

MINUTES of the SPECIAL meeting of Kenn Parish Council, Monday, 16 December 2013 held in the New Church Room, Kenn Street, Kenn. Meeting commenced at 18:00 and concluded at 19:30

PRESENT: Cllr Sheila Naish (Chairman) in the Chair, Cllrs Kate Hatcher, Stephen Brain, Cheryl Quinn (from 18:20), Robert Treble (to 17:20) Clerk Eleanor Wade

18:00 **Public Participation** In attendance was 1 local resident and Mr Mark MacGregor who oversees the Open Spaces Contract for North Somerset Council (NSC). The Chairman welcomed everyone and recalled that Mr MacGregor had been invited because of the Parish Council's concerns at the standard of cuts to the verges and hedges during 2013 and the resulting road safety issues.

Mr MacGregor was firstly asked if he could provide some information on NSC's Contract. He advised that the new contract had been negotiated for the next 7 years and a lot of the work carried out in the first year had been very good. However, 2 areas had given cause for concern;

- the spraying of weeds, ie growing on pavements or keeping weeds such a ragwort under control etc,
- also verge cutting had not been managed very well.

Members gave some background on of the areas of concern in and around the parish of Kenn and because of these the resulting diminished safety at road junctions etc. Mr MacGregor agreed safety issues were within the remit of NSC's contract and he would look into these but he had thought the reason for his visit was to discuss Kenn Parish Council enhancing the existing contract. The Parish Council felt they would like to see how the verge and hedge cutting works (as contained within the contract) should actually have been. They would monitoring this during 2014 before discussing this again with Mr MacGregor. In turn he agreed to provide;

- A map with the areas contained within the NSC contract, for the Parish Council to be able to ascertain areas in the responsibility of landowners
- Will check the situation on the reported requirements to avoid cutting hedges while birds are nesting
- Share email address for reporting and contact the Area Officer

The Chairman thanked Mr Macgregor for taking the time to attend, for providing information and assistance.

18:35 Formal Business

13/188 Apologies for Absence received from Cllr Bessant (away), Cllr Humberstone (prior commitment)

13/189 Declarations of Interest Cllr Treble declared an interest in agenda items 8 & 9 and left the meeting during the debate on these.

13/190 Defibrillator update (min 13/183) details of income anticipated from businesses & residents. Also it was reported that arising from discussions with people and local businesses there seemed to be a preference for the defibrillator to be located in an easily accessible/visible site on the main road.

Resolved; the best location for the defibrillator, when it is purchased, would be the telephone box.

13/191 Precept 2014/2015 (min 13/182) A final review of this was carried out before submitting Kenn Parish Council's precept request to NSC. Agreed to remove the £700 for the notice board and increase the defibrillation sum to £800. Council Tax Support Grant (CTSG) was confirmed by NSC to be £56.35 for the forthcoming year.

Resolved; to approve a precept of £5,844 for the administration requirements of the Parish Council for the Financial Year 2014/15. Effect on a Band D = £35.76 (£5844 + CTSG £56 = £5900)

13/192 Planning Application – 13/P/2220/F Orchard Farm, Kenn Road, Kenn, BS21 6TT – erection of a new dwelling following demolition of existing chalet and outbuildings. Following a general discussion **Resolved;** no objections to the proposed application in relation to its design to adjacent properties. However, it was observed that while there is an existing temporary structure at the location and a Certificate of Lawfull Use of Development for stationing a mobile home for residential use in place, concern was expressed:

- This residence is being built well outside the Village Fence (other such applications have been refused)
 - Does not qualify as a farm but is in fact a business
- Care should be taken and precautions put in place that precedences are not set which would allow for residential developments outside the Village Fence or other business uses in inappropriate areas.

Lake House Barn, Off Colehouse Lane, Kenn, North Somerset, BS21 6TQ – an extension has been put up without receipt of any application. Request this is checked to see if it conforms to the requirements of permitted development or if it would require planning permission.

19:20 Cllr Treble left the meeting

13/194 Consultation on the (1) North Somerset Core Strategy & (2) North Somerset Strategic Land Availability Assessment 2013

Members considered the documents provided on the North Somerset Council web site as they related to Kenn. It was recalled that (1) below was included in the Village Plan.

Resolved; the comments of Kenn Parish Council are as follows and are in relation to the North Somerset Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment 2013:-

(1) Kenn Parish Council supports the following identified site being included:

Schedule 1: Identified Potential

SH1205 Stowell Concrete Site, Kenn (Infill Village) 14 dwellings

(2) Kenn Parish Council has no comments on the following:

Schedule 2B: Discounted sites - incompatible with the spatial strategy

SH12117 Kenn Rd, Kenn, 5 dwellings, main reason for removing - Flood zone 3b

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

Signed by the Chairman

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