

## **MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURY ROAD, KENTFORD AT 7.30PM.**

Present: Cllr M Baker, Cllr C Carter, Cllr F Cunnington, Cllr J Sherlock, Cllr B Tautz  
In attendance three members of the public.

### **Apologies**

Cllr Drummond, Cllr Dicker.

### **Actions from the last meeting**

Proposed recycling centre at Phoenix Cycleworks for clothing, cardboard and bottles: WSC have suggested location considered too out of the way and could encourage fly tipping. To be pursued further.

New bins: Quotations for three dual purpose bins to be obtained for the next meeting and locations finalised. **CM to action.**

Railings to the path under the bridge: Presently not a priority.

ANPR: Once research has been completed, the device will be rotated around the County, Kentford to be included next time.

### **To approve the minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 28th July 2022 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

### **Officers reports**

Updates from Cllr Dicker included traffic, grass cutting, buses. Concerning grass cutting, **MB to speak to Cllr Dicker to establish which areas in the village each council cuts.**

### **Bus routes 11, 12 and 16 – Withdrawal of bus services by Stagecoach**

Taken from the Suffolk On Board website: Following a review of usage and discussions with the local authority, independent local bus operator Stephenson's have confirmed they will be operating the number 12 Newmarket to Cambridge service and a new X16 Newmarket to Bury St Edmunds service from Monday 31 October 2022. No timetables have yet been issued or fares set. **MB to write to Matthew Hancock MP expressing the Parish Council's anger that with rural bus services being cut, people within villages are being further isolated.**

### **Public Forum**

There is speculation AHT has been sold to a single buyer. Nothing confirmed as yet.

### **Planning**

Kennett – New Garden Village

The Bell Inn crossroads will get a mini roundabout with the advantage of slowing traffic down as HGVs approach the roundabout. The railway bridge weight restriction has nothing to do with Kennett Garden Village planning proposals, Network Rail saw a deterioration of the bridge during a routine inspection in October 2019 and following a temporary weight restriction to three tons, it was decided to downgrade it and permanent signage erected.

Estimated dates for delivery: Infrastructure late 2023- 2024, Houses Autumn 2024 with completion 2028.

Elm House, 45a Anvil Way

Although the application has been granted, questions to be asked concerning programme of works, traffic management, parking, noise and dust. **Cllr Carter to action.**

### **Finance**

The finance report for the month ending September 2022 was unanimously approved.

Treasurers Account stands at £15,400.27

Business Account stands at £3,966.36.

### **Traffic issues**

There is a problem with the charger and as a result both batteries are no longer working. As relatively new, the charger to be exchanged. **MB to action.** In relation to the proposed two new speed signs, the Clerk to take the project forward.

### **Church project**

The faculty to carry out the works has been approved, Cllt Tautz to source grant applications, assistance required if possible. Project moving in the right direction but very slowly.

Suggestions were put forward as to who could be approached to help with funding.

### **Upcoming village events**

Pre-loved sale next Saturday. Advertising boards located at both ends of the village, new advert placed in CB8. Help required to man stalls. Christmas Fayre 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Carols 11<sup>th</sup> December, Half Cut Theatre 19<sup>th</sup> December. A second leaflet to go out, the Parish Council to meet the cost.

### **Date of next meeting**

Agreed as Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.