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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Kenwyn Parish held on Monday 19th April 2021 via Zoom at 7.30pm

1. **Present:** Cllr. Mark Harry (Chairman), Mrs K J Harding (Clerk to Kenwyn Parish Council), B Hilton, W Robinson, K Hart, I Holroyd, M Holroyd, K La Borde, T Hewitt, D Green, John Dyer MBE, A Gammon, J Davey, A Willshee, one member of the public
2. **Apologies:**
3. **Chairman's Report**

Chairman's Kenwyn Parish Council Report 2021

Welcome to the Annual Parish Meeting of Kenwyn Parish Council for 2021.

This has been the first Annual Meeting since 2019. Last year's meeting was cancelled due to the emergence of the Coronavirus Pandemic.

I would like to start by taking time to thank our Clerk, Karen Harding, for her continued dedication and hard work to Kenwyn Parish, this has been an especially difficult period for Karen due to interpreting the ever-changing Covid-19 regulations for both the Council and Shortlanesend Village Hall and she has continued to carry out her role to an admirable level. I would also like to thank every member of the council for their dedication to serving their community, our Shortlanesend Village Hall Caretaker and our Groundsperson.

I would personally like to thank Cllr Ian Holroyd for his services as Chairman until July 2020 and my thanks also go to my Vice-Chairman and our Chairman of Planning, Cllr Barry Hilton for his continued support and commitment. I would also like to extend a welcome and a thank you to all the councillors who have joined and left Kenwyn Parish Council over the course of 2019/2021.

Over the course of the last two years, which has been a challenge to everyone around the world, Kenwyn Parish Council has had to adapt to be able to carry on serving the community. We invested in tablets for all our Councillors to enable virtual meetings to take place in the normal manner. This has worked incredibly well and has even given up more opportunity to share documents with members of the public who have joined our meetings and has allowed us to be more accessible to members of the public.

We have implemented our Environmental Policy at the end of 2019 and have taken great steps towards improving the way in which the council works and moving forward to bringing greater changes to the parish by planting wildflower meadows, bee stops, adopting verges and parcels of land to increase the amount of wildlife friendly green spaces throughout the Parish.

During the pandemic, our members have been involved in voluntary groups throughout the Parish and I was heavily involved with setting up a Covid response group within Shortlanesend. I would also like to thank everyone from the parish who became involved in these groups and volunteered their time to assist others. It is really heart-warming to see such generosity and altruism, if there has been any silver lining to this pandemic, it has most definitely been this and the improvement feeling of community throughout the parish and the country in general.

We have spent a considerable amount of time carrying out consultations and implementing various phases of our S106 improvements to the 3 parks within Kenwyn Parish that we are responsible for. Very soon now you will see new play equipment installed at all our parks and we are proud to deliver these schemes for the benefit of our younger residents.

We are returning our picnic tables, gates and some play equipment to our parks following the easing of Government Restrictions around the Pandemic and we hope you will make use of these facilities.

We have started a community improvements committee which is now overseeing various projects throughout the Parish. These include two Remembrance/Memory Gardens, War Memorials, investigation into Allotment Provision and for 2022 our very first Kenwyn in Bloom Gardening Competition.

We have continued to work on the Truro and Kenwyn Neighbourhood Plan throughout the last two years and have made great steps towards the updated version of this plan.

We are still involved with the Langarth Garden Village development and the duelling of the A30 and are finding ways to represent our residents and disseminate information out to you.

May 2021 brings elections to the parish council and we can already confirm that none of our seats have been contested meaning we now have three vacancies for parish councillors. One at Threemilestone and two at Gloweth. We hope to fill these over the coming months so if you feel you would be interested in joining us please contact our Clerk for more information.

Both myself and the council will always strive to do our very best for the Parish and every resident and will help in any way we can.

Cllr Mark Harry
Chairman
Kenwyn Parish Council

The report was noted with thanks.

4. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th April 2019

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th April 2019 were agreed and signed.

5. Matters arising from the 2019 minutes

No matters arising from the 2019 minutes.

6. Accounts for the year ending 31.03.21

The unaudited accounts for the year ending 31.03.21 were agreed and signed.

7. Precept 2021/2022

The Chairman advised the precept for 2021/22 was £170018.00 which was the same as the previous year. This had been achieved by a combination of savings and budget adjustments.

8. Cornwall Councillor's Reports

Cllr. F J Dyer MBE

Annual Report to Kenwyn Parish Council April 2021

Cornwall County Council Report

It has without hesitation been another busy year and in some respects after 51 years serving on this council as a Parish Councillor as well as a County Councillor for this Parish.

