

MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, KENTFORD

Present: Cllr M Baker, Cllr C Carter, Cllr B Tautz, Cllr Andy Drummond (SCC), Revd Chris Childs, Christine Eastell, Parish Clerk and two members of the public.

1. Apologies

Cllr H Morrison, Cllr S Thompson, Cllr F Cunnington.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2021

Unanimously agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2021 be signed as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Agenda item 6 - Repair to damaged street light at Meddler Stud. **MB to chase.**

Agenda item 8 - SCC to be reminded on the upgrade to the streetlight at the Bell junction. **MB to action.**

Agenda item 9 - Two small trees by the church wall have been cut down - a thank you to Steve Tautz. Litter/dog poo bin for the Packhorse Garden and Woodland Walk to be requested. **CE to action.** Environmental Agency to be contacted to ascertain when the Kennett river bed is to be cleared. **CE to action.**

4. Financial position

Balance of Treasurers Account as of 2nd August 2021 £6026.03. Instant Savers as of 9th August 2021 £3965.62. Payments were retrospectively approved.

5. Officer's reports

Cllr Drummond's report was previously circulated. Applications for Highways and District Council Locality Budgets are now open for community/highways projects; further details will be included in the next Parish Newsletter. An agenda item for the next meeting. Regarding an ongoing request to SCC for an ANPR speed device, Cllr Drummond to chase. Copies of all correspondence to be emailed to AD. **CC to action.**

As part of the SCC manifesto, it has been identified £20 million is required to be spent on new cycle

networks. Suggested Moulton/Kentford liaise on this issue. In principle, already actioned but following an engineer's site visit, not a feasible option. Concerning the siting of the recycling bottle bank, Cllr Drummond to speak with Jeremy Gredley. An agenda item next meeting.

6. Public Forum

Matters included absence of meeting agendas on notice boards; horse manure on paths (Cllr Dicker to be informed); weeds and poorly maintained pavements on Bury Road (WSC to be asked for an extra cut, including trimming trees and hedges. A grass cutting SLA with WSC to be investigated for next season. **CE to contact** Damien Parker, WSC.

7. S106 project ideas

Background information was given by Cllr Baker and Cllr Tautz. After lengthy discussions, it was suggested plan one should be to purchase land from the administrators of the Animal Health Trust, followed by tree planting to create a Platinum Coronation Woodland/possibly a new cemetery. Cllr Drummond, as the WSC Tree Champion to provide free trees offered by the Woodland Trust. In conclusion, Cllr Baker proposed that a) the idea of a footpath be closed b) priority be given to the purchase of AHT land c) Moulton pathway implemented as a backu p – agreed. Cllrs Baker and Tautz to meet with Simon Collin in the coming week, a report at the next meeting.

8. Grass cutting

As discussed in agenda item 6, West Suffolk Council to be asked if areas of grass maintained by Kentford Parish Council could be included in their next season's schedule. **CE to action.** A thank you again to Steve Tautz for carrying out the work on an interim basis.

9. To discuss further the proposed footpath joining various housing areas

Councillors were made aware title for the access road under discussion for a proposed footpath w as acquired by the owner of 31 Moulton Avenue following a successful adverse possession application in 2017. An apology to be given to the resident in question that the Parish Council ha d not contacted him prior to discussing the proposal. **Cllr Baker to action.**

10. Discussion regarding Anglian Water pipeline plans

Three of the most relevant drawings were previously circulated by Cllr Carter. For clarification on key points, a representative from Anglian Water to be invited to a future Parish Council meeting. **CE to action.**

11. Parish communication – possibility of a newsletter with the Church

Church as a Community Asset: Drawings for a loo and servery are being drawn up. As 18th cent ury and listed, pews cannot be removed. Present costs in the region of £57,000 but will increase due to the drain having to lay underground.

To inform residents of events happening in Kentford, it was suggested, twice a year, sending out

a combined Church/Parish Council news sheet. Cllr Baker proposed the Parish Council contribute an initial sum of £200 towards costs - unanimously approved. Publication in October, articles to Revd Childs by 1st October. Cllr Baker to find volunteers. Invoice for printing to be sent to the clerk.

12. Advice received for Parish Council emails

Information regarding an email service offered by Suffolk Cloud to be sent direct to Cllrs Thompson and Alexander. **CE to action.**

13. Update on land transfer, Farriers Grange to Matthew Homes to WSDC

Due to meet with Simon Collin next week.

14. Date of next meeting - Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 7.30pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.49pm.