

MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18TH JANUARY 2023 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURY ROAD, KENTFORD AT 7.30PM.

Present: Cllr M Baker, Cllr C Carter, Cllr B Tautz, Cllr F Cunnington, Cllr J Sherlock

In attendance Cllr Roger Dicker and three members of the public.

Apologies

No apologies were received.

Minutes & Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman. All matters arising are listed on the agenda.

Officer Reports

Topics included the availability of election polling stations; survey from the Police Crime Commissioner concerning a proposed rise in council tax; additional installation of EVC points in public carparks; discontinuation by WSC of using glyphosate but with no alternative other than manpower; devolution deal for Suffolk and Norfolk has been put forward by government with the leader being voted in by the public rather than members; locality budget monies available before the end of March for the King's Coronation celebrations.

Public Forum

Request for extra grit bins, precise locations required. Decision deferred until the precept is received. To give more light to the corner at Fothergills, SCC to be asked whether they would be willing to reangle the streetlight on the opposite side of the road **CM to action**. Article in the Newmarket Journal relating to a new bypass for Kennett village, however, this will not benefit Kentford. Excellent attendance at all Church Christmas events. A Quiz Night is to be held in the church on 14th April.

Planning update

A resident gave an overview of his plans for the cottage and associated outbuildings he has purchased from AHT. The greenhouse like structure will be rebuilt in keeping with the original design. Accommodation will mostly be linked to the wedding venue but will have an independent arm for rental apartments, rather than hotel style. As Kentford PC has not seen the planning application, **Cllr Dicker to circulate to all councillors**.

AHT: Explorative first meeting between Cllr Baker, Cllr Dicker and a representative from a company specialising in challenging sites has taken place. Nothing can happen at this stage and no plans at all have been submitted.

Speed signs, traffic and ANPR

ANPR will be returning to Kentford in February. Installation of the two new speed signs is proving complicated. Along with photographs of the proposed sites, a visit by Highways is also required. **Cllr Baker to complete the requisite paperwork**. Potholes and sinking drains from the Bell up Bury Road to be listed on the Highways Reporting Tool. **CM to action**.

Bus service

Information only: With no regular bus service, it has been suggested a twice daily Community Bus Service could be run. No definite plans at present but would be interested in knowing how many people would use the service. To be posted on Next Door.

Maintenance money update

No further information has been received. **CM to chase.**

Recycling

Cllr Baker to speak to Jeremy Gredley again for possible sites for the recycling bins.

Precept

Following full and detailed discussion, it was unanimously agreed the precept be set at £18,000 for the financial year 2023-2024.

Any other business

CM to send TA previous minutes and finance reports for inclusion on the website.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 9th March 2023 at 7.30pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.