

**MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
19TH SEPTEMBER AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURY ROAD, KENTFORD AT 7.00PM.**

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

In attendance: Will Wright Families & Community Officer, eight members of the public.

The Chairman advised there were currently three Councillor vacancies and urged any persons interested to make contact.

1. Apologies

Cllr R Dicker.

2. Declaration of Interests

None declared.

Agenda item 5 was now heard.

5. Public Forum

Planning matter: DC/19/1663/FUL Land opposite Meddler Stud, Bury Road, Kentford. 4 no. dwellings with associated access and footbridge.

Concerns raised: building on a floodplain (minimum flood risk indicated on the planning documents as houses are to be raised up above the 100-year flood level); loss of needed farm land; additional traffic on an extremely busy road; narrow access for two way traffic at location; sold as amenity land (to be verified); excessive growth already within Kentford; significant loss of scenic break between the two parts of the village; risk to the natural environment i.e. deer path/badger set.

Kentford Parish Council will be writing a strongly worded objection letter in respect of this

application. Residents were similarly encouraged to voice their objections to the proposal. **MB to draft an initial letter and circulate by individual email for any further comments.**

2. Minutes/Matters Arising

Points arising from the minutes: Five new street lights still waiting to be actioned by SCC. Application for 19 shared ownership houses (towards the garage on the right-hand side), Kentford PC strongly objected and had the support of the planning authority. Kentford fete was very successful with £1500 raised for E.A.A.A. Thank you to everyone involved. Date for next year's

'Midsummer Fete' confirmed as 20th June. 2020.

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

3. Officer reports

No report available.

4. Will Wright, Families & Communities Officer

Potential projects & funding - Looking to do a Young Persons Project in the village; the bus shelter on Moulton Road has been identified; a street artist will engage with the youth and as a

result create a piece that represents those individuals as opposed to coming in with a paint pot; to move it forward, WW is available to host/facilitate the project; ways of engaging with the youth included direct contact; flyers (RD to leaflet drop in his area), meeting in a safe space i.e Pavilion, contact with parents, coffee shop near to the garage (JG to be contacted), social media presence, website. All agreed the bus shelter project is a good starting point for youth engagement.

Funding wise, there is the Locality Budget and also as a Parish Council, access to Community Action Suffolk Funding Portal. WW advised he would also be keen to work with the wider community beyond the Parish Council.

8. Future projects

a) Preserving Kentford's Natural Environment - WW suggested an ecology survey be carried out to identify what is currently in the village. WSC Parks Department to be emailed for their contact list (WW).

WW left the meeting at 7.50pm.

b) Transport links within and through the village

A meeting is to be held shortly with representatives from local parishes, Kentford/Kennett/ Tudd enham/Red Lodge. Discussion will be focused on how to prevent traffic using the villages as a cut through (Cllr Robin Millar to lead). A map plotting where lorries were coming from was available to view.

Other than the two Vehicle Activation Signs, suggestions were invited for ways of slowing down traffic coming through the village - further pedestrian crossing (already in Meddler Stud plans); pinch points; mini roundabout at The Bell crossroads (may be considered with the Kennett 500 homes development); police presence/voluntary group.

6. Planning matters

Already addressed earlier in the meeting.

7. New Housing Developments update

Thanks to CC/RD, the Council now agree outstanding works at Farriers Grange should have been completed by the developer. One part of the footpath that has long been outstanding has been insta

lled. The liquid gas storage facilities on Kentford Lodge are to stay, (initiated by RD). Potholes/sunken drain covers to be identified and photos taken (HM).

9. Developing the Parish Council

Members of the public were given a brief overview of the work of the council and encouraged to come forward for co-option.

Training date for Councillors confirmed as 24th October. Venue to be agreed.

Date of next meeting agreed as Thursday 7th November 2019 at 7.00pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

