

**MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Cllr M Baker, Cllr C Carter, Cllr B Tautz, Cllr H Morrison (19.53), Cllr F Cunnington, Cllr S Thompson and SCC Andy Drummond.

**1. Apologies**

None received.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting / Matters Arising**

Website developing slowly, Cllrs Baker and Carter felt they were not yet proficient to train other councillors. Cllr Alexander to be contacted for further training. Cllr Baker to promote the website via Next Door. The damaged flint wall on Bury Road is due for repair on 28<sup>th</sup> May. Too early for a response from the Inspectorate in relation to Hansons Aggregate planning application, usually six weeks from time of the hearing. Decision from WSC delayed until the 14<sup>th</sup> May regarding a planning application for a single house on land adjacent to 1 and 2 Riverside Cottages, Bury Road, Kentford. Following a question from Cllr Cunnington concerning land earmarked for thirty eight dwellings, Cllr Drummond confirmed he is not the owner of the land in question. The recent litter picking event successful. Cllr Cunnington to organise a litter pick during May/June as part of the WSC Keep Britain Tidy Month. To be advertised on the village website. The minutes were then unanimously approved as a true record of the meeting and will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

**4. Officer's reports**

Cllr Drummond's report was previously circulated which included the availability of ANPR speeding devices for siting in the village.

**5. Speeding in Kentford**

Although Speed Watch has been used in the past, this approach has not proven to be an effective way of reducing speeding through the village. In relation to obtaining an ANPR camera, it was

proposed by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Baker that a request for the hire of the devices be made via Cllr Drummond – unanimous. The Community Engagement Officer to be advised.

#### **6. S106 Monies feedback**

Regarding pathways within Kentford, it was agreed at a meeting with Simon Collins, attended by Cllr Baker and Cllr Tautz, that work will be progressed towards creating a path connecting Lambert Grove to the Bury Road Garage and cycle works. To achieve this, the viability of two key areas needs to be assessed a) connection from Lambert Grove into Jeddah Way b) connection across the river by Meddler Stud. Actions: Simon to approach Anglian Water regarding the river area and Lambert Grove management company; Kirsten Rausing to be contacted concerning ownership of river crossing and options; Cllr Baker to liaise with

Cllr Alexander for details of management company. On the location of the proposed public pathway, it was agreed consideration should be given to the views of those householders affected most in Moulton Avenue. A presentation on an individual basis to be organised by Cllrs Cunnington and Morrison. Comments to be fed back to the Parish Council.

## **7. Church Grounds**

As the churchyard is closed for all burials but open for interment of ashes, it is still classed as a working churchyard and therefore S106 monies cannot be used as an 'open space'. A licence for the church to use the bordering field is believed to have been drawn up by Mr Boyce, however, a copy of the signed agreement has not been forthcoming.

Cllr Tautz asked if the Parish Council were willing to support the maintenance of the church grounds by purchasing a new lawn mower. Prior to any decision being made, an interest was declared by Cllr Tautz. Proposed by Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Carter that the sum of £250 be made available for the purchase of a new lawn mower – unanimous. Additionally, a church allowance to be discussed at the next precept meeting.

Update on the community meeting area within the church – at the pre faculty stage, plans have gone out to all authorities with a deadline for a response set at the end of April, positive comments so far.

## **8. Date of next meeting**

Agreed as Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.00pm in St Mary's Church, Kentford.

### **Any other business**

Cllr Cunnington to check whether the glass at the bus stop has been cleared. Has been reported by Cllr Baker - to chase.

Open invitation to help support the car boot sale at Kennett Playing Field in aid of the church.

Date 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.54pm.

