

MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13TH MAY 2025 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURY ROAD, KENTFORD AT 7.30PM

Present at Meeting: Cllrs Malcolm Baker, Barbara Tautz, Chris Carter, Steve Thompson, David Reid, a representative from Lanwades Hall and three members of the public

1. Election of Chairman

Proposed and seconded that Cllr Malcolm Baker be re-elected as Chairman of Kentford Parish Council – all in favour.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

In the absence of the Chairman, a Councillor to be elected at the meeting.

3. Apologies

Cllr Andy Drummond, Cllr Roger Dicker

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 6th March 2025 were unanimously approved. Proposed by Cllr Carter that a link to the website be added as a footnote on the minutes – agreed.

5. Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda

With no capacity to empty any further new bins, the decision to purchase a waste bin for Gazeley Rd was deferred. Cllr Baker suggested a less useful bin within the village could be relocated to Gazeley Road. Cllr Reid to investigate whether a local person who has the appropriate licence would be interested in emptying the bin on a paid basis; quotation for further management costs for lighting still pending as it was previously agreed to wait until the new roundabout is created; the clerk to find out which type and what location is planned for the lighting; precise costs for a new notice board to be circulated and discussed at the next meeting.

6. Finance

The finance reports as of 31st March 2025 and 9th April 2025 were approved. Balance of the Business Account £989.69, Treasurers Account £10,0761.48, Cambridge Building Society £13,017.17. Agreed that when the precept of £18,170 is paid, a further sum of £20,000 is transferred from the Treasurers Account to the Cambridge Building Society account – all in favour.

7. Public Forum

Issues raised by the public included damage to the hedgerow caused by lorries using Norwich Road. A combined effort by Kentford, Moulton, Chippenham and Kennett to highlight the problem to Cambridgeshire County Council, MB to action. Dog poo bin at the Packhorse Bridge is in need of replacement, a new combined litter/dog poo bin to be ordered, CM to action. At

the recent K&K meeting there was a promise offered by the developer for a memorial garden at Gypsy Boys Grave, the provision of a community centre on the new estate, dropped kerb at the church entrance etc – agreed this should be discussed at a future date. With only four Kentford residents on the K&K committee, discussion was focused on how to encourage other individuals to be involved. Suggestions included making residents aware of the link between the PC and the K&K Association, by word of mouth, Facebook group, notice boards, minutes. With regards to the annual 5% contribution to the village hall from the parish council precept, advice to be sought whether the PC can withdraw from the agreement. Cllr Thompson is presently speaking with the K&K Village Hall with the view of joining the committee. An 'official' complaint was received by The Kentford PC by means of an email from a Mr. Tony Hargreaves dated 11th March 2025, regarding the restricted road view when leaving the car park due to the large advertising boards. Cllr Tautz has also received 3 verbal complaints from people leaving the K&K Hall, after attending classes there, also about the restricted road view. The K&K Hall Association have been given a copy of the official complaint.

8. AHT

With no immediate decision to be made, MB stressed discussion would be concentrating on raising issues, talking about it, being informed as much as possible and sharing that information with people. Meetings have been held with both Alex and Hugo that clearly shows the impact of the proposed development on the livelihood of Lanwades Hall. With additional points being raised, it was unanimously concluded that any detriment to Lanwades and the rest of the village is not acceptable. Additional detailed discussion following receipt of the planning application.

9. Road Improvements on Bury Road

MB to contact Matthew Fox in relation to improving the road surface through the village, including the drains; CM to chase Hartley Garden Services for a quotation to clear vegetation from both gateways and other overgrown areas.

10. SID update

Awaiting completion of works prior to ordering the SID.

11 Kentford 700 Event

All in hand for the event on the 21st June 12 noon to 5pm.

Date of next meeting agreed as Thursday 3rd July 2025 at 7.30pm.

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