

**MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
9TH JANUARY 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, Cllr S Thompson and one member of the public.

1. Apologies

Cllr T Alexandra.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Minutes/Matters Arising

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

Nothing received from West Suffolk Council regarding planning application D/19/1663/FUL (four houses on land opposite Meddler Stud); application for 19 shared ownership homes on Bury Road has been withdrawn; contractors carrying out work at Farriers Grange have knocked down a post, yet to be reinstalled; trees have been trimmed along the tarmac section of the footpath between Jeddah Way and Moulton Road; majority of rubbish cleared. **Cllr Dicker to be contacted as issues are still outstanding with no response to emails sent by Cllr Carter.** With the District Council due to takeover the site in March 2020, it is essential outstanding works are carried out by the developers in compliance with their S106 obligations. Cllr Carter to email the developer once again and copy in all Councillors. **MB to write to Robin Millar congratulating him on his success in becoming an MP.**

4. Officer report

No report available.

5. Action plan for 2020 with costings

The village website to be more proactive and informative; once trained HM and ST to be responsible for updating content, **MB to contact EA for log in details;** Welcome Pack/newsletter to be delivered to all new homes; **HM to review previous copy, update if necessary and bring**

back to the next meeting; suggested Welcome Pack/newsletter be posted on the website and on the Parish Council notice boards.

Due to a need for a community meeting place in Kentford, Cllr Tautz said plans have been drawn up and tenders sent out to install a kitchenette and toilet within the church. Monies left over from the new village hall build in Kennett may be obtainable. **MB to speak, in principle, to the K&K to assist in funding the project.** Cllr Carter recommended a business plan be drawn up to look at the feasibility of the proposal.

Ideas for village events included History & Flower exhibition in place of the Summer Fete; Christmas Fayre to coincide with the Brass Band concert; Welcome event in both pubs in March/April, **MB to talk with both The Kentford & The Bell.** Website to be utilised for

further suggestions. A meeting at Tudor Cottage at 7.00pm on Wednesday 15th January in order to make decisions about events and start to plan. Open to all.

b) Village 'housekeeping'

Village sign needs repainting/ bricks repointed.

Bus shelters - an ongoing project.

Planting bulbs

New street lights – works still to be completed. A phased project with the view of replacing all outdated street lights within the village.

5. Setting the precept

Unanimously agreed, the precept for the financial year 2020/2021 be set at £11,200. This equates to a Parish Band D Council Tax of £30.29 per household with an overall percentage increase of 3.48%.

6. Feedback from training session – deferred to the next meeting.

7. Planning update – deferred to the next meeting.

8. Date of next meeting : Thursday 20th February 2020 at 7.00pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

