

**MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY  
27TH FEBRUARY 2020 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURY ROAD, KENTFORD AT 7.  
00PM.**

Present: Cllr M Baker, Cllr C Carter, Cllr H Morrison, Cllr F Cunnington, Cllr B Tautz, and six members of the public.

**1. Apologies**

Cllr T Alexandra, Cllr S Thompson.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

A presentation by a planning consultation from Meddler Development.

As part of the wider scheme for 19 affordable houses at land south of Bury Road, Kentford (up for refusal at the planning committee next week) an offer was made to create a path along the back of the homes with investment for a public open space i.e. planting, seating. In return, the Parish Council would be expected to reverse their decision and recommend approval. Due to time limitations, an answer to be given before the end of the week. Questions were asked relating to the landfill mound, S106 monies. To summarise, MB said the opinion of the village was that there were adequate affordable homes. Additionally, the application is outside the boundary which ultimately would lengthen the village. MB to repeat the Parish Council's objections.

**3. Matters Arising**

Covered within the agenda.

**4. Public Forum**

Issues with footpaths, mud in laybys, inadequate street lighting, specifically at the corner of Herringswell Road; work in progress to replace old street lighting with LED lights, a thank you to the PC for their robust/clear view of the proposed development near the river, speeding traffic, weight limit bridges being used by HGVs; if possible individuals to take number plates, unsafe zebra crossing, flooding at junction of Herringswell Road; already reported to Highways.

**5. Paths in Kentford/Public Open Spaces**

Once the developments are completed, between £38,000-£56,000 will be available to be spent in the village. Walk/Cycle ways – for improvements to Gazeley Road/Bury Road junction to garage and beyond to Icknield Way. In Particular, a path to connect the new cycle centre by the garage with the village. Open spaces – preference for purchase of land next to the church/play area. MB has already spoken with Mr Boyce who is open to the idea. Woodland Walk progress – no response to emails/messages.

#### **6. Planning concerns**

The application for 19 affordable homes at the far end of the village will be heard at West Suffolk Council planning committee on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00am. If interested to speak please register beforehand.

For information only, the Environmental Flood Risk document for Kentford was circulated by HM . To be referred to as and when planning applications in the village are submitted. No action at present.

#### **7. Kentford Flower & History Festival**

Festival date 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June. First CB8 advert in early June will be free. All help welcomed. With 50-100 original brochures still in hand, it was agreed not to print any more for the time being. Both Kentford pubs have been contacted regarding a meeting venue for a community get together. A flyer, to include the Flower & History Festival, to be printed and circulated to residents. Next Door to be promoted as a better way of advertising events. Posters to be displayed on the notice board and garage.

#### **8. Website**

FC suggested Kentford website could be used more effectively i.e. links to the pubs, garage, other groups, planning information, news from other villages. Website is currently out of date; councillors were to be trained on running the website. At present a work in progress. Suggested a paid person be enlisted to keep the website up to date. Considered appropriate, in the first instance to ask TA/ST for their views.

#### **9. Bus shelter**

In conjunction with a local artist and Will Wright, Community Liaison Officer, a project involving local teenagers decorating the bus shelter was agreed to be a non-priority at this present time. MB to inform WW of the decision.

Date of next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.0pm.

