

MINUTES of the SPECIAL meeting of Kenn Parish Council held in the New Church Room, Kenn Street, Kenn at 19:30 on Tuesday, 7 May 2013.

PRESENT: Cllr Sheila Naish (Chairman) in the Chair, Cllrs; Kate Hatcher (Vice Chairman), Stephen Brain, Cheryl Quinn, Robert Treble

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk; Eleanor Wade

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none.

FORMAL BUSINESS (at 19.30)

13/58 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence received from Cllr Wilf Bessant (out of Kenn).

13/59 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none.

13/60 PLANNING – 13/P/0575/EIA1, LAND TO THE WEST OF KENN ROAD

Screening Opinion as to whether a full Environmental Impact Assessment is requested to be submitted with an outline planning application for use classes B1, B2 and B8 highways access, landscaping and associated works. Members also received information confirming this was not an application for comment, also the decision notice received on the day of the meeting.

The following observations were made that the;

- site was nearly out of the 5 year deadline for development to have been started (November 2013)
- original application recognised the area as being a sensitive site
- Kenn village/area has been reclassified during the 5 year period, why has this site not been incorporated in the reclassification
- there is an error in the information, the river at this site is the River Kenn, not the River Blind Yeo

RESOLVED: Send the Planning Officer these observations and express concern at the timescale.

13/61 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

13/P/0621/F – Edwards, Barns Ground – Erection of additional boundary walls, fencing and gate.

RESOLVED: No objections

13/P/0717/F – Riverside, Nailsea Wall – Two storey side extension

RESOLVED: No objections

13/62 MUSIC EVENT – NOTICE OF HEARING (Min 13/39)

Members received the notice advising that the License Hearing would be held at 10.30am on Friday 2013 in Weston super Mare, also details of the procedures followed at such hearings. Details of a recent local residents' meeting were reported. It was also observed that the village residents were likely to expect a representative of the Parish Council to attend and speak.

RESOLVED: Cllr Brain will read out an agreed statement on behalf of Kenn Parish Council.

13/63 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE NORTH SOMERSET SCHEME (Min 13/12)

A completed Register of Interest form on behalf of Kenn Parish Council had been made to this scheme in the categories; Flood, Transport, Community Safety. In response to the Clerk's enquiry as to which meeting of Kenn Parish Council the decision had been taken to register this interest, Cllr Naish had replied; *not discussed at Council, background information being that North Somerset's promotion of the scheme asked people to register their interest. To avoid an alternative registration diminishing the Parish Council's status the Chairman had asked Cllr Brain to register the Council's interest, which is only a preliminary step, then to report to the next meeting any forthcoming information. Registered in the name of the Clerk so information would come to the Council office.*

RESOLVED: To approve this action in retrospect, also to continue to monitor the scheme and attend training and meetings dealing with matters of interest to Kenn.

13/64 EXTRA DOG BINS

Cllr Hatcher had received a request for an additional dog bin, as it has been claimed dog muck bags are being thrown into fields that borders Davies Lane, posing a risk to animals grazing along there. Additional dog bins were requested at the Annual Parish Meeting (8 April 13). The Parish Council would discuss whether they wish to progress requests arising from this meeting (it is not a requirement that they have to progress any request) when they consider the minutes at the 3 June 13 meeting.

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On a proposal of Cllr Hatcher, seconded by Cllr Brain and on a vote of 3 FOR it was;

RESOLVED: To state an intention to provide a dog bin at a Kenn Pier, sluice gate location. When the cost of purchasing and installing the bin were known, to allocate this and the ongoing cost of emptying against the Council's 2013/14 budget.

13/65 **BUS SHELTER REPAIRS**

Cllr Hatcher was concerned that it had been year of waiting for the repairs to be carried out, therefore an alternative plan should be discussed. Cllr Treble advised he had recently inspected the shelter. AGREED; Cllr Treble to arrange for the soil at the base to be cleared away to enable repairs to be carried out by John Hayden. Hope to have this completed for next scheduled meeting – 3 June 2013.

13/66 **ST MODWEN SITE**

Cllr Quinn requested discussion on suggesting there was no need for this site to be included on the Sites and Policies Plan as it is unlikely to come about within the plan's life.

13/67 **VILLAGE SITE FOR SMALL SCALE HOUSING**

Cllr Quinn observed, similar to 13/66 above, the village lacks a site for small scale housing for starters and/or the elderly. Sites are shown for housing but it is clear these will not be developed in the short to medium term. Accordingly should additional sites be identified for a pair of; (1) semi-detached starter homes and (2) bungalows for the elderly?

On both 13/66 & 13/67 the report of the Clerk was NOTED – *deadline for comments on the Sites and Policies Plan was the 19 April 13. Kenn Parish Council agreed to repeat their previous comments.*

13/68 **CORRESPONDENCE ON BEHALF OF KENN PARISH COUNCIL**

Cllr Quinn requested; in order to keep up-to-date on planning and other issues requiring a response, can we please have circulation by email of all correspondence being sent out on our behalf.

