

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES – Kenn Parish Council meeting 6 March 2017, held in the Village Hall, Kenn St, Kenn
Meeting commenced at 19:30 and concluded at 20:55

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

North Somerset Council (NSC) Cllr J Iles.

Apologies: NSC Cllr J Hadley, M Lenny Liaison Officer

19:30 **INFORMAL BUSINESS Public Participation** 8 residents attended
BT Broadband Representative – provided interesting information on the current situation and initiatives that could be progressed to improve the village's provision. He then answered in full questions put to him. The Broadband Working Group agreed to provide a detailed article for the newsletter and follow-up some of the suggestions.
At the end of the presentation everyone attending expressed their thanks both to the Chairman for organising it and the BT Representative for attending.

20:15 FORMAL BUSINESS

20.15 Cllr Brain retired from the meeting to speak with the BT Representative.

17/31 Apologies for absence None

17/32 Declarations of interest None

17/33 Minutes of the Council meetings held on 9 January 17 and the 13 February 17

Resolved: The minutes were approved as correct'

17/34 Chairman's Communications (min 17/04) the Chairman:

Broadband – an update on recent enquiries to the Local MP were provided. Also information on Connect Devon & Somerset's progress. Following a discussion on commercial companies offering broadband services this was felt not to be the best way forward. Continue to monitor.

20.25 Cllr Brain returned to the meeting

17/35 Broadband (min 17/05)

Notification of a workshop – in answer to the clerk's enquiry about when this might take place the West of England Rural Network's reply was:

- As soon as a contractor is appointed the meeting/workshop will be reconvened.
- They also provided a spreadsheet showing the properties in Kenn that will be covered by the Phase 2 programme (as well as those that won't at this stage) with a request to check it and make sure it is correct.

Resolved: Await updates after the Kenn Village Broadband Working Group meeting.

17/36 Verges and hedges (min 17/06)

- **Verge Maintenance** – Matt Lenny, NSC Liaison Officer, had passed on the information that NSC's verge cutting timetable is the same as last year with verges due to be cut sometime in May.
- **Dealing with thicker branch hedge growth** – Matt had also followed up this enquiry. NSC have chainsaws and other equipment that can be used and they would be happy to investigate this option. Concern was expressed at the danger of working next to a busy highway without traffic controls. Agreed to keep this in mind for future reference.
- **Balance Pond overgrowth on the Business Park** – Clerk reported she had followed this up with the registered owners and they had agreed to check on the situation.

The Clerk had also given their contact details to Cllr Treble who attended the Flood Group Meeting. As a result the Drainable Board will also be following this up with the owners.

Resolved: Monitor and, if necessary, enquire on progress again

- **Colehouse Rd** – large pool on the old lane beside this road had been dug out to drain.

17/37 Traffic speeds, pavement parking (min 17/07)

- **Direction Signage** – drivers being misdirected by their satnavs. The Highways Officer had been in touch to find out what the issues were and had followed these up. His observation were; there are no regulation highway signs that could be used, also there is a preference to avoid too many signs at junctions, other than those necessary. NSC would contacted satnav companies and requested this anomaly is corrected in their next software update. Cllr Iles expressed an interest to follow this up with the Officer.

- 17/37 Traffic speeds, pavement parking continued
 - Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VASS) for Kenn (min 17/25) – Following the discussion and decision at the special meeting on the 13 February 17, the Chairman reported on further discussions with the company supplying the signs. They had agreed to receive back the battery operated sign, batteries etc and to supply a solar powered static sign. The Clerk had arranged a meeting with a NSC Highways Officer to discuss pole options, sites etc.

Resolved: To progress the returning of the unused sign and obtaining the solar. Enquired if a new pole is required and if so who owns it.
- 17/38 **Abandoned Vehicle on the layby near the Drum & Monkey Public House** (min 17/10)
 The Clerk had spoken to the NSC officer dealing with abandoned vehicles. He advised that he knew who owns it and has spoken to them. In his view it is not abandoned; it is taxed and despite the fact it has no MOT will take no further action. He suggested 101 reporting but as it is not causing an obstruction it won't be a Police priority.
Resolved: Check the views of the Local Community Police Officer.
- 17/39 **Larger Planters for siting on The Green - Annual Free Flowers 2017** (min 17/11)
 Cllr Quinn had investigated the cost of these and provided a report on the options.
 - Large half wooden barrel planters £69 – but would need arrangements for watering
 - Large Square, self-watering planters £71 – these are second hand but still serviceable.**Resolved:** Not to progress this.
- 17/40 **ALCA Councillor Course – 18 February 17 in Cleeve** (min 17/16)
 Cllr Brain had attended and reported that it had been very informative.
- 17/41 **Annual Parish Meeting – held prior to this meeting**
 Members recalled the issues raised and felt everything was being progressed.
- 17/42 **Quiet Lanes**
 Yatton Parish Council had written stating that in the initial public consultation for their Neighbourhood Plan they had found there was strong support for the idea of designating some local minor roads as "Quiet Lanes". They were going to pursue this separately to the Plan, but links to other Quiet Lanes and/or other strategic sustainable multi-use routes in neighbouring parishes may of interest, so inviting these to a meeting with the Yatton Quiet Lanes Working Group to explore designing a network of routes, providing safe links between and around communities, with a view to making a case to NSC for adoption into the Local Transport Plan. **The Chairman agreed to attend.**
- 17/43 **Public Space Protection – NSC Consultation**
 NSC were consulting on the proposals to introduce Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) designed to prevent individuals or groups of individuals committing anti-social behaviour in public places. Replacing existing dog control orders, designated public protection orders that help the police tackle alcohol related anti-social behaviour and, where appropriate, local byelaws. **Noted, no comments.**

Planning Items

- 17/44 **NSC's Enforcement Record for Kenn were noted**
 No change to two of the items listed but an issue on Rust Lane had been added.
- 17/45 **Avon Local Councils' Association – Housing Briefing** Noted, no comments.

Finance Items

- 17/46 **Payment of Accounts & Budget Control** Members reviewed details in the Clerk's report.
Resolved: To approve the accounts for payment as detailed.
- 17/47 **Rural Services & Community Survey**
Resolved: Delegate the completion of this survey to the Clerk, based on her knowledge of the Parish Council's decisions

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

Signed by the Chairman

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