

MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10TH MARCH 2022 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURY ROAD, KENTFORD AT 7.30PM.

Present: Cllr M Baker, Cllr C Carter, Cllr F Cunnington, Cllr B Tautz, and seven members of the public.

Apologies

Cllr S Thompson, Cllr R Dicker.

Co-option

On the proposition of Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Cunnington that Jenny Haylock be co-opted to Kentford Parish Council – all in agreement.

Minutes of the precept approval meeting held on 13th January 2022

Unanimously approved.

Public Forum

Matters raised included the ongoing battle with Anglian Water to repair a disintegrating manhole cover at Orchard Place, Bury Road. Despite being reported as urgent, repairs have yet to be carried out. The chairman of Anglian Water has been contacted. A conversation has been had with Mid Suffolk Council and Highways Agency involving blocked drains along the length of Bury Road to Gazeley Road. Following heavy rain fall raw sewage floods and lifts the manholes, subsequently causing bad smells and houses being splashed with sewage. Being a health hazard, Cllr Tautz suggested speaking with Environmental Services/Public Health. Contact details Louise Davey on 01284 757082. Photographic proof also recommended. Other matters included damage to Bury Road following increased traffic movements after the road was used as a diversionary route from the A14; despite reminders from Cllr Carter, Suffolk Constabulary have yet to set up the promised ANPR camera in Bury Road, Cllr Drummond to be advised; a member of the public stated he has submitted a bid to purchase the Animal Health Trust land with the added intention of reopening the hospital. Parish Council support was sought - agreed. Contact to be maintained; progress update needed for the dropped kerb at the access road to the church that ought to have been constructed when the road was put in. Being as in original design there should be no cost involved.

CE to action; a Race Night to raise funds for toilet and servery facilities at the church to be held on 26th March. Plans for the project will be going out for tender shortly, anticipated costs approximately £85,000; Kentford events sheet is finalised and will be distributed in the next few days; proposed by Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Tautz that a donation of £300 towards the Kentford & Kennett Jubilee Event be approved - agreed. Event to be advertised by means of a flyer, Facebook/Next Door.

Within the precept, it was proposed to purchase two solar panel speed devices. One to be purchased with locality budget grants from Cllrs Dicker and Drummond and the second from general reserves. **MB to action.** Recommended one to be located by the church, the other at the village entrance coming from Bury St Edmunds - to be confirmed.

Bury Road concerns

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Phoenix Cycle Park

DC/22/0102/ADV/Phoenix Cycle Path

Proposal for

advertisement consent – a. six illuminated double sided banners hung from three five metre totems

b. six non-illuminated double sided banners hung from three six metre totems c. two non-

illuminated double sided banners hung from six metre totems Location: Land at Bury Road,

Kentford

Applicant: Mr Jeremy Gredley, Stockland Green

Ltd

Councillors to consider the application and respond with comments to the Chairman by Sunday 13th March.

AHT and Bidwells

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Grass cutting contract

Decision deferred until the second quotation is received. CE to action.

Streetlighting

After discussion, it was unanimously agreed the quotation of £7321.18 for LED upgrade works was approved.

Anglian Water

Bexwell to Bury St Edmunds Pipeline Scheme

East Cambs have requested an extension until 9th May to allow the amendment to be consulted, considered and determined. WSC to be contacted to ascertain why the planning department has not asked for a similar extension. Anglian Water to be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting. **MB to action.**

Emails

The sum of £500 to set up councillor parish council emails and the purchase of a laptop was unanimously approved. Trev Alexander to be contacted. **CC to action.**

Date of next meeting

Thursday 12th May 2022 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.