

KENN PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES – Kenn Parish Council meeting 7 September 2015 held in the Village Hall, Kenn St, Kenn Meeting commenced at 19:30 and concluded at 21:20

PRESENT: Cllrs S Naish (Chairman), S Brain, C Quinn, H Staples, R Treble Clerk; Eleanor Wade

IN ATTENDANCE: North Somerset Cllrs Jill Iles & Liaison Officer Lorraine Bush

19:30 **Items raised during Public Participation**

7 residents attended

West of England Rural Network – Emma Edwards provided the information that she was part of Community Connect, who had set up Village Agents as an added resource for rural communities and villagers. Village Agents can connect people with all types of services, obtain various forms of support, locate recreational facilities eg art classes, provide information eg grants available from various sources and much more. Emma advised that since February 2015 she had been the local Village Agent for 9 parishes, which included Kenn. She would continue to regularly attend Kenn's monthly market so people could discuss any issues/ideas etc and her contact details were available for all other times.

Residents raised the following items:

(1) Church event held at Kenn Court had been enjoyed by all who had attended, (2) observation that some issues highlighted in the Parish Plan were still a concern eg speed of traffic in the village, (3) it was highlighted this may get worse as a result of all proposed housing in the vicinity.

Cllr Iles gave updates on:

- Housing Development – confirmed a pre-application enquiry had been raised with North Somerset Council by the owners of the land set aside for proposed business use (St Modwens) for possible housing. Not able to report on any progress as yet.
- Static Caravan Sites (last meeting's Public Participation) also Enforcement Query (last meeting's min 15/103) – both followed up but no answers to date.

19:45 FORMAL BUSINESS

15/121 Apologies for absence Cllr W Bessant (holiday)

15/122 Declarations of interest None

15/123 Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 6 July 2015

Resolved: The minutes were approved as correct.

15/124 Chairman's Communications (min 15/103) the Chairman report on the following:

Invitation to the opening of Dismaland – the Chairman had attended.

Broadband – update given on communications with the local MP.

Refugee Appeal – details given.

15/125 Verges and hedges (min 15/106)

Fishermen's Car Park, overgrown verge – no reply to a recent enquiry to the Environment Agency (after the finish of their river weed cutting). **Agreed;** to follow this up again.

Area on Kenn Road at junction with Colehouse Lane (garage/orchard vicinity) – Thanks to Cllr Treble and everyone who tidied the overgrown area.

Kenn Pier – dead willows in this vicinity. No update.

Kenn Street – Cupressus trees. The trimming work had been completed.

15/126 Village Grass Cutting (min 15/107)

The western verge of Kenn Road had been strimmed and the contractor now was able to complete the grass cutting safely.

15/127 Traffic speeds, noticeboard, parking on pavements (min 15/108)

Speed of vehicles on Kenn Street – A reply had been received to the Parish Council's enquiries. NSC's Highways Officer advised; (1) he had checked and 30mph repeater signs were already installed at regulation spaced intervals, (2) what was available were road markings highlighting '30' on the road surface at the junctions at either end.

Agreed; to accept the offer of road markings and enquire about what were the regulations relating to displaying speed camera signs and solar powered flashing signs (see below).

Signs that flash when the speed limit is being exceeded – **Agreed;** to investigate the cost of solar powered signs and whether there were any grants available for these.

New noticeboard – reported vehicles with a high sightline found their view blocked by the noticeboard when exiting the junction. **Agreed;** to check this with the Area Officer.

Parking on pavements – The Chairman advised this continued to be a problem, she had followed this up with PC Adam Clark and he had advised that if someone saw this happening to phone 101 immediately and report it. **Agreed;** to put an item in the N&V's.

Speedwatch – standing orders were suspended for another discussion to take place on this. It was recalled some Kenn residents had attended the Yatton Speedwatch meeting to find out more but they had not given any feedback to the Parish Council about this yet.

A couple of the local residents in attendance stated they would be willing to complete the training etc to take part in a Kenn Speedwatch initiative. They felt the concern expressed that some villagers may be apprehensive about this shouldn't be a problem – if they were keeping to the speed limit – it was only a problem for those not doing so or strangers using Kenn Street as a rat run and not taking care by observing the speed limit.

15/128 **Local Broadband** (min 15/109)

An update from the Local MP was readout; however, there was little progress to report.

Kenn Survey, noted this would be carried out in 2015 for 2016.

The NFU are making efforts to progress improved broadband cover in rural areas.

Agreed: to note the above, but only to have an agenda item if there is an update to report.

15/129 **Footpaths – missing Public Rights of Way way markers and roadway signs**

NSC had contacted all Parish Councils to enquire if they could assist by checking locations in their area to see if information is still accurate or needs amendment/update.

