

**MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 21ST MARCH 2019 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURY ROAD,
KENTFORD AT 7.00PM.**

Present: Cllr M Baker, Cllr C Carter, Cllr Z Smith, twelve members of the public and a representative from Kennett Action Group.

1. Apologies

Cllr Roger Dicker, Cllr Trev Alexander.

Faymy Fayez representing Kennett Action Group gave a brief outline on the current situation relating to the proposed large housing development in Kennett. A Community Land Trust was originally set up to protect the village but has not proven to be supportive. The local MP has been contacted but is unable to assist. With objections from all local parishes, CPRE, Highways England, Historic England and Cambridgeshire County Council, Kentford Parish Council were urged to renew their objections prior to the Planning decision on the 24th April 2019.

4. Public Forum was now heard.

Complaints raised by the public were primarily developer (Meddler Stud & Hopkins Homes) related i.e. the lack of privacy and the need for fences to be erected; time in which building work can be commenced and finished, currently 8am-6pm Monday to Friday and 9am-1pm on Saturday. Work is presently starting at 7.30am. Time frame for developers to adhere to this breach of planning condition is one month; mud on road; flattened bollard (both Highways issues); HGV's parking in the layby with their engines running. Other matters raised included the stream and its lack of flow; smell from the drains at Kentford Lodge.

2. Minutes / Matters Arising

The minutes were unanimously agreed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

3. Dealt with at the start of the meeting.

5. Farriers Grange

Sill an ongoing issue. Enforcement unlikely at the moment. Cllr Carter to send yet another letter to the planning officer. Previously, Cllr Robin Miller agreed to assist but to date nothing has been forthcoming (CM to chase RM).

6. Moulton Road Bus Stop

Moulton Road bus stop is deteriorating. Community Pay Back Group have agreed to paint/clear litter and remove graffiti from the bus shelter. Once finished, the broken glass to the window will be replaced.

7. Road layout in Lambert's Grove

Junction wrong way round. A photo depicting the problem to be sent to Highways (TA to action). Copy to planning.

8. Village walking/cycling connectivity

Deferred until the next meeting.

9. Street Lighting

Owing to the high cost of replacing street lights, this is to be a phased project. After detailed discussion it was agreed in the first instance, to replace the three non-working street lights.

10. Building work - Bollards

Already covered earlier in the meeting.

11. Election

Local elections are to take place on Thursday 2nd May 2019. Application packs are available from West Suffolk House for any interested parties. Kentford Parish Council has seven seats to fill. Deadline for completed nominations forms to be submitted by 4.00pm on 3rd April 2019 to the Returning Officer at the Borough Council offices.

12. Events – Fete/Tidy up

Date of fete Saturday 27th July 2019. A planning meeting to be held this coming Monday at 7.00pm in The Kentford. Music to carry on during the evening. Any suggestions to MB. Good raffle prizes needed. East Anglian Air Ambulance to be the nominated beneficiary of monies raised. A cheque for £100 has already been received from Ash Tree Veterinary Centre.

Village tidy up: poor road and traffic signage; litter; maintenance around the church; location of bus sign clarified; plus any other identified. Date to be announced shortly. Community Pay Back Group to be involved as well. Names to MB if interested.

Mildenhall Band are to play in the Church on 22nd June 2019.

Any other business: location of the new zebra crossing; request for a Flood sign near the Animal Health Trust; as a thank you, flowers to be sent to Cllr Rose Jaggard who has decided not to re-stand in the forthcoming elections.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday 16th May 2019 at 7.00pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm.