

**MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021 AT 6.45 PM AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, KENTFORD**

Present: Cllr M Baker, Cllr C Carter, Cllr B Tautz, Cllr H Morrison, Cllr F Cunnington, Cllr S Thompson and Cllr Roger Dicker

**1. Election of Chairman**

Proposed by Cllr Chris Carter, seconded by Cllr Barbara Tautz that Cllr Malcolm Baker be re-elected for the forthcoming year – agreed. A succession plan to be an agenda item at the January 2022 meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Cllr Trev Alexander

**3. Public Forum**

Items raised included speed cameras and footpaths. Agenda items.

**4. Financial position**

The summary receipts and payments for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, and the finance report to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were unanimously approved. Balance for Treasurers Account stands at £7499.74, balance for Instant Savers Account stands at 3965.56.

The Annual Governance documentation for 2020/2021 was approved and signed by the Chairman.

**5. Planning**

Application DC/21/1173/FUL – Elm House, Anvil Way, Kentford CB8 8GY

A draft letter, previously circulated, **objecting** to application DC/21/1173/FUL to be signed by the clerk and sent to the Planning Officer at West Suffolk Council.

Update on planning application for a single house on land adjacent to land 2 Riverside Cottages, Bury Road, Kentford. Due to Highways requesting a new plan, the decision from WSC is delayed until the 14<sup>th</sup> July.

**6. Maintenance in Farriers Grange**

Still not actioned. Cllr Malcolm Baker and Cllr Barbara Tautz will be meeting with Simon

Collins shortly to discuss outstanding maintenance issues at Farriers Grange.

#### **7. S106 sub-committee update**

Unless used, the surplus S106 monies will be required to be returned to the developer.

Pathway through the village linking Lambert Grove – more straight forward.

Crossing the river – still an option but complicated. Site visit with owner of land to be arranged as well as a conversation with Anglian Water.

With the deadline of October fast approaching, a backup plan was discussed. An alternative option could be the Platinum Jubilee planting trees project. Land would need to be purchased. Suggestions included by the River Kennett and Bury Road, field on left hand side alongside the newly constructed path towards the garage. Cllr Morrison to investigate.

#### **8. Speed cameras update, purchase of batteries and charger**

At this time, rather than investing in a solar powered upgraded speed camera, authorization was given to Cllr Malcolm Baker to purchase two new batteries and charger for the existing device. Cost £130.00. Following a successful application for an ANPR camera, Cllr Chris Carter has been advised the cameras have not yet been delivered to Suffolk Constabulary. A complaint from a resident relating to speeding through Farriers Grange was discussed. Personalised signs put up by residents might be an option.

Cllr Morrison to source quotations for a solar powered camera. To be discussed at the January precept meeting.

#### **9. Grass cutting**

Owing to the retirement of the present contractor, three tenders to be sent out for the grass cutting contract for Kentford. The original specification to be used. The Clerk to action. Once received, to be circulated. In the interim, Steve Tautz to be asked whether he is willing to cut the overgrown area alongside the church railings. Cllr Baker to action.

#### **10. Date of next meeting**

Agreed as Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

With no further business the meeting closed at 7.40pm.

