

**MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
7TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURY ROAD, KENTFORD AT 7.
00PM.**

Present: Cllr M Baker, Cllr C Carter, Cllr H Morrison

In attendance: Cllr R Dicker and four members of the public

1. Apologies

Cllr T Alexandra

2. Declaration of Interests

None declared.

3. Co-option

Three applications have been received. By unanimous vote it was agreed Fiona Cunnington, Steven Thompson and Barbara Tautz be co-opted onto Kentford Parish Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office were duly signed.

4. Minutes/Matters arising

Comments have been submitted to the planning authority in relation to DC/19/1663F/UL 4 houses on land opposite Meddler Stud - no further update; the application for 19 shared ownership houses on Bury Road was taken off the 6th November planning agenda; no further update on the bus shelter on Moulton Road; a message has been received from Robin Millar saying discussions have been delayed regarding traffic using the villages as a cut through; two new streetlights and a new pedestrian crossing (located towards the bridge) are to be in place in December; large pothole on road just below the church to be reported.

4. Officer report

Letters informing residents of bin collection changes have been sent out; monies from Government is to be made available to provide 22 electric charging points (tied to lampposts) for those who do not have driveways/garages; car parking enforcement to be transferred in 2020 from the police to local authorities; Local Plan now passed; parking review progressing; Rural Task Force in place; the planning application for 19 homes on Bury Road may be reduced to 6/7 (not

yet confirmed).

Agenda item 7 was now heard.

7. Farriers Grange

A long process but a positive email has been received from Rachel Almond, Planning. Points WSC are concerned with prior to accepting various pockets of land in the estate include outdated streetlighting along the northern boundary (to be disconnected); repairs to the chain link fence, grass mowed and weeds strimmed either side of the boundary path; stone removal on the grass area of the public open space; replacement of sections of beech hedging 23 meters in length. Outstanding Highway matters (SCC) are being progressed. It is anticipated the

Council will be in a position to adopt the outstanding areas of land by March 2020. Formal enforcement not advised due to the length of time it takes to come to fruition.

5. Public Forum

No further matters raised.

8. Projects for the year ahead

Suggested priorities for next year - planting bulbs, clearing, tidying to continue; general upkeep of the church by helping with dilapidation issues raised in the recent quinquennial report; church window cleaning; set up groups responsible for where they live; develop community engagement; invite villagers to pub or church as a meeting point for a 'New Villager Event' (Will Wright to be contacted for guidance); revive the 'Welcome to Kentford' brochure; clear pathways to make it easier to walk along particularly in the dark; use of coffee shop at garage; post housing, look at ecology of the village; Christmas Fayre at the church in 2020; hobby club. Further proposals to be sent to MB for future discussion.

9. Training

Arranged for 28th November 7.00-9.00pm at the church.

Christmas lights at church 30th November 11.30am set up.

Cleaning of church and decoration 7th December at 10.00am ready for the concert on the 8th December.

Date of next meeting

9th January 2020 at 7.00pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.04pm.

