

MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2021 AT 7.30PM AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, KENTFORD

Present: Cllr M Baker, Cllr C Carter, Cllr B Tautz, Cllr Andy Drummond (SCC), Cllr Roger Dicker (WSC), Revd. Chris Childs (part), Christine Eastell, Parish Clerk and one member of the public.

1. Apologies

Cllr S Thompson. Contact to be made with Cllr Thompson and Cllr Alexander **MB to action.**

Due to ongoing work commitments and with immediate effect, Cllr Henry Morrison has tendered his resignation as a Parish Councillor. Democratic Services to be advised. **CE to action.**

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2021

Unanimously agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2021 be signed as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

As owned by the Parish Council, the repair to the streetlight at the Bell junction will not be included in the SCC street light upgrade programme. **CE to contact Adrian Last at SCC.** A copy of all KPC owned street lights to be forwarded to Cllr Drummond. **CE to action.**

Litter/dog poo bins for the Packhorse Garden and Woodland Walk have been requested. **CE to chase.** Recycling bottle bank. **MB to speak with Jeremy Gredley, RD to speak to both Mark Walsh and the Planning Officer regarding availability of S106 monies.** With effect from April 2022, grass cutting quotations to be sought from local contractors. **CE to action.**

No further movement in relation to S106 monies. **With the deadline approaching, RD to contact Simon Collin.** An update at the next meeting.

Quotations to update the existing battery Vehicle Activated Speed Signs to solar powered to be obtained. **CE to action.** An agenda item at the next meeting. Cllr Drummond offered to assist with funding from his locality budget.

4. Financial position

Balance of Treasurers Account as of 20th August 2021 £6400.53, Instant Savers £3965.65. Payment

s were retrospectively approved.

5. Officer's reports

Cllr Drummond's report was previously circulated. Topics included work underway to replace all 43,400 street lighting lanterns with LED lanterns; commitment by SCC/WSC to deliver the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan for carbon neutrality by 2030; Environmental Portfolio has been given to Cllr Drummond; building of low carbon houses; £50 million to be put into bus routes. An issue was raised regarding the effect on buses with the continuing five tons weight restriction on the bridge, an upgrade by Network Rail is vital.

As the next architect's instalment (£900) for the church project is to be paid by Cllr Drummond, a formal request by the Parish Council to be submitted. **CE to action.**

Cllr Dicker's report was previously circulated. An additional point raised, an email has been sent by Feckenham Parish Council relating to the setting up of a new group to focus on issues of individual areas that are not being addressed since the amalgamation of Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury. Suggested meeting date 19th October at 7.00pm. A further WSC email on Agile work ing to be forwarded to councillors. **CE to action.**

6. Public Forum

Matters included branches, greenery from residential properties overhanging onto footpaths; vehicle s parking on pavements – as a police issue, SNT in Mildenhall to be informed. **CE to action.**

7. Kennett & Kentford Village Hall Association

To support the Church Community Hub, the K&K Village Hall Association has been approached fo r a financial contribution towards costs. Not to be seen as a rival village hall but a smaller venue for Kentford residents. Further meeting on the 1st November to put forward a detailed financial plan for the second phase of the church development. Platinum Jubilee next year – Kennett has suggested the event is shared with Kentford. A small working party to be set up. If interested, contact Cllr Baker. An article to be included in the newsletter.

8. Anglian Water plans

A zoom call with Anglian Water has been planned for this coming Friday at 4.00pm. A series o f questions have been prepared in advance by Cllr. Carter.

9. Planning Re-Consultation DC/21/0167/FUL

Land adjacent to 1, Riverside Cottages, Bury Road, Kentford. With little difference to the original planning application, the response made previously by Kentford Parish Council will stand. The clerk to be advised of any additional comments made by Cllr Cunnington. **CC to action.**

10. Parish Newsletter

At draft stage, deadline Friday 15th October. To be distributed beginning of November. Cllrs Baker & Tautz to discuss the parish council's input at the end of the meeting.

11. Environmental Agency – clearing the banks alongside the road

As requested by the Environmental Agency, the nearest postcode to the banks requiring clearing is CB8 7PT **CE to action.**

12. Update/decision on email provider

Update/decision deferred until the next meeting.

13. Response to Suffolk LED works

Discussed earlier in the agenda.

14. Christmas Fayre update

Date 4th December 2021, 11am to 4pm. All stalls now sold. Volunteers needed to sell raffle tickets.

Village support is important as will strengthen any future funding applications.

15. Date of next meeting – Thursday 25th November at 7.30pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.