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## **MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Cllr M Baker, Cllr T Alexandra, Cllr C Carter, Cllr B Tautz, Cllr S Thompson, Cllr H Morrison.

### **1. Apologies**

Cllr F Cunningham.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr B Tautz declared an interest in Agenda item 4: Village Sign.

### **3. Minutes of the previous meeting/ Matters Arising**

Work now completed on new street lights with invoice paid; whilst under review, no additional dog poo bins will be considered by WSC. It is permissible, however, for general bins to be used for dog waste (information for the website, TA to action). Suggestions on where two further bins may be sited included back of Farriers Grange, The Bell crossroads, landfill site at Gazeley Road, Kentford shop, layby near garage, Bury Road near bus stop. Prior to the next meeting, a list of locations of current bins and where one is needed to be organized; no update in respect of pathways/open spaces; meeting between MB, Jeremy Gredley, Sam Bye has been held. In return for Parish Council support for a connection between his first site (this side of the railway bridge) and second site (on other side of the railway bridge), JG will permit his ground to be used as a footpath; thus enabling the continuation of Icknield Way under the bridge and out towards the steel works. Although nothing concrete agreed, discussions were positive; lorry waiting park near to the garage considered to be a hazard; with plans to put in a shop, JG is happy to site the bottle bank at the premises; needs emptying, advertised, sign relocated. MB informed restriction on bridge is due to end on 30<sup>th</sup> October. Signage a Network Rail issue not Highways.

### **3. Finance**

The finance report was circulated for consideration. Current balance over both accounts amounts to £7072.33 – unanimously approved.

### **4. Village sign**

The quotation of £150 received to repaint and reflex the tiles at the base of the Kennett/Kentford village sign was approved. The cutting back of foliage around and further back from the sign to be included. MB to contact the adjacent homeowner.

### **5. Traffic calming**

VAS now fixed, thank you to HM. Reports show consistent speeding through the village of 40 -70mph. Maximum speed reported at 85mph with 60mph not unusual. 85% of traffic is travelling at 43mph along Gazeley Road, with speeds of between 34-39mph along Bury Road. Findings of previous SCC traffic reports have shown to be contradictory with recent data gathered by KPC. TA to send current data to CC for revising information paper, once finalised,

**CC to circulate to councillors for review and comments.** To be sent to WSC when completed. Whilst a separate issue, Highways to be pressed to reinstate white lines and fix potholes.

#### **6. Animal Health Trust**

Official process has been lodged in the Government Gazette. For security purposes, the lights are presently left on. No future plans currently for the land, but to be closely monitored.

#### **7. Farriers Grange/Ownership**

Despite numerous emails, telephone conversations with WSC, grass cutting/clearing of pathways has still not been carried out. **MB to chase.**

Date of next meeting: 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.30pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.