

KENTISBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th March 2024 at 7pm in Kentisbeare Village Hall

Present: Cllrs. Mr Nick Allan (Chairman), Mrs Queenie Broom, Neil Woofenden, Mrs Felicity Ryan, Edd Southerden, Mrs Lorna Downing, Olly Forster, Mrs Elise Ellicott, MDDC Cllr. Cathy Connor, DCC Cllr. John Berry and the Clerk.

31/03/24. Public Question Time: None.

32/03/24. Apologies: Cllrs. Mark Kent and Martin Disney.

33/03/24. Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Mrs Downing (DPI as personal payment) cheque number 2155.

34/03/24. The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13/02/24 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

35/03/24. Matters Arising: None.

36/03/25. Planning & Planning Correspondence/Information:

a) Applications considered by the Parish Council – there were no objections to the following applications:

24/00217/HOUSE Erection of a 2 storey side extension. 3 Wressing View, Kentisbeare. EX15 2DL.

24/00220/HOUSE 2 Silver Park Kentisbeare Cullompton Devon EX15 2BW.

24/00279/FULL Erection of a storage shed over existing yard area. Land and Buildings at NGR 308064 107301 Orway Porch, Kentisbeare.

b) Results of applications from Mid Devon District Council.

-23/01933/FULL Erection of an agricultural building to cover existing silage clamp. Land & Buildings at NGR 308080 107322 (Orway Porch) Kentisbeare. Approved.

c) Culm Garden Village. (i) Report following sports hub workshop: The Clerk gave details of a workshop which was held to explore the potential for a sports hub associated with the planned growth at East Cullompton and Culm Garden Village – the area under discussion being approx. 150 acres between Horn Road and Dead Lane (*it was noted that not all of land is available*). The session was attended by a large range of local sports clubs, providers, governing bodies and technical officers from MDDC and DCC. A large amount of interest was shown at the workshop with a desire to explore the concept further. Further details will follow regarding future meetings including the formation of a steering group. It is expected that a meeting will be held for councillors shortly. The Chairman will speak with the Project Team at MDDC following the workshop. (ii) Any other matters – a meeting of the Delivery Board will take place shortly.

d) Any other Planning Matters. (i) Report on “Campaign to Protect Rural England” (CPRE) planning workshop - Cllr. Mrs Downing reported on workshop hosted by CPRE; slides have been circulated to all. Details were given of concern over carbon release.

37/03/24. Highways.

a) Update from DCC Neighbourhood Highways Officer: DCC Cllr. Berry will be asked to put in a request to the Highways and Traffic Order Committee (HATOC) regarding relocating the 30mph sign on Rectory Road; Cllr. Berry has confirmed that he supports the request. Works at Sainthill are now complete. Contact has been made with the landowner regarding the problem of water on the road around Moorhayne Cross. The grit bin at Blackborough has not been replaced (*the NHO has a record that work is complete – Clerk to report again*). The Clerk has reported the drop in the road between Blackborough and Stoford Water again – it is hoped that works will be carried out ASAP in the new financial year.

b) Any other matters – including any items to report and upcoming road closures. It was agreed for a survey of the village tree to be carried out which the Parish Council will fund.

38/03/24. Reports.

a) The Clerk. (i) Notification of the upcoming Connecting the Culm event - Forum 6 – in Cullompton. Contact will be made with Devon Communities Together (DCT) together following an invitation regarding Emergency Planning. Enquiries regarding CPR training will be made. The Clerk expects to make an application - after looking into details of a government funded voluntary scheme, to allow public authorities to apply for a free, framed portrait of His Majesty the King to celebrate his new reign.

b) Reports from DCC & MDDC Councillors. (i) MDDC Cllr. Cathy Connor, Cllr. Mrs Downing and the Clerk hope to attend the upcoming State of the District Debate at the district council offices. MDDC Cllr. Cathy Connor reported that the turnout for the meeting regarding Christmas Eve celebrations in Kentisbeare was poor; it is expected that ideas for small expansion on the current plans will be considered.