Agreed: Cllr Brain and Kenn resident Nigel Burnett would volunteer to do this.

15/130 **Great Western Air Ambulance – siting of clothes banks**

A letter had been receiving enquiring if there was a possibility to site a clothes bank locally. **Agreed:** To refer this to the Village Hall Committee and the Church.

15/131 **Community Resilience Workshop 'Time for Change'**

Cllr Brain advised he would be attending the workshop.

15/132 **Calendar of Meeting 2016**

Resolved: To accept the clerk's report of dates suggested for scheduled 2016 meetings.

Planning Items

15/133 **Report of the Planning Committee Meeting – 3 August 2015**

St Modwen – Section 106 and/or Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Members felt it was important if this site was designated for housing from business use, totally or partially, that any request Kenn made under Section 106 or CIL was made early in the process.

Resolved: To initially hold a Village Meeting to obtain information and gauge the views of local residents. To invite to the meeting; NSC councillors, planning consultant, Clevedon Town Council representative/s and open to all Kenn residents.

Planning Committee Terms of Reference The Clerk had provided a draft document for consideration. Proposed by Cllr Humberstone, seconded by Cllr Quinn

Resolved: To accept the Terms of Reference as a Planning Cttee working document.

15/134 **Neighbourhood Plans**

The Localism Act 2011 introduced new rights and powers to allow local communities to shape new development in their area; they can be developed by town and parish councils.

Neighbourhood development plans Town and parish councils can prepare planning policies for the development and use of land – a mini local plan. They can define sites for development but shouldn't promote less development than the existing local plan.

Neighbourhood development orders Communities can use neighbourhood planning to permit the developments they want to see – in full or in outline – without planning applications.

Community right to build order Communities can prepare an order, allowing them to build new homes or facilities without the need for a separate planning application. See the Homes and Communities Agency website.

To make sure these plans are compliant and take account of other local/national policies, the plans have to meet certain conditions before a community referendum can take place and legally come into force. Neighbourhood plans must be in line with: national planning policy, strategic policies in the development plan for the local area, plans must also promote sustainable development, plus other obligations, eg EU, human rights etc.

Plans or orders will only take effect where there is a majority of support in an approved referendum. Proposals that pass the referendum and Inspector tests, the local planning authority have to bring into force.

Funding (up to £8,000) is available as a grant payment, along with direct support and advice. For more information see the mycommunityrights website.

Resolved: To try to arrange for a NSC Officer to come and give some advice. Cllr Brain offered to assist with arrangements and investigating this process.

15/135 NSC’s Development Contributions Document

The document went out to consultation with a comments deadline before this meeting, a summary of the items relating to Parish Councils were noted:

- Page 12 Who decides? Consultation with Parish & Town Councils (P/TCs)
- Page 33 Community Capacity & Youth Services Partners with P/TCs
- Page 38 Community Sport & Leisure Off-site contributions passed to P/TCs
- Page 60 Green Infrastructure Evidence compiled through P/TCs

15/136 Planning Decision 15/P/1412/CUPA, Moorside Farm, Kennmoor Rd, BS21 6UB.

Prior approval for the change of use from an agricultural building & land to a single dwelling within use class C3.

It was noted this application had been granted approval with 3 conditions attached.

15/137 NSC Delegated Reports & Planning Decisions on recent applications were noted.

15/138 NSC Planning Enforcement – report on issues relating to the parish of Kenn were noted.

15/139 North Somerset Council Sites & Policies Plan Part 1: Development Management Policies Submission Of Plan

Noted these documents are available for viewing/reading on the NSC web site

15/140 Schools Admission Arrangements for 2016/17

To ensure compliance with the School Admissions Code, the revised arrangements for a list of schools affected had been provided, with a link to view details on the NSC web site.

Resolved: No comments.

Accounts & Finance Items

15/141 Accounts for Payment Members considered the details in the Clerk’s Report.

Resolved: To approve the accounts for payment as detailed.

15/142 Audit of Accounts 2014/2015 It was noted the accounts have been externally audited, signed off and returned with no comments, opinions or observations being made by the External Auditor. The notice of conclusion of audit and sections 1, 2 and 3 had been displayed on the noticeboard in the village for the required 14 days.

URGENT ITEMS

15/143 Yatton Parish Council had written advising it is NSC's intention to produce Sustainability Criteria for proposed developments within its area. As part of this each of the 'service' villages (and some of the 'infill' villages) were to be assessed according to a Sustainability Matrix, composed of three strands; economic, social and environmental. Yatton PC were highlighting their general concerns about the process and advising other parish of these.

Resolved: Support Yatton PC’s concerns and try to find out if Kenn has been assessed.

15/144 Winter Planting for the Village

Agreed: Cllr Quinn to make arrangements for this.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

Signed by the Chairman

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