

**MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
16TH MAY 2019 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURY ROAD, KENTFORD AT 7.00PM.**

Present: Cllr M Baker, Cllr C Carter, Cllr T Alexander, Cllr H Morrison, four members of the public and District Councillor R Dicker later in the meeting.

1. Apologies

All present.

2. Election of Chairman

Proposed by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Morrison that Cllr Baker be elected Chairman for the year 2019/20 – all in favour.

4. Roles & Recruitment

HM stressed it was crucial to increase the number of parish councillors. Fiona has indicated she would be interested in putting her name forward. Training needs to be investigated for all councillors. The clerk indicated SALC offer bespoke training that could be shared by other local small councils (CM to action).

3. Minutes / Matters Arising

Points arising from the minutes:

Farriers Grange no further development, concerns were raised that a street light stump has been wrapped in electricity tape and could be dangerous. CC to write to contractors; Moulton Road bus stop no action to date; road layout cannot be addressed as still unadopted by Highways, pressure to be put on Bloor Homes as design is dangerous; Kentford fete, raffle prizes required, a second planning meeting arranged for 20th May; village tidy up, list of jobs to be drawn up but nothing shouting at present.

The minutes were then unanimously approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

5. Public Forum

Matters raised included trees and bushes overhanging the pavement (after the vets but before the business park, HM to action); grass not strimmed around the Moulton Road bus stop (HM to

action); update on the adoption plan for the open space at Anvil Way (CC to persist in pursuing this issue with Matthew Homes); broken streetlight.

6. Street Lighting

Four options were considered with D being the preferred choice:

Proposed by Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Morrison that Option D be approved: 5 change to LED £2,344.88, 77 Just Lantern, 11 Change to LED £2,565.88, 10 Repair £2,565.88, 12 Repair £1,961.

91, Road Management £1,200 for 2 days all plus vat. Firm estimates and starting dates to be confirmed with SCC.

7. New play area – Kentford Lodge

Cllr Alexander expressed his concern that the play area at Kentford Park had safety issues i.e. flooring around the play equipment not level, flint, a bench with no shelter. Those using the park to be asked whether they feel there is a need for improvements, if yes, the Parish Council would be willing to offer their support in promoting this further. Residents should get together and ask the Management Company what future plans they have for the site. The Parish Council to offer backing if required.

8. Walkways through Kentford

Long term aims - no action until the sites have been adopted by the Council.

9. Village Hall

Social events not well attended but numbers for evening classes are encouraging. An invitation for a member of Kentford Parish Council to join the Village Hall Committee has been received from Robin Swanson.

A meeting has been organised with other local Parishes to discuss the A11/A14 problem. Date 30th May at 7.00pm venue St Mary's Church. Cllr Baker to lead.

10. Planning permission notice

DC/19/0771/FUL Planning Application – (i) Bike track with customer facilities, (ii) Access and Landscaping, at Bury Road and Icknield Way, Land at Bury Road, Kentford – Support.

11. AOB

None.

Date of next meeting agreed as Thursday 4th July 2019 at 7.00pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