It is sad that the whole of Kenwyn Parish will not in the future be represented by the same County Councillors because after 6th May our Parish will be represented by two different County Councillors one working for Gloweth, Malabar & Shortlanesend and the other working for the Threemilestone & Chacewater area.

In this annual report to Kenwyn Parish Council I will report on the work that I have been undertaking as the County Councillor for the Chacewater, Kenwyn and Baldhu Ward.

In Kenwyn the Playing Fields at Shortlanesend, Chyvelah and Threemilestone have in all three cases been a major expense much of it through utilizing what is known as Section 106 monies. The Village Hall at Shortlanesend has had sound installation fitted and we hope that this will help the Hall to be more functional, but in all honesty we as a Parish have not had an opportunity to use the Hall for over 12 months now – before the initial Lockdown caused us to use virtual means to meet through using our Parish Council iPads.

The Langarth situation continues to proceed if that is the correct statement, slowly what I find which causes me to worry is that what might be considered as enhancements, from Langarth, particularly towards

- the badly needed new School Hall,
- the new Church Hall for All Saints Church at Highertown (not in our Parish but used by some of our residents); new entrance and toilet block for the Threemilestone Community Centre (Village Hall)
- and much needed recreational space for children and younger adults that will be required from the “Cornwall Council County Farm” that was let on a 10-year agreement and the tenancy has 8 years yet to run. However I am concerned that no member of the County Farms Staff (as I wrote this report) has approached the farm tenant as to the land required from Besore Farm, although in the longer term they do accept that more land will be required for Threemilestone.
- stability of the New Mills Flood Prevention Dam and the Sewage Treatment to ensure the River Fal is not polluted as it was last winter to destroy the Mussel beds in the River Fal near the King Harry Ferry.
- The much-heralded Stadium for Cornwall we saw a planning application to raise the Playing height of the actual Stadium by a metre this could have a significant impact on Tregavethan airport system, their small planes cannot get height enough to go over the Stadium as it is today. The airstrip has been in situ since 1983, the business plan of the Stadium has still not gained acceptance from Central Government.,

In my opinion, these worthwhile amendments should be properly financially planned by Cornwall Council because they are too important to be put on a list of what could be referred to as enhancements as a result of what might or might not happened at Langarth.

On the border of our Parish is Tomperrow, just in Kea Parish and a significant issue supporting our young people from all three parishes with Scouts, Cubs and Guides and I have always been pleased to support them financially. I have also been dealing with flooding in the Carnon Riverbed that needs dredging which is the responsibility of the National Coal Board who are always pleading poverty and the Environment Agency are saying that the whole valley from the Bridge at Bissoe to the tidal reaches at Devoran to prevent the flooding of 3 cottages by

the bridge at Bissoe. Have also supported planting of trees on land that is almost in Chacewater but mostly in Kea, which the National Boundary Commission have re-joined the Baldhu Ward of Kea to complete Kea and Feock as one Cornwall Council Division.

Chacewater is the largest of the geographical area within this Division and have obviously been involved with, the Village Hall, the Bowling Club, currently a Sport Pavilion and the rejuvenation of the Brookside Senior Citizen Flats which were built as 3 separate buildings and are a significant issue. I am asking Cornwall Housing if they could include a lift system in each Block because that would make them much more acceptable for the use by Senior Citizens, who can find stairs difficult to climb. Planning enforcement is another concern in several areas of Chacewater Parish which also takes up a lot of my time as a Cornwall Councillor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Dyer', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

John Dyer

April 2021

Cllr. D Tudor – not present and no report submitted.

9. School Governor's Reports

Thremilestone School - not present and no report submitted.

Shortlanesend School - not present and no report submitted.

Richard Lander School - not present and no report submitted.

10. Thremilestone Community Centre Report

Community Centre-Report-2019/21.(Parish Council)

Dear Karen and Parish Councillors,

As last years scheduled Parish Annual meeting didn't take place, here is my report covering the period from late June 2019 to March 2021, when the new committee was elected.

Initially, there were some concerns over Governance, Procedures, and finances, encompassed by a lack of Officers, and non elected persons involvement, which have been quickly addressed.

Covid has had a dramatic effect sadly on us all, and we had to close for numerous periods under the Lockdowns, affecting our income, but by frugal and strategic management and Grant Aid, I am pleased to report that we are in a sound financial position.

Since the new committee was formed, all Contracts and Policies were re-visited, resulting in some changes, with improvements and updates of other matters.

