

MINUTES of the meeting of Kenn Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Kenn St, Kenn at 20:00 on Monday, 8 April 2013

PRESENT Cllr Sheila Naish (Chairman in the Chair), Cllrs Kate Hatcher; Cheryl Quinn, Robert Treble
IN ATTENDANCE Clerk; Eleanor Wade

20:00 NORTH SOMERSET SITES & POLICIES PLAN – PRESENTATION

Michael Reep (North Somerset Planning Policy Manager) was in attendance to provide information on the North Somerset Council's Sites & Policies Plan consultation currently taking place. Firstly in context with all the other plans; Core Strategy, Sites & Policies, Local Plans.

Secondly the scope of the Sites & Policies Plan, some which are as follows;

- When and where building can take place, infilling, housing allocations, large development areas, sites for housing, residential development within settlement boundaries in existing residential area and on garden land, high quality design and place making
- Green space/infrastructure, dwellings in the countryside, agricultural and landbased rural business, flood and drainage, equestrian development
- Off airport car parking, strategic gaps, development contributions, community infrastructure levy and viability, proposal for job growth, camping and caravan sites
- Protection of sporting, cultural/community provision, location of sporting, cultural/community facilities.

Kenn is listed as an Infill Village in the plan, this permits;

- Infill development (one or two dwellings)
- Small scale residential redevelopment where the proposal is community led with clear community and environmental benefits.
- Conversions to residential although it must be demonstrated that if the site or premises was last used for an economic use, that continuation in economic use is unsuitable.
- Affordable housing
- Essential rural workers dwellings
- Replacement dwellings
- Subdivisions
- Small scale employment (including recreation and tourism) development providing it is of appropriate scale and character
- Shops and community uses

Mr Reep concluded by referring to various aspects relating to Kenn and answered questions put to him. Finally he observed that along with the Parish Council's comments North Somerset Council would welcome input from Kenn residents. The Chairman thanked Mr Reep for taking the time to attend.

A minute's silence was held to remember the life of a past councillor, Mr Ray Naish.

20:10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – in attendance were 12 members of the public, also North Somerset Cllr Jill Illes and Jane Smith (Liaison Officer). North Somerset Cllr T Moulin had sent his apologies

The Hand License Application and proposed Music Festival – residents gave details regarding the;

- Numbers involved, contents and scope of the application
- Possible conditions which could be applied to limit the impact of the event and keep both attendees and others safe'
- Proposals for an event plan and risk assessment, which still had to be carried out,
- Policing, security patrols, steward ratios, noise measurements/sound engineer, highways and parking arrangements.

Also provided were the 4 licensing objectives that can be commented within the scope of the Licensing Act 2003, these being; (1) the prevention of crime and disorder, (2) public safety, (3) the prevention of public nuisance, (4) the protection of children from harm.

Cllr Illes provide information on making representations on the application (deadline 22 April), to the hearing and procedure on attending the hearing (17 May) to make comments.

At 20:30 the meeting was closed and reconvened on the 17 April 2013.

MINUTES of the reconvened meeting of Kenn Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Kenn St, Kenn at 13:30 on Monday, 17 April 2013

PRESENT Cllr Sheila Naish (Chairman in the Chair), Cllrs Kate Hatcher; Cheryl Quinn, Robert Treble (until 14:35)

IN ATTENDANCE Clerk; Eleanor Wade

13:30 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – in attendance were 18 members of the public.

The Hand Licence Application and proposed Music Festival – residents made enquiries regarding;

- Whether noise level testing will be carried out prior to the event?
- Street parking issues and management? As Kenn village is also holding a community event on that day.
- As the license is for 4 events a year, who will be the organisers – all the same or different for each event?
- Attendance at the License Committee on the 17 May 13.

13:40 North Somerset Council Licensing Officers were in attendance and gave details on the following;

- The extent of the application, number of and types of events detailed in the license
- Limitations on the hours for various events and for sale of alcohol
- Risk Assessment and Health & Safety requirements
- Noise Level monitoring and reporting

The Officers then responded to all the residents enquiries about various aspects of the event.

