

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY 13th JUNE 2022 AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: P. Ball (Chair), B. Trott, M. Collier, S. Huscroft, S. Seward
M. Jones, K. Veberth, A. Dare

In Attendance: A Jenkins (Clerk/RFO), DCC/EDDC. Cllr. I. Chubb

Members of Public: 0

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Council meeting and outlined / reminded everyone of the Covid-19 measures which had been adopted for Council meetings.

OPEN SESSION

No matters raised

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. Apologies

Cllr. J. Mear

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Collier and Cllr. Dare on item 12a

Cllr. Seward on Item 8b3.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th May 2022

The minutes were declared a true record of the proceedings, proposed by Cllr. Trott, seconded by Cllr. Seward, all in favour.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

Cllr. Collier said that there should actually be 3 Parish Councillor representatives on the Playing Field committee. Cllr. Ball proposed that Cllr. Dare be the third Councillor in addition to Collier Collier and Councillor Huscroft, seconded by Cllr. Seward, all in favour.

5. Reports:

a) Police

No report received. Concern was expressed about no regular reports being received. DCC/EDDC Chubb said that he would discuss the matter with the Police.

b) District and County Councillor

DCC/EDDC Cllr. Chubb advised that he would forward the Clerk a written report but reported that whilst Devon County had reverted to meetings in person, EDDC were still holding consultative meetings by Zoom with decisions delegated to the Principal Officer.

The Clerk thanked him for asking EDDC for a contact list. This had now been received and would be very useful.

c) Clerk

None

d) Kilmington Neighbourhood Support Group

Nothing to report, other than there are still a few persons receiving assistance from the Support Group.

e) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Ball advised that the Examiner had issued a draft report with many comments for clarification and change of wordings and amendments in view of the impending new Local Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan Team had put forward some green spaces for inclusion- firstly the Churchyard but the Archbishop was not agreeable to it being included and secondly, the New Inn Garden as if the garden was possibly at some time in the future to be sold off separately, then it could affect the future viability of the New Inn. Also the garden is a important Community recreational and leisure space and as such of Community value. The Examiner supports that view.

Cllr. Ball said that we are now waiting on the Examiner's final report with the referendum likely to be held in September.

Cllr. Seward said that Cllr. Ball had put in a tremendous amount of work driving forward the Neighbourhood Plan over the last few years and proposed a vote of thanks to him from the Council and on behalf of the whole Parish. This was supported and endorsed by all the Councillors.

f) Highways Matters

1) A35 Road closure

The Clerk advised that he was still waiting to hear when the A35 would be closed for the road repairs at Devils Elbow to take place but anticipates that it will be later this month.

2) A35 Communities Initiative Proposal

The Clerk advised that he had not yet contacted Chideock PC. He thought it best to leave it until after the forthcoming election for the new MP and allow us an opportunity to approach the MP to request that he supports Kilmington's and the other parishes seeking A35 safety improvements and participate in any meetings.

g) Playground

1) RoSPA Report

Cllr Jones said that he will be attending to the few maintenance matters in the next week.

2) Playground surfacing

The Clerk is still seeking advice from EDDC on the matter.

h) Trees

1) Tree Management Plan

Deferred to next meeting

2) Kilmington Common Management Plan

Deferred to next meeting

Cllr. Jones raised concerns about the state and health of the oak sapling which EDDC had supplied and planted to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. The Clerk said that he had already written to EDDC expressing the concerns and asking them to inspect the tree.

i) Footpaths Report

Cllr. Ball said that Tom Cook had volunteered to be the Footpaths Officer and proposed that he be appointed, seconded by Cllr. Trott, all in favour.

j) Queens Platinum Jubilee

Cllr. Ball reported that the Jubilee celebration events had all been very successful, well attended with a very happy atmosphere. Many persons had made favourable comments on how much they had enjoyed themselves.

It was considered that the proposed location for the new development was inappropriate as access was poor through the residential area of the village.

KPC accepts the need for the storage building and previously proposed an alternative acceptable site off Whitford Road with safer direct access into the unit of agricultural land. The view of the KPC is that this Whitford Road site remains a viable and a more suitable location than at Gore Lane.

KPC comments regarding the Additional Supporting Information provided by the applicant 30th May 2022 are to be attached.

New KPC site proposal following applicant's additional information

However, having examined the land registry map showing the full extent of the land in the ownership of the applicant, KPC would now suggest that a more preferable site for the storage building has been identified in the field off South View (see attached Figure 1). Both the sites suggested by KPC would provide storage close to the applicants land and avoid additional vehicular traffic through the narrow central residential areas of The Street and Gore Lane, which are used extensively by pedestrians.

This site off South View is in an area close to other agricultural and industrial buildings of a similar design. Therefore we suggest the detrimental effect on the environment and the landscape would be less than in the applicant's original proposed location and at Whitford Road.

Access into South View is via a wide fully surfaced entrance off Whitfield Road, which we consider would be safer and cause less disturbance to residents. The new proposed site is along the relatively wide South View road already used by agricultural, large industrial articulated trucks and South West Water tankers. The area could already almost be considered an industrial estate.

The area at the entrance at the applicants top of field is fairly level, has no electricity wires close by and it is on higher ground so has little chance of flooding.

Conclusion:

The KPC would therefore have no objection to the storage building being located off South View as shown in Figure 1 attached.

As all these sites are within the East Devon AONB. Therefore the KPC has used the guidance in the NPPF PARA. 172 (see below) ' in order to try to minimise the impact of the development on the East Devon ANOB and Kilmington residents:

Consideration of such applications should include an assessment of:

- a. the need for the development, including in terms of any national considerations, and the impact of permitting it, or refusing it, upon the local economy;
- b. the cost of, and scope for, developing outside the designated area, or meeting the need for it in some other way; and
- c. any detrimental effect on the environment, the landscape and recreational opportunities, and the extent to which that could be moderated.

The Clerk to submit the objection with the relevant photographs and documents referred to.

Cllr. Collier and Cllr. Dare returned to the meeting.

10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Venue and date for Parish Council meetings

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 11th July 2022 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed *P. Ball*

Date *11th July 2022*