The Clerk advised that correspondence is sent out after a meeting and reflected the decisions taken at the meeting. There was no further correspondence (other than requests for any unforthcoming replies to the initial letter/email) until the report to the next meeting.

Councillors could take their own actions between meetings;

- by checking on the progress of issues of interest to them,
- following up residents requests/reports and/or if they notice something, eg reporting potholes etc.

What Councillors (and the Clerk) cannot infer is that their comments (in order to add weight to these between meetings) are decisions of the Council, if they are not. Kenn Parish Council's decisions are only those that are made by the Council at a Council meeting and minuted as such.

13/69 **FUTURE MEETINGS AGENDA ITEM**

Cllr Quinn requested an agenda item for all meetings: Planning and Enforcement, issues and update. This was AGREED to.

13/70 **REQUEST TO ATTEND ALCA's 'GOOD COUNCILLOR' COURSE – 13 July at Saltford**

RESOLVED: To approve the expenditure of £60 each for 2 Councillors (Cllr Hatcher and Cllr Brain) to attend the ALCA arranged training course.

13/71 **KENN PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE FOR 2013/14**

Members received the lengthy Clerk's report giving details of the insurance cover proposed by the Council's current insurers.

The Clerk had also enquired if the Christmas Lights were an asset of the Parish Council, if so they should; (1) be included in the insurance and (2) in view of future plans to have these replaced by low energy lights (to be purchased by someone else) the old lights should be returned to the Council from their current place of storage. None in attendance were sure of the details of this.

Note following the meeting; Clerk has checked the Council's account books; the lights were purchased by the Parish Council on the 12 February 2008 at a cost of £516.42.

RESOLVED: To renew the insurance with the current insurers for a further year at a premium of £281.31 and review the situation again next year.

The Chairman passed to the Clerk £69, this being the sum raised by the Drum & Monkey at their recent raffle event. Members discussed various ways of fundraising, such as;

- some funds from the monthly Village Market café
 - approaching businesses in Kenn to ask for donations (Clerk to provide a letter of introduction etc).
- Also discussed were matters relating to the VAT element of such a purchase. Following which, on the proposal of Cllr Quinn, seconded by Cllr Treble, it was;

RESOLVED: To make this a Kenn Parish Council project until all the funds have been raised, the order placed to purchase the kit and installations arrangements made. To then review the kit's status after this, ie retained by the Council or presented to the village.

13/73 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Members considered the details provided in the Clerk's Report.

RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts for Payment as detailed.

13/74 NSC TOWN & PARISH DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

This will be held on the 23 May 2013, 9:30 to 12:30, at Weston-super-Mare.

The issues currently to be included are; Residential Design Guide update and next stages, Planning policy update, Website changes, Moving towards Paperless Working, Guidance for Household building in North Somerset, Update on national planning law changes.

Cllr Brain expressed an interest in attending the event. Other Members would check their diaries and let the Clerk know if they could attend.

13/75 HINKLEY TO SEABANK GRID CONNECTION - CONSULTATION

Details of this had been provided by the Planning Inspectorate with the information that the Secretary of State had been asked for its opinion (a scoping opinion) as to the information to be provided in an environmental statement relating to the above project. NOTED, with no comments to be made.

13/76 FRACKING AWARENESS PRESENTATION AT BACKWELL

Information in the agenda item report was NOTED.

13/77 UPDATES & CORRESPONDENCE Members received and noted;

1. Voluntary Action North Somerset newsletter – Spring 2013
2. Voluntary Community & Social Enterprise Event – 10 July 13, The Hand Stadium 11am – 1pm
3. Rural Services Network – Rural Opportunities Bulletin
4. Walk Ten Badminton Estate for Marie Curie Cancer Care – 21 August
5. Community Resilience Recruiting & Marketing Workshop – 10 April 13 event docs
6. Community Resilience North Somerset – long email giving information
7. NHS North Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group – Stakeholder Newsletter
8. Age UK Editorial – Spring into Activity
9. Advice Network – Information from agencies in Bristol, N Somerset and S Gloucestershire
10. May Funding News 2013 – The Money Chest May Funding News
11. North Somerset Town & Parish Digest – Issue 1
12. Free Public Sector News & Directory Website
13. Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner – updates & information
14. National Grid Community Forum Meetings - Provisional dates; 20, 21 & 23 May 13
15. Hinkley Point C Connection project newsletter - Copies of the Spring Project News
16. Western Power Distribution newsletter
17. North Somerset Council Healthy Lifestyles Grant application process is now open.
18. Streetscene – April issue
19. Whats on in North Somerset – 1 May to 28 May
20. Weston College vacancy bulletin week commencing 6 May 2013

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

The meeting finished at 21:20

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