

MINUTES of the SPECIAL meeting of Kenn Parish Council held in the New Church Room, Kenn Street, Kenn at 19:30 on Monday, 21 January 2013.

PRESENT: Cllr Sheila Naish (Chairman) in the Chair, Cllrs; Kate Hatcher (Vice Chairman), Robin Mackay, Cheryl Quinn, Hartley Staples, Robert Treble

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk; Eleanor Wade

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none.

FORMAL BUSINESS (at 19.30)

13/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence received from Cllr Sizzle Summerell (working).

13/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none.

13/03 COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT – Members received and noted information as follows;
The Government had published its decision on how the tax base will be calculated following the introduction of the Localising Support for Council Tax Scheme – these schemes will replace the national council tax benefit arrangements. The effect of this is that a higher rate of tax will be needed to generate any given amount of revenue. For principal authorities the impact is to be mitigated by a government grant that will reduce the amount that the councils need to raise, so at the taxpayer level the amount to be paid would stay the same in broad terms. For Parish Councils the government's preferred approach is that they should agree with their billing authorities to receive a share of the grant, so all authorities are affected in the same way, since the grant received by billing authorities will include an element that relates to local precepts.

BUDGET & PRECEPT for the Financial Year 2013/2014

13/04 LOCAL DEFIBRILLATOR KIT SCHEME (Min 12/173)

Members recalled the information provided at the meeting on the 3 December 2012 and the local efforts/initiatives that it had been suggested could be made to raise funds to locate a kit in Kenn.

RESOLVED: To set aside the sum of £500 from reserves to contribute, at the appropriate time, towards the purchase of a kit for Kenn, subject to sufficient proof that the balance of the funds required has been raised before the sum of public money is released.

13/05 DONATION FOR VILLAGE HALL NEW ROOF (Min 12/189)

Members discussed the details that had been raised at the meeting on the 3 December 2012 and the recalled the local efforts/initiatives that were planned to raise funds for this project.

RESOLVED: To set aside the sum of £1000 from reserves to contribute, at the appropriate time, towards the proposed replacement of the Kenn Village Hall roof, subject to the following financial accountability and responsibility requirements to enable the sum of public money to be released as follows;

- sufficient proof that the balance of the funds required to complete the works have been raised
- the appropriate building regulations and or planning approvals have been sought and met
- the best price for the work has been sought and a competent contractor employed.

13/06 BRIDGE INTO THE CHURCH YARD (Min 12/172)

It had been agreed to fund the work to replace the pipe below the bridge to ensure the flow of water in the ditch does not back up and cause flooding, also to replace the unsafe railings. North Somerset Council would donate the pipe and carry out work to the surface of the bridge.

RESOLVED: To set aside the sum of £2000 from reserves to cover the cost of the pipe and rail works, however, at no time will the fact that Kenn Parish Council has assisted in providing funding this work can it be deemed that the Parish Council has assumed responsibility or liability for this structure in the future.

13/07 PRECEPT REQUIREMENT

Consideration was given to the information in the Clerk's report and budget. It was noted that North Somerset Council had agreed an allocation from the Council Tax Support Grant of £64.39. From the information available it was;

RESOLVED: To approve a precept in the sum of £5,400 to cover the administration requirements of the Parish Council for the Financial Year 2013/14. Effect on a Band D = £34.85

13/08 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

- RESOLVED:** (1) To approve the Accounts for Payment as detailed.
(2) To approve the expenditure of £75 each for 2 Councillors to attend ALCA arranged training courses.

13/09 CHURCH YARD UPKEEP GRANT

Members received a letter of thanks for the grant they had provided to assist with the annual maintenance, which most involved cutting the grass.

13/10 NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL SITES & POLICIES PLAN WORKSHOP

The second of these events will held on the 28 February 2013. Cllr Quinn offered to attend and report back. NOTED with thanks.

13/11 NOMINATIONS TO ATTEND A ROYAL GARDEN PARTY 2013

It was agreed to put forward the Chairman of Council's name for the draw for a representative to attend from the ALCA area.

13/12 UPDATES & CORRESPONDENCE Members received and noted;

- Winter Weather & Flooding Advice
- Community Resilience North Somerset Project
- Bristol Airport Newsletter
- Advice Network
- Rural Opportunities Bulletin

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD	CHAIRMAN.....
The meeting finished at 20.35	DATE.....