We have re-established a communication link with the Parish Council, and corrected the incorrect previous exclusion of Parish Council representation, now with formal Trustee status and voting rights, as defined in the Charity's original Governing Document.

The Community Centre is going from strength to strength under the new Trustee management committee, and we are extremely grateful for all the help and support from the Parish Council, Parish Councillors, Cornwall Councillor Dulcie Tudor, and the Community Grant Fund, and in particular your Clerk, Karen Harding, who has advised and helped guide us through some difficulties, and advising on our procurement of a Broadband system for all to use, for free.

The investment in the infrastructure has finally resulted in a Legally Compliant building, with a new hot water system, a new "Legionella" resistant cold water tank system, and a new computer controlled heating, for all to use for years to come, and all are working well.

Numerous other minor works and improvements, (too many to list), have been carried out over this period; a few are, an increase in cctv cameras to address the sadly ongoing minor vandalism; repairs to trip hazards, temperature controls to hot water, new Emergency lighting fittings as required, and a visual and siren alarm for the Disabled access toilet.

Following the resignation of the Booking Secretary in July 2019, we appointed Debra Robins, a local and well-known resident, to this post.

After many months of involvement in this role, we appointed her as the Centre Manager.

This had been suggested to committee years ago by an officer, (I believe by a Parish Councillor at that time), and she is doing an amazing job.

We have engaged with our Primary School, who have designed an exciting and imaginative Mural for the building with a theme of "Aspects of Cornwall" which is now completed; and our new Logo has also been produced and displayed on the Chyvelah Road side of the Centre; both of these have generated much discussion in the village with positive comments.

Grant Aid in various forms, has also allowed us to undertake a long-needed re-decoration inside and outside of the building, resulting in a bit of a "Spruce Up".

We have had a concrete pad constructed for the unsightly commercial waste bins so they can be re-sited behind the fence, away from the building face, and removes the Fire Risk to the building from their previous position.

Further news is that the "Proposed Extension" to the Community Centre is imminent, and I hope this will be in contract and underway by the time your meeting is convened, or shortly afterwards.

This was only a "Pipe Dream" some 20 months ago, but with drive and enthusiasm, we have secured the finances to progress this and obtain Planning Permission.

There have been some unforeseen delays, some legal, including having to prove ownership of the Community Centre and land by the Charity; as this highlighted that the Centre was not formally registered with the Land Registry, possibly leaving ownership open to being claimed/challenged/disputed.

This has now been legally addressed and actioned, and ownership proved and accepted by Cornwall Council as being in the Charity's ownership Portfolio; (with the recovery of the original Conveyance Document from Cornwall County Council, circa 1976/77).

It has not been an easy task turning around an organisation sadly lacking some direction in recent times, and unexplained resistance to allow access or the availability to many Documents in recent years, but perseverance has prevailed, and all Trustees now have copies of the Governing Document and have signed "Conflict of Interest" forms for the Charity Commission, including knowledge of their responsibilities.

I am confident and believe that the new Trustees have proven their drive and commitment to move the Centre further forward in the 21st Century.

Hopefully later this year, we will have returned to some form of normality, and thrive.

Once again, can I thank you all on behalf of the Trustees of the Community Centre for your support to date.

It is my intention to keep all informed if re-elected at our next "Safe" AGM, hopefully later this year.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Ashcroft.

TMSCC Chair.

The Parish Council wished to pay tribute to Mr Mike Ashcroft and his Committee for the tremendous work they had carried out to bring the Community Centre up to its current standard. It had taken a huge amount of time and effort to do this.

The Parish Council was also very grateful to receive such a comprehensive and informative report.

11. Shortlanesend Village Hall Report

Sadly, for the last year the Hall has had to close due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Prior to that the hall was extremely well used and booked most days. We hope to return to the same level in the years ahead once the Pandemic is over.

During the last twelve months we have installed a number of Health and Safety items relating to the Pandemic including a commercial dishwasher and Sani Stations at various points in the building. Signage has also been installed to meet the Covid-19 Risk Assessment.

We also invested in acoustic panels in the main hall to improve the sound. We are yet to try it out!

We look forward to better times and we are pleased to say that we still have a lot of interest in the village hall and bookings are cautiously being taken. We will also honour the bookings our regular hirers would have had, and we will keep their slots going forward until they are ready to return.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for writing this report which was difficult given the hall had been closed for almost 12 months.

12. Any Relative Business

No relative business.

The meeting closed at 8pm.