

MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY 2018 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURY ROAD, KENTFORD AT 7.00PM

Present: Cllr M Baker, Cllr H Morrison, Cllr Rose Jaggard, Cllr Z Smith, Cllr R Dicker, representatives from the Meddler Stud development and twenty five members of the public.

1. Meddler Stud discussion with Developers

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to representatives Matt, Toby and Paul from the Meddler Stud development. Key points of the presentation: the new developers only inherited the site twelve months ago with outline planning consent for 64 units coupled with a Race Training Establishment; now at the stage of submitting a reserved matters application; a new architect has been hired to focus on the designs and layout of the properties; completion will take three years; a site visit was offered; intention to work with the village and listen to their views. A variety of questions were raised by attendees but it was felt it was not appropriate for an individual open dialogue during the meeting; a list of questions and concerns to be submitted to the developer i.e boundaries, roof level on certain proposed properties, access from the site, pedestrian walkways, surface water, screening for existing properties, gas tanks, drainage.

2. Public Forum

Dealt with at the presentation.

3. Apologies

Cllr. M Nightingale.

Agenda item 6 was now heard.

6. Kentford to Moulton Walk

The vision shared between Kentford and Moulton Parish Council is the importance of connectivity between Moulton and Farriers Grange/Lambert Grove, partly because of the children but also the opportunity for a walkway/cycle path between the two villages. The Chairman recommended Kentford Parish Council support the idea of this long term project. Key issue, however, being funding. Moulton has suggested the two villages take on a lot of the groundwork i.e. levelling ditches. S106 monies could be discussed as a possibility to support the venture. Proposed route, southern side of the road between Moulton and Kentford. The landowner has been involved with the practical issues i.e large grass banks with water run ditches. If the project were successful, it could have an impact on the reduction of speeding on the road (already classified as unsafe). After discussion, the Chairman asked whether Members were happy for Kentford Parish Council to support this project? It was pointed out by Cllr Dicker that SCC was responsible for improvements to the road and as such should fund the costs involved. A letter to be sent to Matt Hannock MP voicing this opinion. Cllr Robin Millar to be copied in.

A member of the public said he had invited a police officer to carry out speed checks within the village. Average speed in the 30mph area was 46-48 and on one occasion, caught by a hidden computer fixed to a lamp post, 83mph. Regular police checks are now carried out and hopefully will act as a deterrent.

3. Minutes of the last meeting/matters arising

Points raised: Street lights, although reported as not working, have still not been repaired – HM to speak to WW; upgrade to church floodlights – ongoing; sign on its way; additional bus stop rejected as potentially dangerous site and not necessary; a number of toys were left over from the Christmas sleigh event, £50 raised. The minutes were then accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Officer reports

No matters to report.

5. Engagement with new areas of the Parish

The walkway was discussed in agenda item 6; necessity to engage with at least two to three hundred residents; in April 2018 Friskies will be part of Kentford; a resident of Anvil Way has come forward to be co-opted onto the Parish Council – agreed in principle. Paperwork to be available at the next meeting.

7. Other planning questions

Planning application for 76 houses: FHDC were not informed of this application by East Cambs (now sent) RD to liaise with the FHDC planning officer on this application.

DC/18/0025/FUL 1. No dwelling and access, Land at Quetta, Herringswell Road, Kentford – no objections but continuing development outside the village is unacceptable.

Five hundred houses at Kennett: Cllr Dicker to investigate whether the land supply had already been met at the time of the planning application. Nothing more to report at present.

8. Projects for 2018

The bus shelter near Moulton Avenue has had the window broken. It was agreed Cllr. Dicker pay the bill and be reimbursed by the Council at the next meeting; decorate existing bus shelters perhaps with murals by either local youth or as part of a decorating college course.

Rather than wait for the 500 homes application, the planning authority to be asked to put in a crossing within the seventy six homes planning submission. (MB to write to the planners for further information).

Bury Road street sign distorted and a street light required near to the corner of Herringswell Road.

Agenda items for the next meeting:

Project bus shelter - Roger

Project crossings – Rose/Malcolm

Project lighting/church – Henry

Project Open Spaces – all. How can we improve?

9. New Village Hall

Grand opening in April. Perhaps a photographic exhibition of Kentford & Kennett? Calendar competition? Photographs to be provided by Malcolm.

A formal request has been made for funding towards the security of the village hall. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that 'if for any reason, we are not able to fund it using existing monies, we should match the contribution from Kennett Parish Council'. To be discussed further at the next K&K meeting.

10. Precept

Deferred until the next meeting.

11. Date of next meeting

Thursday 22nd February 2018 at 7.00pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

