

KENTISBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 18th July 2023 at 7pm in Kentisbeare Village Hall

Present: N Allan (Chairman), Mrs Q Broom, Mrs E Ellicott, E Southerden, N Woofenden, Mrs F Ryan, MDDC Cllr. Cathy Connor (part of meeting) and the Clerk.

90/07/23. Public Question Time: None.

91/07/23. Apologies: Cllrs. M Disney, DCC Cllr. J Berry and MDDC Cllrs. J Poynton and Andrea Glover.

92/07/23. Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Woofenden (DPI as applicant) planning application reference 23/00760/MFUL.

93/07/23. The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13/06/23 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

94/07/23. Matters Arising: Cllr. Mrs Ellicott had previously signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office form for retention by the Clerk.

95/07/23. Co-option of Parish Councillors: A notice has been publicised in the Parish News and the electronic newsletter.

96/07/23. Planning & Planning Correspondence/Information:

a) Applications considered by the Parish Council:

-23/00101/MARM Revised drawings re: 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. No further comments at this stage.

-23/00760/MFUL Erection of offices and store room to include formation of new access road and parking. Land at NGR 306681 107934 (Warren Farm Business Park), Kentisbeare. *See declarations - Cllr. Woofenden left the meeting and took no part in the discussion.* No objections – the following comments will be submitted; the Parish Council would like to see full screening implemented to reduce the visual impact from the church and churchyard area. There have previously been serious problems due to significant water run-off/flooding from the field at the side, which leads to the church and the area around Manor Close and Priesthall; this is a concern and the Parish Council asks that this issue is thoroughly covered.

-23/00917/LBC & 23/00921/HOUSE Listed Building Consent and permission for the erection of a single storey garden room extension. The Granary, Kentisbeare. EX15 2BU. No objections.

-23/01047/FULL Erection of covered manure store. Land & Buildings at NGR 309368 108714 Ponchydown Dairy, Blackborough. No objections.

b) Results of applications from Mid Devon District Council: None.

c) Culm Garden Village: It is anticipated that the railway station will open in Cullompton towards the end of 2025 – there will be two platforms and a footbridge. There have been 7 options prepared regarding improvements to junction 28 of the M5; 15% off the cost needs to be funded locally. The combined cost to improve the junction and develop the relief road now stands at up to £189 million.

d) Any other Planning Matters: Consultation on a Meeting Housing Needs Supplementary Planning Document-noted.

97/07/23. Reports.

a) The Clerk: An informal online meeting has been arranged with Airband.

b) Reports from DCC & MDDC Councillors: (i) A report had been received from DCC Cllr. Berry - Free School Meals allowance is provided during the summer holiday, for those who already qualify. **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)** programme for children, funded by government (see DCC website); activities for children from 5 – 16. **Devon Primary Schools:** increasing numbers of schools are applying to provide education from age 2 to 11, rather than age 4 to 11. **Primary Care Services in Devon:** complaints - patients who wish to make a complaint should contact the local integrated care board (ICB), NHS Devon, for advice and help. This includes GPs, dentists, opticians, and community pharmacy services. **Cullompton Community College** have appointed a new Principal who will start in September. Household Support Fund: £10million extra received from government for the budget to help vulnerable people - homeless, families, those with ill health, ethnic minorities and others. **Energy Saving Devon** is working with DCC on a pilot scheme to provide energy saving improvements to homes of those eligible. **Growing Communities Fund** - to provide warm safe spaces, food and drink and space to work learn or socialise and address fuel or food security. Community resilience with advice, peer support or guidance, low cost nutritional meals. Tackle loneliness and confidence.

Reports continued: Grant Funding News - for businesses, communities or individuals available via:

[https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDEVONCC/subscriber/new?qsp=UKDEVONCC_10 Economy Enterprise Skills](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDEVONCC/subscriber/new?qsp=UKDEVONCC_10_Economy_Enterprise_Skills)

Hospicecare - has specialist nurses trained to help those with dementia and their families. See the Hospicecare website. **Smarter Devon** - looking for the next group of data apprentices leading to a professional qualification.

Network Rail – the proposed flood mitigation scheme at Hele has again been deferred due to cost. (ii) Cllr. Cathy Connor is pressing the Police Crime and Commissioner for updated figures. Cllr. Connor will forward a list of committees and members.

c) P3 Footpaths and Parish Paths. (i) The route for the series of summer walks has been arranged. (ii) Mid Devon Walking Festival – 14th to 29th September 2024: Details received of Mid Devon’s First Walking Festival where town and Parish Councils may get involved; the Parish Council will help to promote the event and the P3 Co-ordinator will suggest a route. (ii) Any other matters: A working party will tackle the Himalayan Balsam at Silver Wood shortly.

d) The Chairman/Vice-Chairman: None.

e) Any other reports: None.

98/07/23. Highways.

a) 20’s plenty for Devon – to consider supporting the “20’s Plenty for Devon” campaign & to make contact with DCC regarding speed limits. It was agreed to confirm support for the county campaign. DCC will be asked to look at implementing a 20mph speed limit in the Parish and on streets throughout Devon where people live, work, shop, play or learn, with 30mph as the exception on those roads, where full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit. DCC Cllr. Berry will be asked to consider supporting the campaign.

b) Any other matters including any items to report: Road closure notices have been publicised.

99/07/23. Finance. The bank balance was noted as at 30/06/23. Direct Debits taken: 12/06 - EDF £8, 13/06 - Nest £75.70, 30/06 - Utility Warehouse £41.05. Credits received re: advertising on the Parish website, £30 on 30/06 & £10 on 19/06.

b) To note that cheque number 2068 has been cancelled and is to be replaced with cheque number 2070 and cheque number 2071 has been cancelled internally.

c) Payments were approved totalling £3682.19:

-Chq 2072 Kentisbeare Village Hall. Hall hire.

-Chq 2073 Clerk – salary and expenses (July – dated 31/07).

-Chq 2074 Website and e-newsletter (July – dated 31/07).

-Chq 2075 MDDC. Replacement bin for play area.

-Chq 2076 MDDC. Procurement support re: cycle track.

-Chq 2077 Countryside Contractor. P3/footpath work.

-Chq 2078 MDDC. Play area inspections cost – half year.

-Chq 2079 MDDC. Bin emptying cost – half year.

-Chq 2080 Countrywide Grounds Maintenance Ltd. Grass maintenance contract.

-Chq 2081 SMA Services. Payroll provider.

-Chq 2082 Devon Communities Together. DCT Membership renewal.

d) Any other financial matters: Income & expenditure - the first quarter will be circulated shortly. It was agreed for a direct debit to be set up for the DCT membership from 2024.

100/07/23. Kentisbeare Play Area.

a) Update on cycle track: An application for funding has been submitted to The Lottery Fund.

b) Any other matters: The goal post will be removed shortly.

101/07/23. Summer Recess and Scheme of Delegation: The scheme of delegation will be used for standard planning applications and routine expenditure throughout the summer recess.

102/07/23. Correspondence & Any Consultations. The following was noted and has been publicised which is due to affect the most local train station - GWR; consultation on changes to ticket offices.

103/07/23. Items for information, future agenda items, and dates of future meetings: 13/09/23; apologies from Cllr. Allan.