

MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH AUGUST 2021 AT 7.30PM AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, KENTFORD

Present: Cllr M Baker, Cllr C Carter, Cllr B Tautz, Cllr F Cunnington, Cllr S Thompson.

Notes were taken by Cllr Baker.

1. Apologies

Cllr Alexander, Cllr Morrison, Christine Eastell (Clerk)

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2021

One amendment to minutes: Simon **Collins** to be changed to Simon **Collin**. Unanimously agreed the amended minutes to be signed as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

No matters were raised.

4. Financial position

Balance of Treasurers Account as of 5th August 2021 £6044.47. Instant Savers as of 9th March 2021 £3965.56. Unanimously approved.

5. Officer's reports

Cllr Drummond's report was previously circulated.

6. Public Forum

Meddler Stud street light damaged and reported on the 10th March but not yet repaired. Cllr Baker to chase.

7. S106 update

Further meeting with Simon Collin on 7th September to check the viability of a new path. Cllr Morrison to be asked to check on Rackham's land as an option for woodland.

Animal Health Trust are aware of the parish council's interest in purchasing land for woodland.

Councillors liked the idea, perhaps linked to development of the old information centre as a community project.

8. Lighting

Unanimously agreed to upgrade the street light at the Bell junction.

9. **Grass cutting**

Steve Thompson was thanked for his work so far and for continuing for the rest of the season.

Grass cutting for the new season will be addressed in November. Permission was given for Steve to cut down two small trees by the church wall which are undermining the wall.

Cllr Baker to contact Gavin regarding the encroaching hedge on Bury Road, and also the parking of cars at Tudor Cottage. Cllr Baker to request two new bins at the Packhorse Gardens and Woodland Walk.

Litter – concerns were raised regarding litter and dog mess. Cllr Cunnington to share the link for WSDC litter equipment to enable councillors to get their own tools. Plan for a mass litter pick in March 2022.

Cllr Baker to check when the Environment Agency will be clearing the river bed.

10. Christmas Fayre

December 4th in the Church. Cllr Tautz requested support from the Parish Council. Agreed to contribute up to the sum of £200 towards publicity etc.

11. Any other business

Cllr Carter asked whether the issue of unique emails for councillors could be addressed at the next meeting. Cllr Thompson to contact Cllr Alexander.

12. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 7.30pm.