

KENTISBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th October 2023 at 7pm in Kentisbeare Village Hall

Present: N Allan (Chairman), Mrs Q Broom, N Woofenden, Mrs F Ryan, M Disney, DCC Cllr. J Berry and the Clerk. Two members of the public were present in respect of co-option and were co-opted at agenda item 6.

118/10/23. Public Question Time: None.

119/10/23. Apologies: Cllr. Mrs E Ellicott & E Southerden & MDDC Cllrs. Andrea Glover and Cathy Connor.

120/10/23. Declarations of Interest: None.

121/10/23. The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13/09/23 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

122/10/23. Matters Arising: None.

123/10/23. Co-option of Parish Councillors: Oliver Forster and Lorna Downing were both co-opted on to the Parish Council. Cllr. Allan proposed that both Oliver Forster and Lorna Downing be co-opted – Cllr. Mrs Broom seconded and all councillors were unanimous. Cllrs. Forster and Mrs Downing signed a Declaration of acceptance of Office.

124/10/23. Planning & Planning Correspondence/Information: *Cllr. Disney arrived.*

a) Applications considered by the Parish Council: The Clerk and Chairman reported that as a result of communication received from the agent, discussion regarding the following application be deferred. This is to enable a meeting to be organised where questions can be put forward. MDDC has been asked to agree to an extension on the time for response and it is hoped that this will be made clear on the MDDC website.

23/01440/MOUT Outline application with details of access for demolition of existing structures and development of residential dwellings (up to 1,100 dwellings) and elderly accommodation (up to 118 units), village centre uses, primary school, public open space, play areas, wildlife areas, associated infrastructure and landscaping. Land at NGR 304098 107284 Newlands Farm, Cullompton. *Discussion deferred as above.*

b) Results of applications from Mid Devon District Council.

-23/00017/OUT Outline for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling with all matters reserved. Land at NGR 306640 109585 (Croyle Farm) Kentisbeare. Approved.

-23/01223/PNCOU Prior notification for the change of use of an agricultural building to 5 dwellings under Class Q. Land and Buildings at NGR 305875 108970 Wressing Barton, Kentisbeare. Change of Use Acceptance.

c) Culm Garden Village: Cllr. Mrs Broom reported that there are now two possibilities regarding another junction on the motorway. It is hoped that a stakeholder meeting will take place shortly.

d) Any other Planning Matters: (i) Notification of MDDC Parish Council Class Q Training 19/10/23 & Landscape Character Workshop 12/10/23 - Countryside and Fiona Fyfe Associates are undertaking a review of the Landscape Character Assessment of Mid Devon. MDDC Cathy Connor and J Poynton hope to attend. (ii) It was agreed for a policy regarding the publicising of planning applications other than via the agenda/notice of the meeting – to publicise via the electronic newsletter, website and social media; applications that it is considered are of broad concern will be considered by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman in consultation with the Clerk.

125/10/23. Reports.

a) The Clerk: A reminder of the BHPN AGM on 09/11 – Clerk hopes to attend. Notification of MDDC workshops for Town and Parish Councils to attend to help write bids for our Shared Prosperity Programme – the Clerk and Cllr. Mrs Broom hope to attend.

b) Reports from DCC & MDDC Councillors: DCC Cllr. Berry reported – more schools are accepting children from age two. Following the announcement that the HS2 has been stopped there may be more funds to councils to help with potholes. A survey of assets and holdings is taking place. DCC is discussing drainage with MDDC. There is concern over the recent flooding and roads and drainage are a concern. DCC Berry recently met the newly appointed headmaster of Cullompton Community College; 12 new classrooms are expected.

c) P3 Footpaths and Parish Paths: Enquiries are being made regarding works to a tree on a permissive path.

d) The Chairman/Vice-Chairman: None.

e) Any other reports: None.

126. Highways: The Clerk will report a damaged grit bin at Blackborough. A meeting will be arranged with Helen Selby the DCC Neighbourhood Highways Officer and The Culm Catchment Officer following concern over flooding as a result of recent and previous events.

127. Finance.

a) The bank balance was noted as at 30/09/23. Direct Debits taken: Nest £75.70 - 29/09, EDF £8 - 11/09, Utility Warehouse £41.05 - 29/09.

b) Payments were approved totalling £1642.48:

-Chq 2085 Kentisbeare Village Hall. Hall hire.

-Chq 2093 Clerk – salary and expenses.

-Chq 2094 Website and e-newsletter.

-Chq 2095 Countrywide Grounds Maintenance Ltd. Grass maintenance contract.

-Chq 2096 SMA Services. Payroll provider.

-Chq 2097 MDDC. Play area inspections.

-Chq 2098 HMRC. Quarterly payment.

c) Annual request for financial support from Citizens Advice (CAB) - following a request and details supplied it was reported that in 2022-23 CAB worked with 16 residents of Kentisbeare Parish, with 60 issues and generated £14,022 income gain for local households. It was agreed for a grant of £100.

d) EDF Energy Contract: It was agreed for automatic renewal regarding the contract for energy at the play park.

e) Any other financial matters: Consideration for financial help towards a monthly coffee morning at the village hall will be included on the next agenda.

128/10/23. Kentisbeare Play Area.

a) Update on cycle track: None.

b) Any other matters: The annual inspection will take place shortly.

129/10/23. Christmas Lights: Cllrs Disney and Woofenden to arrange. An option of funding for extra lights may be considered from the Locality Budget.

130/10/23. Correspondence & Any Consultations. Clerks and Councils Direct. CPRE Countryside Voices.

131/10/23. Items for information, future agenda items, and dates of future meetings. Apologies from Cllr. Allan for 14/11/23. To arrange for MP R Foord to attend a meeting in the New Year.