

## **KENN PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES** – Kenn Parish Council meeting 3 July 2017, held in the Village Hall, Kenn St, Kenn

Meeting commenced at 19:30 and concluded at 20:10

**PRESENT:** Cllrs S Naish (Chairman), S Brain, W Bessant, J-P Humberstone, H Staples, R Treble  
Clerk; Eleanor Wade

North Somerset Council (NSC) M Lenny Liaison Officer

Apologies: NSC Cllrs J Hadley & J Illes

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19:30 **INFORMAL BUSINESS Public Participation** 8 residents attended

1) Poplar Tree on The Green – concern the tree had dropped a large branch near a vehicle, also the area around its trunk had become overgrown. The Chairman commented that the Tree Warden had spoken to NSC's Tree Officer. The Tree Warden was not in attendance but it would be followed up on her return.

2) Vehicle incident Kenn St – a report was received, on behalf of the Parochial Church Council, that a congregation member's handbag had been caught on a passing speeding car. It was felt the lack of pavements on this street had contributed towards this. Request for support to ask NSC to consider pavements for the village. The Churchwarden was given contact details for the NSC highways dept. to enable him to follow up the Parochial Church Council request.

3) Quiet Lanes – an enquiry was made about this agenda item. Following a brief update, it was observed, by the resident, that this initiative would be difficult to enforce.

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19:40 **FORMAL BUSINESS**

**17/77 Apologies for absence** Cllr C Quinn (away)

**17/78 Declarations of interest** None

**17/79 Minutes** of the Council meetings held on 8 May17 were  
**Resolved:** The minutes were approved as correct'

**17/80 Chairman's Communications** (min 17/60) the Chairman:

Advised that all the items she had to report on were included on the agenda.

**17/81 Abandoned Vehicle on the layby near the Drum & Monkey Public House** (min 17/60)

Information was provided that the 'untaxed' vehicle had been moved to a more appropriate location. However, another newer vehicle had been put in its place.

**Resolved:** Continue to monitor.

**17/82 Broadband** (min 17/62)

- Village Survey – information still being collated

- West of England Rural Network – update:

Current progress and an indication BT's formal announcement would be made soon. A second email had been received with information on BT's Lot 1 Broadband programme

**Resolved:** Monitor and await further updates.

**17/83 Verges and hedges** (min 17/63)

- Verge Maintenance on the motorway bridge – It was noted that trees were still overhanging the footpath and grass encroaching on its surface, even though it had been reported. It was also noted that ditch clearance and maintenance was due to take place in this area at the end of July.

**Resolved:** Enquire if the trees and grass could be dealt with at the same time.

- Ditch maintenance – an enquiry was made about the maintenance of other ditches. Matt Lenny, the NSC Liaison Officer, offered to see what information he could obtain.

- Large trees overgrowing the highway – it was reported trees on the Yatton side of the B3133 were being damaged by their overhanging branches being hit by large vehicles.

**Resolved:** Enquire if the trees could be checked and any necessary work carried out.

- Balance Pond overgrowth on the Business Park – Neither the Flood Group nor the Drains Board had recently provided any updates on this matter.

**Resolved:** Continue to monitor if any progress is made.

**17/84 Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VASS)** (min 17/64)

Members received updates on various emails sent to progress the installation of the solar powered version of the two signs purchased. It seemed the issues had been resolved and it was anticipated the column for the sign would be in situ by the end of August.

**Resolved:** Monitor the progress and hope to report a conclusion at the next meeting.

The nominated councillor had been unable to attend the meeting organised by the Yatton Quiet Lanes Working Group. Which had been held to explore designing a network of routes, providing safe links between and around communities, with a view to making a case to NSC for adoption into the Local Transport Plan.

Details had been provided, by the working group co-ordinator, of the minutes of the meeting and various updates on initial proposals by other parish councils for roads to incorporate in the scheme. As Kenn, Kingston Seymour and Clevedon had opted for maintaining a watching brief, he was enquiring if they would like to be actively included.

**Resolved:** Taking everything into consideration it was felt that it is not an initiative that Kenn wish to get involved with. Their two main reasons for this conclusion being:

- How is it going to be enforce and if it is relies on self-enforcing it will have a limited usefulness.
- It would appear to be another unnecessary restriction on rural/agricultural people's ability to carry out their livelihoods and businesses.

17/86 **Annual Free Flowers 2017** (min 17/39)

There had been problems experienced by NSC’s contractors which had resulted in collection date cancellations and when the plants had been collected they were pot bound. However, they had been circulated and were providing a pleasant display around the village. Thanks to everyone who had assisted in this effort.

17/87 **Road Closure Notices**

Notices had been received relating to; (1) surface dressing on the B3133 in the vicinity of the Business Park and the bridge crossing the M5 and (2) Moor Road relating to work to be carried out by BT Openreach to replace decayed poles. **Noted**

**Planning Items**

17/88 **Planning Applications**

17/P/1303/ADV – Rivermead Court 2, Kenn Business Pk, Kenn, BS21 6TH  
Display of 1 non-illuminated fascia sign

17/P/1304/LUP – Edwards Ltd, Barns Ground. Kenn, BS21 6ST  
Lawful development certificate for a proposed installation of windows and emergency exit door with escape ladder.

**Resolved:** No objections to either of these applications.

17/88 **Planning Decision**

17/P/0909/F – Lake House Barn, Colehouse Lane, Kenn, BS21 6TQ  
Construction of a cattery unit (10 pens) including office, located on pre-existing yard/barn.  
**Noted:** Granted consent – details of this are on the NSC’s web site planning pages.

17/89 **NSC’s Enforcement Record for Kenn were noted** – no change to the three items listed.

17/90 **‘New Local Plan for North Somerset’ Briefing invitation** – Cllr Humberstone and Clerk

17/91 **Claverham Neighbourhood Plan consultation** – no comments.

**Finance Items**

17/92 **Annual External Audit 2016/17**

The Clerk reported the documents had been submitted on time and the notices displayed.

17/93 **Pension Regulator** – confirmation Kenn Parish Council’s declaration had been received.

17/94 **Payment of Accounts & Budget Control** Members reviewed details in the Clerk’s report.  
**Resolved:** To approve the accounts for payment as detailed.

**Correspondence** – recent correspondence details had been circulated.

**Public Participation (2) above** – request received to consider putting this on the next agenda.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

**Signed by the Chairman** .....

**Date**.....