REPORTS CONTINUED:

c) P3 Footpaths and Parish Paths. (i) Summer Walks 2024 – Cllr. Mrs Ellicott confirmed the dates; it is expected that the first walk will be the Annual Clifford Pike Memorial Walk which will finish at The Wyndham Arms for refreshments. The annual survey forms are due in shortly. The Clerk will submit the grant and finance forms. (ii) Any other matters: None.

d) The Chairman/Vice-Chairman: None.

e) Any other reports. (i) Blackdown Hills National Landscape Management Plan Review Workshop – MDDC Cllr. Connor and DCC Cllr. Berry attended the recent workshop. Proposals were given up to 2028. The Plan is under review and will go to consultation at the end of the year.

39/03/24. Finance.

a) A report was given and the bank balance was noted as at 29/02/24. Direct Debits taken were noted: Nest £91.01 on 06/02, EDF £7 on 12/02, Utility Warehouse £41.05 on 29/02.

b) Payments were approved:

- Chq 2146 £ 69.00 Kentisbeare Village Hall. Hall hire.
- Chq 2147 Clerk – salary and expenses.
- Chq 2148 £ 266.18 Website and e-newsletter.
- Chq 2149 £ 9.97 SMA Services. Payroll provider.
- Chq 2150 £ 280.80 Countrywide Grounds Maintenance Ltd. Grass maintenance contract.
- Chq 2151 £ 108.00 Project Cosmic. Website work.
- Chq 2152 £ 66.00 Kentisbeare Parish Church Magazine. Printing.
- Chq 2153 £ 75.00 Blackdown Hills Parishes Network (BHPN). Annual subscription
- Chq 2154 £ 100.54 Computerlink (Leicester) Ltd. Printer cartridges.
- Chq 2155 £ 45.90 L Downing. Travel expenses ref CPRE meeting. See declarations.

c) The Fixed Asset Register was reviewed and updated.

d) Monthly direct debit payments: The following are subject to an increase and monthly payments were noted as Utility Warehouse £35.56 and EDF Energy £28.

e) Online Banking – form received for completion.

f) Christmas Eve celebrations in Kentisbeare Village Square – no further action at this stage.

g) Additional noticeboards for the Parish – estimate from Greenbarnes Ltd. Various options are available in recycled plastic as previously purchased by the Parish Council. The Clerk will look into the most suitable areas for any additional noticeboards including contact with St. Mary's Church and feedback.

h) Estimate from T K Play Ltd., for maintenance works at the play area following the annual inspection – details were given regarding work required which was agreed and estimated at £2971; further quotations will not be sourced as work is required ASAP.

i) Replacement name signs for the villages and hamlets in the Parish – Cllr. Southerden will report back regarding Blackborough and a quotation will be sourced to include a new sign for Kentisbeare as agreed at the last meeting. Enquiries will also be made regarding updating the play area sign.

j) Any other financial matters: Requests for payments in respect of business advertisers is in the region of £1200.

40/03/24. Kentisbeare Play Area.

a) Update on cycle track: The Clerk has submitted an Expression of Interest form for £40,000 to MDDC in respect of the Shared Prosperity Fund under two funds – the Visitor Economy & Investment in the Social Economy.

b) Maintenance works: It is hoped that cleaning of the equipment can be arranged when the weather improves and when grass cutting commences. **c) Any other matters:** None.

41/03/24. MDDC Town and Parish Charter Review – the Chairman requested that MDDC in signing the Charter take their obligation to consider responses to consultations from the Parish Council and their duty to enforce planning seriously.

42/03/24. Advisory groups - to appoint Cllr. Kent: Deferred.

43/03/24. Correspondence & Any Consultations and to note the date of the next meeting of 09/04/24.

BHPN newsletter, and the final Work Plan 2023 monitoring sheet.

Consultations – the following consultations were noted, both have been publicised:

DCC - Tiverton and Cullompton Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan consultation

DCC - Devon & Torbay Devolution Deal: have your say on proposed devolution deal