

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES – Kenn Parish Council meeting 9 January 2017, held in the Village Hall, Kenn St, Kenn Meeting commenced at 19:30 and concluded at 20:25

PRESENT: Cllrs S Naish (Chairman), S Brain, W Bessant, J-P Humberstone, C Quinn, H Staples Clerk; Eleanor Wade
North Somerset Council (NSC) Cllrs J Iles and M Lenny Liaison Officer.

19:30 INFORMAL BUSINESS

Items raised during Public Participation

3 residents attended

- (1) North Somerset updates – Cllr Iles provided information on items followed up by her;
- Direction signs Davis Lane – the Highways Officer had been asked to get in touch about the report at the last meeting that satnavs are misdirecting drivers to a local timber business instead of the Equestrian Centre, Hand Stadium, or Active Gym. Still awaited.
 - St Modwens – ongoing, no information.
 - Warrens – still following up various issues.
- (2) Verge Flailing – Mark Lenny reported that he had asked the NSC Officer to get in touch with the local councillor. Wait for Cllr Treble's return to check if he has been contacted.

19:40 FORMAL BUSINESS

17/01 Apologies for absence Cllr R Treble (holiday)

17/02 Declarations of interest None

17/03 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 1 November 2016

Resolved: The minutes were approved as correct subject to the amendment of 16/151; Remove 'Noted and no change' and insert 'To discontinue the Planning Committee.'

17/04 Chairman's Communications (min 16/135) the Chairman:

Flooding on the road in vicinity of Oaklands – recalled that on occasions there is a very large flooded area near this garage and the junction with Colehouse Lane. The Chairman had followed this up with the local Drainage Board but had been advised it was not their responsibility. Members considered those who may be responsible or other options which would try to get this area drained. Cllr Iles offered initially to follow this up at NSC.

17/05 Broadband (min 16/136)

Notification of a workshop – the West of England Rural Network and Avon Local Councils' Association were to hold this for a selected group of Parishes regarding the Phase Two Connecting Devon and Somerset Programme. This was to be aimed at Parishes that would be benefiting from high level of 'Target Premises' in the Phase Two programme.

But following the announcement made in December that a contractor had not yet been selected for the North Somerset and B&NES area (known as Lot 1) they have decided to postpone the workshop for the group of Parishes which includes Kenn.

When they have more details regarding the procurement and selection of the Contractor they will re-convene the workshop to enable the maximum benefit to those Parishes.

Resolved: Information noted and continue to monitor in the New Year. Should a workshop be arranged before the next meeting Cllr Brain will represent the Parish Council along with 2 others from the Kenn Village Broadband Working Group.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow a member of the public to speak;

Correspondence to the Local MP – the Kenn resident and member of the Kenn Village Broadband Working Group suggested that a letter should be sent to the local MP, from the Parish Council, stating that BT Outreach were not performing to a high standard and should be put into special measures.

When Standing Orders were resumed no resolution was passed by the Parish Council to proceed with this suggestion.

17/06 Verges and hedges (min 16/137)

- Verge Maintenance – see (2) in Informal Business / Public Participation above.
- Balance Pond on Business Park – Clerk reported she had not had time to follow this up
Resolved: To still progress writing to the owner to ask their intentions about maintaining the area and also contact Mr Hobden to arrange a site visit.

- Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VASS) for Kenn – The 2 signs had now been delivered and arrangements were required for installing, managing, monitoring, charging of the batteries and reading and recording the counter etc.
Resolved: Cllrs Bessant and Staples would oversee this. Mr J Ball offered to assist and his offer was gratefully accepted.
- Direction Signage – to assist drivers being misdirected by their satnavs. The Highways Officer had not made contact, Cllr Iles to follow up.

17/08 **Kenn Christmas tree and lights** (min 16/150)
Everyone involved in providing the festive village display were thanked for their much appreciated efforts. Lovely display for villagers and people travelling on the B3133.

17/09 **NSC Article 4 Direction on Airport Parking** (min 16/144)
North Somerset Council had made a decision to cancel this. **Noted**

17/10 **Abandoned Vehicle on the layby/highway near the Drum & Monkey Public House**
Cllr Staples had requested this agenda item as he was concerned that the garage recovery vehicle had not moved from its current location for over a year. It could be assumed it did not have an MOT nor possibly tax or insurance. A large wheelie bin had been put by it, rubbish had collected around it, also diesel is leaking from it in to the ditch. The Clerk advised this had been reported to the NSC’s Area Officer who was following it up with the police. **Noted and monitor.**

17/11 **Annual Free Flowers 2017**
As in the past few years these would be available again for the forthcoming summer.
Resolved: Request the full amount of 1800 plants, Cllr Quinn to collect and distributed.
Resolved: To investigate buying larger planters to replace those on The Green. To be funded from the unspent sum in earmarked reserves set aside for Village Enhancement.

Planning Items

- 17/12 **Amended Planning Applications 16/P/1703/F – Mill Farm House, Kenn Rd, Kenn**
The amendment in parking layouts were considered.
Resolved: This does not change any of the previous comments of the Parish Council.
- 17/13 **Planning Decisions were noted**
- 16/P/2362/LB Yew Tree Farm, Kenn St, Kenn. Rreplacement windows REFUSED
 - 16/P/2181/F Colehouse Farm, Colehouse Lane, Kenn. Barn conversion APPROVED
- 17/14 **NSC’s Enforcement Record for Kenn were noted**
There was no change to the usual three items listed. The Clerk had advised NSC 2 items were shown as listed under Clevedon in error. NSC had confirmed this would be corrected

Finance Items

- 17/15 **Bank Signatories** – it was noted that the Bank required this to be completed again.
- 17/16 **ALCA ‘Being a Good Councillor Course’ – 18 February 17 in Cleeve**
4 Members express an interest in attending but needed to check their diaries.
Resolved: To fund the cost of sending councillors on this course – confirmation to the Clerk as to those who did wish/where able to attend.
- 17/17 **Grant Request – Church Grass Cutting**
Resolved: To grant the sum requested £100
- 17/18 **Payment of Accounts & Budget Control** Members reviewed details in the Clerk’s report.
Resolved: To approve the accounts for payment as detailed.
- 17/19 **Precept for the year 2017/18** The draft budget prepared by the Clerk was reviewed;
Resolved: A precept in the sum of £5,500 which included the following;
(1) £1700 – for grass cutting and if there is any need for extra cuts to verges maintained by NSC. (2) Grant Fund; allocate current year’s unspent sum of £500 to the next year.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD
Signed by the Chairman
Date.....