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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Kenwyn Parish held on Monday 11th April 2022 at Shortlanesend Village Hall at 7pm

1. **Present:** Cllr. B Hilton (Chairman), Mrs K J Harding (Clerk to Kenwyn Parish Council), W Robinson, I Holroyd, D Green, John Dyer MBE, R Penhallurick, A Jones, Cornwall Cllr. David Harris, Helen Nicholson, Community Link Officer for Cornwall Council, Chloe Harding, one member of the public
2. **Apologies:** K La Borde, Mark Harry, Cornwall Cllr. Tudor had sent apologies via Derek Green
3. **Chairman's Report**

Chairman's Kenwyn Parish Council Report 2021/2022

I would like to start by thanking Karen, our clerk, for her work both as clerk and troubleshooting across the parish, along with her invaluable advice over the short time I've been chairman; it's been a huge help and is very much appreciated. I'm reminded of those oft spoken words by Cllr. Dyer that the role of chair takes a year to learn followed by a year to really enjoy the role. I can confirm that it is indeed something of a learning curve, one that I'm only starting to appreciate and get to grips with, and I look forward to whatever the future may bring.

I would like to thank Cllr. Harry for all his work as chairman, his energy and drive was sorely missed when he stepped down from the role. However, it's been a pleasure to welcome him back to the council following a short break, and I look forward to his contributions for years to come. A well-deserved thank you also goes to Cllr Holroyd for stepping into the role of vice-chairman, and having been chair in the past his help has been invaluable.

I would also like to extend our thanks to all our parish employees and contractors for all their exceptionally hard work throughout the year; Sue Chapman for her exceptional work keeping the parish parks in tip-top condition; Graham Harding for everything he does, our often unsung hero of the parish, always ready to jump in to fix the latest emergency, in all weathers and odd times of day; sadly, we said goodbye to our long-term cleaner at Shortlanesend Village Hall, Rose Kessell, who we all wish well for the future; and we welcome Em McClary to the council employ as our new cleaner, stepping into this invaluable role at short notice. Thank you all.

Thank you also to all our hard-working councillors who have had to contend with conducting virtual meetings and all the difficulties thereof throughout 2021. And, for their scrutiny, often robust discussion and many varied views that all come together to make Kenwyn Parish a better place for everyone.

I would like to extend our thanks to Aileen Gammon, who stepped down from the parish council after many years of devotion. Her wisdom, advice and impeccable sense of humour will be missed greatly, and I wish her well for the future.

Whilst I have only been in the role for a few short months, it has been my pleasure to navigate our way back to the new normal and in-face meetings this year, following Zoom meetings throughout 2021. Parish meetings have been moved to once a month with combined planning and general council meetings to avoid unnecessary additional contact while we are still in the midst of the pandemic.

Work is ongoing rewilding some of the parish verges with the help of Cormac, which I'm sure go a long way towards providing diverse habitats for our wildlife. I'd like to thank all those involved with planting the new trees in Threemilestone Park - including volunteers from Oak Tree School and our dedicated councillors, Cllr Green, Cllr La Borde and Cllr Jones. Additional tree planting will be carried out in Shortlanesend Park shortly.

I can also report that our new website is now up and running, it's a significant upgrade over our previous one, which will serve the community and provide a portal into the goings on at the parish council. This has gone hand-in-hand with new computer equipment for our clerk's office and laptops for councillors, which I hope will remove boundaries for those thinking of becoming a councillor in the future and provide a more robust framework for our existing councillors to fulfil their roles.

I look forward to the rest of 2022 and the challenges and opportunities it may bring.

Kind regards,

Cllr Hilton

Chair of Kenwyn Parish Council

The Chairman's Report was noted with thanks.

4. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th April 2021

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th April 2021 were agreed and signed.

5. Matters arising from the 2021 minutes

No matters arising from the 2021 minutes.

6. Accounts for the year ending 31.03.22

The unaudited accounts for the year ending 31.03.22 were agreed and signed.

7. Precept 2022/2023

The Chairman advised the precept for 2022/23 was £170220.00.

In real terms this was a reduction of 3.4% for a Band D Property brought about by prudent budgeting and reallocation of reserves in order to help parishioners facing the ever increasing cost of living.

8. Cornwall Councillor's Reports

Cllr. D Harris – firstly apologised to the parish council for missing some meetings, he hoped as his health improved he would be able to attend many more meetings.

Cllr. Harris introduced Helen Nicholson, Cornwall Council Community Link Officer, to the meeting.

Cllr. Harris advised the Langarth Development was moving forward and one of the urgent matters facing Cornwall Council and the parish council was Governance. This needed looking at sooner rather than later and he informed members of the parish council they would be invited to join discussions on this very soon.

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

9. School Governor's Reports

Threemilestone School - Not present and no report submitted.

John Dyer – expressed his disappointment that no report had been received from Threemilestone School. It was noted it had been several years now since a report was received.

Richard Lander School - Not present and no report submitted.

Shortlanesend School - As follows:

10. Threemilestone Community Centre Report - Not present and no report submitted.

Derek Green, as a Trustee, updated the meeting. The Community Centre was now up and running following the extension works. It was financially sound. The Committee Room was now being renovated and would be offered for council meetings in the future once the Building and Land it stood on had been handed back to the Management Committee by Cornwall Council.

The Chairman of the Management Committee had advised the workmen had removed the parish council's noticeboard and it had now been lost. He would be inviting the parish council to replace it at the council's cost. Derek Green would update the parish council as to the design and type of board the committee would want there in due course.

John Dyer – advised he was very disappointed with the lack of parking spaces since the extension was put on. Derek Green advised there was a long-term plan to address this but he agreed in the meanwhile there was a definite lack of parking provision in the village.

John Dyer – advised parking was needed now not sometime in the future.

11. Shortlanesend Village Hall Report

2021/2022 saw the hall re-open and close a few times due to Government Restrictions relating to the Pandemic but we are pleased to report that the hall is now open full time and bookings have been overwhelming. We are all but fully booked now during the week and we have a lot of weekend bookings too.

We said goodbye to our previous Cleaner, Mrs Rose Kessell. We thank her for all years of service and wish her well for the future.

And so, we welcome Mrs Emma McClary as our new Cleaner. We look forward to working together with Emma.

The hall continues to be very popular, and it is lovely to see families reuniting for their various events and to see children able to enjoy birthday parties once again.

12. Any Relative Business

No relative business.

The meeting closed at 7.16pm.