

**MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021 AT 7.30PM**

Due to technical issues the meeting commenced at 19.46pm.

Present: Cllr M Baker, Cllr C Carter, Cllr B Tautz, Cllr H Morrison, Cllr F Cunnington, Cllr S Thompson, DC Roger Dicker and two members of the public.

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Trev Alexandra, SCC Andy Drummond.

Website: Following a meeting between Cllrs Alexandra, Baker and Carter, content of the website has been updated and substantially improved ready for relaunch. Following training, MB & CC are now able to add items. Remaining councillors to be briefed on how to add material at the next meeting.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

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

Application DC/20/2193/FUL: Whilst waiting for planning permission, panel boards have been deposited at the site.

Update on damage to flint wall on Bury Road: If no emergencies crop up in the county, work to repair the damaged wall is due end of May. Cllr Tautz to be kept informed on any progress.

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 Dicker's report included the 7.1% WSC council tax rise; the phased reopening of the Mildenhall Hub; the highly successful help for businesses/grants scheme.

Cllr Drummond's report was previously circulated.

**5. Public Forum**

To generate more interest in what the Parish Council are involved with, a member of the public suggested more information be added to 'Next Door Kentford' or point residents to the website.

MB to action.

## 6. Planning responses

a) The proposal by Hanson Aggregates for 38 dwelling and one commercial unit at Kennett that was refused planning permission has now gone to appeal. Kentford Parish Council to reiterate their objections to the Planning Inspectorate. Cllr Carter to respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

b) Single house on land adjacent to 1 and 2 Riverside Cottages, Bury Road, Kentford. Cllr Cunnington declared an interest in the application and did not vote. Following full and detailed discussion, it was unanimously agreed Kentford Parish Council objects to this application. Cllr Baker to respond.

A formal welcome to the village was given to Rev. Chris Childs, the new vicar of St Mary's Church. He explained there is a group of people based in Red Lodge who are funded by the Cof E named Lightwave. As a Rural Resourcing Church, they are looking into starting a Mothers and Toddler Group in St Mary's Church. Presently still at the planning stage. Cllr Dicker offered funding from his Locality Budget towards any future church projects.

#### **7. S106 Monies**

With £80,000 to spend in Kentford, priorities are pathways through the village and improvements to the churchyard. To discuss options further, it was proposed by Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Carter that a s106 sub-committee be set up. Cllrs Tautz, Dicker, Baker to sit on the committee. Simon Collin to be invited.

#### **8. Road issues**

Agreed Norwich Road is in an appalling condition. Cllr Baker suggested a comment be made to East Cambs. However, it was felt as repairs to the railway bridge are yet to be completed no action will be taken. Owing to lorries having to turn through at a right angle, verges are likewise being damaged.

Speeding: The Police Crime Commissioner is to host a meeting with Suffolk Constabulary and villages to help tackle speeding. Cllr Cater to represent Kentford Parish Council.

Potholes: Large potholes on left hand side of road going towards Moulton, Moulton Avenue and opposite Thurlow Nunn. To be reported to SCC, the Clerk to action.

#### **9. Anglian Water strategic network programme – Bexwell to Bury St Edmunds pipeline**

With probable disruption for the village, it was agreed when received, all information relating to the proposed new water pipeline works should be posted on the Kentford website and Next Door.

#### **10. Litter picking**

To be promoted on the Volunteer section of the website. Suggested date 14<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **11. Date of next meeting agreed as 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

