

**MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURY ROAD, KENTFORD AT 7.30PM.**

Present: Cllr M Baker, Cllr B Tautz, Cllr F Cunnington, Cllr J Sherlock, Cllr S Thompson

In attendance: Cllr Roger Dicker and two members of the public.

**Apologies**

Cllr C Carter

**Minutes & Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman. Matters arising included AHT remains up for sale; two sites for the new speed signs have been approved; change of angle of street light on the corner of Herringswell Road to be looked at by SCC.

**Public Forum**

Cllr Dicker informed the meeting it has been confirmed all Ipswich to Cambridge peak time morning and evening weekday trains will now stop at Kennett. The new service will start from 21st May.

**Kentford Buses**

Discussion on agenda item 5 Kentford buses to be deferred to the next meeting.

**Planning Notices**

DC/23/0265/TPO 002 (2015) tree preservation order - a. one Horse Chestnut (3955 on plan within A1 on order) two Lime (3925 3928 on plan within A1 on order) and one Sycamore (3919 on plan within A1 on order) fell b. one Yew (3942 on plan within A1 on order) overall crown reduction by two metres c. two Elm (3950 3939 on plan within A1 on order) coppice  
Location 37 Old Stable Lane Kentford Suffolk CB8 7GH

Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed to object to application DC/23/0265/TPO on the grounds that unless diseased, healthy trees should not be felled.

DC/DC/23/0180/Householder planning application - a. single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing conservatory) b. addition of balcony to rear elevation c. alterations to existing garage to form annexe

Location Ravensbury Lodge Bury Road Kentford CB8 7PT

No objections.

**Finance**

The finance schedule up to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 was approved. Balance of both accounts £1,520.42.

**Dog walks / Facilities**

With no specific facilities within Kentford for dog walking, it was suggested as the field at Meddler was not being used, this could be a perfect opportunity to explore further the

feasibility of a fenced Dog Park as in Worlington/Kenny Hill. **FC/JS to action**. An agenda item at the next meeting.

Furthermore, it was agreed a pole mounted dog poo bin be purchased and located on the footpath just past Fothergills, plus a double litter bin to be sited at the Packhorse Garden. Prices to be sourced. WSC to be contacted to ascertain whether the selected locations are accessible for emptying the bins. **The clerk to action**.

### **Precept**

With two strong projects completed a) new LED streetlights b) two solar panel speed indicators, it was necessary to increase the precept for 2023-2024 to £18,000. This equates to an additional £3.52 per month for each resident.

### **Website**

Cllr Thompson agreed to look at building up a new website. Trev Alexander to be contacted. **ST to action**.

### **Village Events**

The events leaflet has been updated by Revd Childs, once confirmation of a Musical Evening is received, it will be proof read, sent for printing and then circulated to all villagers. The builder is to be given the go ahead to start the church project, work to commence in July. With increased costs since estimates were received, plans will now be split into two phases. First stage is to install water into the church and also put in the servery. Grants have been applied for to finance stage two. Tesco Bags for Help has been successful, the minimum amount that can be given is £500. A locality budget grant for further funding is also available. By the end of 31<sup>st</sup> December, it is anticipated £20,000 will have been raised, this is apart from the £8000 needed to keep the church open. Quiz evening with a fish and chip supper to be held 7.00pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Prize for the best team.

### **Election**

Nomination forms to be circulated by the clerk when received. Deadline for returning to WSC is 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Appointments can be made to have completed forms checked by the elections team. Polling station for Kentford confirmed as St Mary's Church.

### **Packhorse Gardens**

No discussion.

### **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7.30pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.