

MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24TH MAY 2018 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURY ROAD, KENTFORD AT 7.00PM.

Present: Cllr M Baker, Cllr R Dicker, Cllr. Z Smith, Cllr R Jaggard, Cllr. H Morrison,
Cllr. C Carter.

1. Apologies

Cllr. M Nightingale.

2. Election of Chairman

Proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Jaggard that Cllr Baker be re-elected Chairman for the year 2018/19 – unanimous.

3. Minutes/Matters arising

No response to date from Moulton Parish Council regarding the supplier of the Notice Board (HM to chase). The sign for the Packhorse Bridge is still outstanding (MB to chase). Bottle Bank issue still not resolved as no location has been identified within the village. Although agreed in principle to financially support planting bulbs, wild flower mix in areas at Farriers and Lanwades, it was agreed the onus should rest with the appropriate local authority.

The minutes were then approved as a true record of the previous meeting and signed by the Chairman.

4. Officer reports

Nothing to report.

5. Church Improvements

The volunteer group are continuing with ivy removal from the church wall (meeting this coming weekend); some electrical work within the church has been started to enable the upgrade of the lighting; discussions with the Priggs ongoing. Together with a disabled ramp, access to church services from the car park using the back door of the church would be beneficial to disabled parishioners. The door requires some adjustment and a padlock needs to be fitted (HM to action as soon as possible), keys to be given to Sue Prigg. Drainage is in situ for toilet facilities but due to lack of funding has yet to be installed.

6. New Village Hall

Public opening in two weeks with stalls, disco etc; a commendable asset for the two villages. Committee member Liz Sneezum is organising a joint churches tombola. It was unanimously agreed Kentford Parish Council will give a donation of £30 towards bottles for the tombola.

7. Planning Update

Boundary at the Gravel site at Kennett has been revised; 76 houses being constructed at the far end of the field; lack of communication from East Cambs is continuing; Kennett Parish Council (Sue Field) to be asked to keep Kentford PC updated. An agenda item next month.

No further update on both the Meddler Stud and the development behind the Kentford Public House. A question was raised by a member of the public whether Phase 2 of the Mathew Homes development was imminent. However, with ten houses still to be built on Phase 1 it is doubtful whether this will be forthcoming in the foreseeable future.

8. Fete 2018

Date agreed for the third Kentford fete: Saturday 28th July; desperately in need of bric a brac, books, tombola prizes and items for Henry's media stall. Volunteers needed on the day to set up.

9. KVG

The ivy is being removed from the church wall; the Packhorse Garden has been tidied up (Simon Collins to be chased for the sign yet again). It was suggested by the Chairman that the cost to the Parish Council to have the sign erected would be £110.00. Members were not in favour of this option, therefore no further action.

10. New Parish Area

Discussed earlier in the meeting under matters arising.

11. Donation request

A request for a donation has been received from Diane Wallis for the purchase of two defibrillators, one for Kennett School and the second for the Village Hall. More details to be requested from Robin Swanson i.e. ongoing running costs but agreed yes in principle.

12. Any other business

- a) The financial end of year exemption certificate was duly signed by the Chairman – all in favour.
- b) The fly tipping has been removed from the layby, but litter now seems to be an issue.
- c) Community Payback will be in Kentford in July to assist with litter picking/ cleaning the bus shelter etc. Suggestions for projects to be discussed at the next meeting.

13. Date of next meeting

Agreed as Thursday 5th July 2018 at 7.00.

With no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