FORMAL BUSINESS (at 14:20)

13/34 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – all were in attendance.

13/35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none were made.

13/36 RESIGNATION

The resignation of Cllr Robin Mackay (feel better able to assist the parish from outside of the Council) was RECEIVED by the Council and it was;

RESOLVED: advise N Somerset Electoral Office to advertise the vacancy.

13/37 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 11 February 2013 were **APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD** and were signed as such by the Chairman.

13/38 CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANCIES

The Chairman reported receipt of formal notification from North Somerset Council that no by-election had been requested by 10 residents. She further reported two local residents had come forward in response to the notices placed on the noticeboards and in the village newsletter.

13/38.1 Wilf Bessant – details of his application letter were received.

On the proposal of Cllr Hatcher, seconded by Cllr Treble and on a vote of; 4 FOR 0 AGAINST

RESOLVED: Wilf Bessant to be co-opted onto the Council

13/38.2 Stephen Brain – details of his application letter were received.

On the proposal of Cllr Treble, seconded by Cllr Hatcher and on a vote of; 4 FOR 0 AGAINST

RESOLVED: Stephen Brain to be co-opted onto the Council

13/38.3 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Clerk had provided Cllr Bessant and Cllr Brain with the necessary documents for completion.

RESOLVED: these to be completed and given to the Clerk prior to the Councillors' first attendance at a meeting.

13/39 MUSIC FESTIVAL EVENT – THE HAND

Council agreed to move this item to this point in the meeting to enable, but not to detain for longer than necessary, residents wishing to hear the Council's decision on this matter. Information received over the last few weeks was considered. Concern was expressed that The Hand had not attended.

RESOLVED: To advise North Somerset Council that Kenn Parish Council objects strongly;
(1) it was not formally consulted and (2) to provide comments as to their concerns relating to Public Safety and Public Nuisance.

- 13/40 PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY; FOOT PATH & PIPE WORKS – CHURCH YARD, KENN** (Min 13/18)
Cllr Treble had reported to the Annual Parish Meeting on his discussions with North Somerset Council over the Church Path bridge repairs and that they were now prepared to undertake this at their cost. NOTED
Cllr Quinn had provided a written report on her investigation as to ownership. NOTED with thanks.
- 13/41 UNAUTHORISED SIGNS** (Min 13/28)
The Clerk had requested the length of Kenn Road between the boundaries with Clevedon, Yatton, Kinston Seymour to be inspected, in particular in the vicinity of the junctions with Davis Lane, Colehouse Lane and Barns Ground. This had been passed to the area officer for action/response. The response was still awaited. NOTED
- 13/42 KENN VILLAGE SIGN** (Min 12/175)
The new sign should have been in place and the other sign straightened during January 2013. Even allowing for the bad weather this work has still not been completed. The reply to an enquiry was that; *due to financial pressures, NSC had instructed their contractor to cancel works orders for the financial year 2012/13. This included the Kenn signage, this work will be carried over to the new financial year and will be re raised accordingly.* NOTED
- 13/43 NORTH SOMERSET SITES & POLICIES PLAN** (Min 13/26)
Members considered the information provided both by the North Somerset Council officer during his presentation to the meeting on the 8 April and via links to documents as provided.
RESOLVED: Reiterate their previous comments.
- 13/44 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF NORTH SOMERSET – WARD BOUNDARIES** (Min 12/31)
Following their consultation on council size representations had persuaded the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) in favour of a council size of 51 (rather than the other proposal of 46). The next stage of the review would carry out a consultation on warding arrangements that aim to;
- Achieve good electoral equality; each councillor represents about the same number of voters.
 - Council wards reflect community identities and interests across the district
 - Provide for effective and convenient local government.
 - Seek to use strong, easily-identifiable boundaries
- Along with these aims the LGBC needs a good understanding of community identity in North Somerset, ie understanding which areas communities identify with, how and why, such as;
- Do you have suggestions about where your ward boundaries should be?
 - Which areas do you identify as your local community?
 - Where do people in your area go to access local facilities such as shops and leisure activities?
- RESOLVED:** the observations of Kenn Parish Council are (1) & (2) as follows;
- (1) Kenn village most strongly identifies with the Yatton Ward, this ward having more of a rural nature than the urban aspects of neighbouring wards in Clevedon and Nailsea.
 - (2) Yatton Ward could be represented by 2 district councillors if the average electoral representation per councillor is increased from the current approx 2,500 to +/- 3,500 (this could also achieve the reduction of 10 district councillors from 61 to 51).

