has been used this winter as opposed to 8,919 Tons average over the last four winters. More people are being employed to fix pot holes.

**41/03/23. Finance.**

**a)** The bank balance was noted as at 28/02/23 and direct debits taken and credits received were reported: 07/02 Nest -£80.83, 10/02 EDF - £8, 28/02 Utility Warehouse - £41.05. Credits received: £165 in respect of advertising on the Parish website, 09/02 £2085.33 - VAT Refund (2020-21), 23/02 £2020.51 - VAT Refund 2021-22.

**b)** Payments were approved totalling £1505.30:

-Chq 2034 Clerk – salary and expenses. See declarations.

-Chq 2035 Footpath works.

-Chq 2036 SMA Services. Payroll provider.

-Chq 2037 Kentisbeare Village Hall. Hall hire.

-Chq 2038 Website and Newsletter.

-Chq 2039 Project Cosmic. Renewal of domain name.

-Chq 2040 Blackdown Hills Parishes Network. Subscription.

-Chq 2041 Kentisbeare Village Stores. Refreshments re: APM & Reception.

-Chq 2042 Mrs Q Broom. Refreshments/sundries re: APM and Reception. See declarations.

**c)** MDDC Play area inspections: An increase of £280pa for the monthly inspections was approved.

**d)** Countrywide Grounds Maintenance: Annual price review in respect of the three year contract, as agreed - there is to be an increase of £180pa.

**e)** Quotation from T K Play Ltd for maintenance to play area equipment: Following the annual inspection in November and subsequent monthly inspections by MDDC, a quotation was agreed for various maintenance works.

**f)** Any other financial matters: None.

**42/03/23. Kentisbeare Play Area.**

**a)** Update on cycle track: Confirmation from MDDC and the agent/Contract Administrator, Dutch Landscape Architects Ltd. that the standstill period has ended; an award letter can now be issued via the MDDC electronic portal. Cllrs. Woofenden and Penfold to look at cost savings before a site visit can be arranged. Cllrs. Southerden and Mrs Broom will look at funding.

**b)** Any other matters: Works agreed at 41/03/23 (e) include service and checks to various equipment (cable runway and basket swing), a slab to secure a new bin to be supplied and fixed by MDDC, a replacement board and net to the basketball area. If a replacement bar is available it will be installed on the activity trail. The Clerk will make further enquiries in respect of the pyramid net with a view to a possible inspection.

**43/03/23. Scheme of Delegation:** As a reminder, it was noted that the scheme of delegation will apply for any routine payments and observations in respect of planning applications where necessary (i.e. if meetings are postponed or held later than normal).

**44/03/23. Correspondence & Any Other Consultations.** Clerks and Councils Direct.

**45/03/23. Items for information, future agenda items, and dates of future meetings.** Next meeting – 18/04/23. Annual Parish Council Meeting - 16/05/23.