

## **KENN PARISH COUNCIL**

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MINUTES of Kenn Parish Council meeting 2 March 2015 held in the Village Hall, Kenn St, Kenn  
Meeting commenced at 19:45 and concluded at 20:50

PRESENT Cllrs S Naish (Chairman), W Bessant, S Brain, J-P Humberstone, C Quinn, R Treble  
Clerk; Eleanor Wade

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19:30 **Items raised during Public Participation** North Somerset (NS) Cllr Tony Moulin was in attendance. NS Cllr Jill Iles and NS Liaison Officer Lorraine Bush had sent their apologies. 14 residents were in attendance.

1. Cllr Moulin advised he would not be standing for election in May 2015 and wished to thank everyone who had supported his efforts, also provided him with information etc to enable him to carry out his work as a District Councillor over the years.
  - On the item about traffic and traffic speeds raised during the Annual Parish meeting, he recalled that Yatton were preparing a traffic plan with the police and developing a Speed Watch Team, which Kenn may be able to link into.
  - He introduced Mike Peterson who would be standing as an independent candidate in Yatton Ward at the forthcoming elections.
2. Mike Peterson gave some details of his background and experience.
3. Speed Watch – a discussion took place on aspects of this. A resident offered to put an article in the Kenn News and Views giving some information to ascertain other residents' views.

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19:55 FORMAL BUSINESS

**15/33 Apologies for absence** None

**15/34 Declarations of interest** None

**15/35 Minutes** of the Council meeting held on the 26 January 2015

**Resolved:** The minutes were approved as correct subject to an amendment to the wording in (2) of Public Participation – remove the words 'the' and 'were becoming dangerous and' to read: *With regard to the badly maintained property a councillor did consider aspects were becoming dangerous and may need reporting in the near future. He would do this when appropriate.*

**15/36 Chairman's Communications** (min 15/04) the Chairman had none to report.

**15/37 Free Summer plants** (min 15/06)

Confirmation received Kenn's request for 2000 mixed plants had been reserved. Noted

**15/38 Verges and hedges** (min 15/07)

- Trimming – Cllr Treble reported all areas in and around Kenn had been cut or flailed.
- Fisherman's Car Park – the hedge and verge on the boundary of this area, alongside Kenn Road, had become overgrown almost out into passing traffic. Cllr Humberstone agreed to liaise with the Environment Agency and pass on contact details to the Clerk.

**15/39 Traffic speeds, noticeboard, parking on pavements, signage** (min 15/08)

- Speeding Kenn St – concern had again been expressed at the Annual Parish Meeting (prior to this meeting) that the speed limit is regularly being exceeded. Information had been provided on the Speed Watch initiative and date of the PACT meetings in Yatton.
- Parking on pavements – discussed with Local Neighbourhood Policing Team officer during the Annual Parish Meeting. He had agreed to make some checks. Noted
- Pavements by Drum & Monkey – as these are regularly driven over to access parking their condition had deteriorated.
- Noticeboard – still in the process of being made. Await details when available.
- Kenn Street sign (easterly end of the road) – it was reported that this needed repainting. Agreed to initially try to follow this up with NSC's highways dept.

**15/40 Bridge update on designated footpath LA10/710** (min 15/09)

Cllr Treble reported on his and the Clerk's attendance at a site meeting. It had been agreed that the rails and path would be repaired. Cllr Treble would trim the overgrown trees prior to this work. It had also been discussed that it may be possible some repairs to the stonework under the bridge could be carried out after this. Noted.

**15/41 Drains/Flooding** (min 15/12)

- **Drains** – To items of concern raised at the previous meeting the Area Office had replied:
  1. *The gullies were emptied in June and are due again this June (they are on a once a year schedule). He had asked them to be jetted next time the jetter is in the area and is awaiting a response.*
  2. *He had provisionally raised an order to fill some pot holes and erosion in the Drum and Monkey lay-by. It needs to be dry to do so, also trying to get the gully there lowered.*
  3. *They will not fill in edge erosion caused by car parking to near the grass or driving over the corners to get into the lay-by.*
 Members reported the motorway bridge drains had not been jetted for a long time.
- **Car Valeting** – no update given by Cllr Bessant on his enquiries into the possibility that detergents used for this appeared to be disposed of in the general drainage system.

**15/42 Dog Bins** (min 15/28)

Following the decision not to fund the emptying of the bin (min15/28) an enquiry had been made of NSC if changing the dog bin to a litter bin would avoid/reduce costs. The reply received had been: *Suggest against this as often bins in such 'remote' locations attract a number of issues with miss use, from the fly tipping to depositing of house hold waste. As the crews would still need to schedule in driving to that location for no other reason than that one bin it is likely that the cost will be nearly the same.*

*Alternatively do you have an Orderly, if so do they do any form of litter picks/bin clearance for the village? If they do perhaps they could manage this bin as part of their duties?*

**Agreed:** Unless a nil cost option could be found, to keep to the previous council decision to remove the bin to avoid empty cost and it being used by dog walkers.

