

MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURY ROAD, KENTFORD AT 7.30PM.

Present at Meeting: Malcolm Baker, Barbara Tautz, Chris Carter, Steve Thompson, David Reid & Roger Dicker.

1. Apologies from Christine & Andy
2. Minutes/matter arising – no Minutes from last meeting.
3. Officer reports – Roger updated us on the situation of Sunnica (West Suffolk & Cambridgeshire Councils have withdrawn from the Judicial Process due to cost).
4. Bury Road Traffic - Meeting to be arranged with Nick Timothy & Matthew Fox, They will work with the Kentford P.C. regarding traffic problems along the Bury Road. The Kentford PC can perhaps offer to help financially with traffic calming projects such as Zebra Crossings upgraded to Toucan Crossings, Street Lighting between the Bell PH and Jeddah Way or anything they may suggest.
5. AHT - A long discussion with questions & answers from the public was held regarding a document from Lochailort Kentford Ltd – A Proposed Development of 1000 Houses on the former AHT land, that John Johnston, Chartered Surveyor (working for Kirsten Rausing) gave out. After much debate it was decided that as this document had not been submitted for planning that the PC should concentrate their response on only the 29 Prior Approval Applications actually received by West Suffolk Council. The site is now recognised as a Class E Site (although the Council has challenged this decision. A decision from the Court is still pending as to whether it will consider this challenge.) It was noted that under class MA of the General Permitted Development Order, the only specific factors that the Local Planning Authority can consider are listed on the attached page. Suggestions for submission against approval as follows:
 - a. Contamination – Radiation & Medical Isotopes used on premises.
 - b. Listed Buildings – 2 on the site – under Listed Building Curtilage Rules this would include the grounds and what is built in them?
 - c. Transport – effect on the surrounding area, safety etc.
 - d. Flooding – existing road is regularly flooded.The public were asked that if anyone knows of anybody who work there and would have further details on what took place at the AHT to please contact us asap.
6. Buses – New bus route 312. We must make Kentford and surrounding villagers aware of this new service and to supported it or we will lose it again. Clearer timetable on website. Paper copies of Timetable available at the Post Office. Put Timetable up on PC Notice Boards.

Chris has been invited to a meeting to discuss Bus Service Improvement Plan and bids for Government funding, he will attend to represent Kentford and Disabilities.
7. St. Mary's Church Hub – Phase 2 of the Project has now been completed and signed off by the Architect. They are awaiting figures for the third and final phase so it can be assessed how much we will be short to completing. A shortfall of approximately £5K has been ESTIMATED.

8. Roger Dicker has requested help in maintaining weekly checks and on-line data information on the village Resuscitator located at the village shop. Cllr Steve Thompson has volunteered to do this and will liaise direct with Roger.
9. Suggestions for new village projects were asked for as funds now permit.
Two new SIDS with data provision – Malcolm to look into cost etc.
New PC Notice Boards (to be located in more appropriate & new areas of the village).
Barbara to look into cost and suggestions for new locations to be discussed at next meeting.
10. The PC Village Website was discussed. New Bus Timetable is to be made clearer and news items, what's on information, Church Project etc., was asked for to be added to site. Other social outlets were also discussed.
11. Meeting Closed at 9.30 pm
Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 7th November 2024, 7.30 pm in the Church.