14:35 Cllr Treble left the meeting

- 13/45 THE POTTING SHED – APPEAL** (13/22)
Members received the letter advising of the Appeal Notice, also the information that the action contained in the resolution (13/22) – *To write and reiterate the Parish Council's original strong objections to this structure* – had been completed. Information was received that details of the site address were incorrect. NOTED
- 13/46 PLANNING APPLICATION**
Planning Application 13/P/0555/LB at Stable Close, Kenn Court, Kenn – Repositioning of existing 2 gas meter boxes - one to be repositioned on East wing and the other on West Wing.
RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS to the application.

- 13/47 CURRENT PLANNING ENFORCEMENT CASES** (Min 13/24)
 Members received the information from North Somerset's list of current enforcement cases to Town and Parish Councils. NOTED no change to list for Kenn.
- 13/48 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES**
 Details provided on the Planning Authority's decision regarding application 13/P/0112/F, The Oak House, Kenn Street was NOTED
- 13/49 PARKING STANDARDS, SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING**
 It was felt this did not relate to Kenn and it was
RESOLVED: No comments would be made to this consultation.
- 13/50 FREE FLOWERS – NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL**
 It was noted that due to the deadline (which was between these two meetings) that the numbers required had been calculated and requested. NOTED and to await details regarding collection.
- 13/51 WESTON MUSEUM**
 The museum had been acquired by Weston Town Council. As they wish to broaden its appeal they were writing to enquire if North Somerset local parishes had either information/exhibitions they could provide or someone who is interested in local history that may be able to help.
RESOLVED: Let the Kenn Parish History Group know about this initiative.
- 13/52 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & ANNUAL AUDIT**
 Members considered the details provided in the Clerk's Report.
RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts for Payment as detailed.
 Also NOTED the Auditors had agreed the date for the audit of the accounts would be 10 June 13.
- 13/53 DOG BIN EMPTYING CONTRACT**
 As Fountains' contract ended in March, North Somerset Council had enquired if Kenn Parish Council would like them to take over carrying out the emptying arrangements as of 1 April 13. This will be for a fortnightly empty of 1 dog bin at a cost of £8 every 4 weeks, about £96 per year (Fountains had been about £90 per year).
RESOLVED: To accept the North Somerset Council contract to empty the Kenn village dog bin.
- 13/54 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE AND SECTION 137**
 Section 137 (S137) of the Local Government Act 1972 enables local councils to spend a limited amount of money for purposes they have no other specific statutory expenditure. It is limited in a number of ways, the basic power is for a local council to spend money on purposes for the direct benefit of its area, or part of its area, or all or some of its inhabitants. Where a council has a statutory power S137 cannot be used to get around these. A lengthy document was NOTED.
- 13/55 WOODSPRING MODEL AIR SHOW**
 Plans were provided showing temporary signs for the above event on the 6 July 2013 with comments or suggestions requested by North Somerset Council. Members considered these appeared to be acceptable and had not comments to make.
- 13/56 CORRESPONDENCE** recent correspondence had been provided and was available at the meeting. The Clerk read through the items and these were NOTED.
- 13/57 EXEMPT ITEM** – this item was deferred to a future meeting.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD	CHAIRMAN.....
The meeting finished at 14:45	DATE.....