**15/43 Grass Cutting Contract** (min 15/32)

Members received the report of the Clerk as follows;

1. The 4 local contractors Kenn Parish Council agreed to approached at their last meeting (min 15/32) to ask if they would like to quote for this work were (alphabetical order):

Anthony Crossman, Anthony Harris, Landscape Services South West, Jo Leonard

2. Three of the above replied with a quotation. None of them made any enquiries or checked any details so all the quotes can be compared as like for like. These are listed below in order of receipt (not in the same order as in 1 above), quote for 14 cuts per year:-

<u>Cost</u>	<u>extra cut</u>	<u>Invoicing</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>18 cuts per year</u>
• £575	£40	yearly	not mentioned	£740
• £1,120(£1344 +VAT)	£80(£96 +VAT)	monthly	yes	£1,440 (£1728 +VAT)
• £1,900	£150	yearly	not mentioned	£2,443

One of the above added a comment that they considered the grass should be cut once a fortnight from 1 March until the end of the growing season (no details given as to when the 'end of the growing season' was). If it is taken as November (as per the original quote information) this would increase the cuts to 18 per year, this had been calculated based on the quote figures and a column added showing this.

On a proposal by Cllr Humberstone, seconded by Cllr Bessant, it was

**Resolved:** To accept the first quote in the sum of £575(14 cuts)/£740(18 cuts) and to suggest that invoicing is monthly or quarterly, whichever is their preference.

**15/44 Local Broadband**

Cllr Brain gave an update on the findings of the village committee who were following up options to try to improve the broadband provision in the parish. Because Kenn is on the edge of services, neither BT nor Virgin had, or could, provide viable solutions. Some communities pay for their own installations, however, Open Reach had completed a survey and advised it would cost between £50,000 and £100,000 to install.

It was felt that pressure needed to be put on the government to endeavour to get the problems addressed. Inviting the local MP to a meeting could be a way forward and the support of the Parish Council to assist with this was requested.

**Agreed:** To assist with the arrangements for a meeting with the local MP and provide a letter of support (to be circulated for approval prior to sending) in advance of this. Enquire of NSC (via the Liaison Officer) what were their current efforts to assist with improving broadband provision in their rural areas.

15/45 **Street Trading Application**

'That's A Wrap' had made an application for street trading on Kenn Business Park, Barns Ground, Kenn, to sell hot/cold food/drinks – Monday to Saturday, 06:00–17:00. It was recalled that, in the recent past, there had been a mobile food/drink outlet in this vicinity.

**Resolved:** No objections to this application.

15/46 **ALCA/NSC Parish Forum, 3 March**

Details provided for members who may wish to attend this event, agenda items included: 1 Local Enterprise Partnership, 2 North Somerset Partnership, 3 Community Right to Bid (Assets of Community Value), 4 Question and Answer session with David Turner. Noted

**Planning Items**

15/47 **NSC Delegated Reports** – 14/P/2499/F, Edwards, Kenn Business Park, fencing. Noted

15/48 **NSC Planning Enforcement** – NSC report on issues relating to the parish of Kenn:

A discussion took place on the following items listed:

- Warrens Holiday Park – Concern expressed about whether council tax is being paid by the apparently permanent homeowners now living on site. Also whether the annual check of the register (which is required to be kept up-to-date) had been carried out this year.
- Portbury House & Cherry Tree Cottage – both these are still ongoing. Noted

15/49 **Neighbourhood Planning Workshop, 9 March**

Members received information on this event should they wish to attend. Noted

**Consultations**

15/50 **NSC Sites and Policies Plan Part 1: Development Management Policies**

Development Management policies contained within Part 1 are more generic policies used when assessing a range of planning applications and development proposals. This plan does not contain site allocations but contains policies which cover a broad range of development issues including development in the Green Belt, major transport schemes, Conservation Areas, extensions to dwellings, development in the countryside, retailing, accommodation for elderly people, minerals planning and design.

15/51 **NSC Highway Development Design Guide**

The guide will assist developers, individuals and communities in understanding and meeting expectations and will guide the planning and technical process in respect of new highway development. It will apply to all highways schemes relating to new development within North Somerset, including alterations or works to the existing highway and other transport infrastructure and associated works.

15/52 **Transport Statement & Transport Assessment Supplementary Planning Document**

This will offer guidance on the thresholds that determine when a Transport Statement or a Transport Assessment might be appropriate when submitting a planning application.

**Resolved:** No comments to the above 3 consultations.

**Accounts & Finance Items**

15/53 **Information**

- Section 137 Expenditure for 2015/16 This has been set at £7.36 per person in the Parish.
- Notice of possible Parish Council election costs for Kenn for the 7 May 2015.  
If contested £1,163                      If uncontested in the region of £105 to £150

15/54 **Accounts for Payment** Members considered the details in the Clerk's Report.

**Resolved:** To approve the accounts for payment as detailed.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

**Signed by the Chairman** .....

**Date**.....