

MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH JULY 2018 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURY ROAD, KENTFORD AT 7.00PM.

Present: Cllr M Baker, Cllr C Carter, Cllr Z Smith, Cllr R Dicker

1. Apologies: Cllr H Morrison, Cllr R Jaggard

2. Minutes / Matters Arising

Sill no response from Moulton Parish Council regarding the Notice Board (HM to chase). The sign for the Packhorse Bridge Garden is in the process of being constructed (MB to liaise with Will Wright). The bench at the Garden needs attention – removal of bird poo. An archway over the seat was suggested and costings to be sought (MB to action). Ivy now completely removed from the church wall. Concerns have been raised regarding the structure of the church wall (HM to speak to Phil Prigg). Toilet facilities and kitchenette still being discussed (HM/Priggs). New village hall now open. Cllr Smith was not pleased that no one from Kentford was invited to the opening, and furthermore the hall named 'The Robin Watson Hall'. In response, Cllr Dicker said the committee could only consider names that had been put forward.

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

3. Officer reports

First Shadow Meeting of the Council has been held at West Suffolk House; whether there is to be a Mayor or Chairman of the new council is out for public consultation, this will be decided in November. Cost of a Mayor approximately £100,0000, compared with the cost of a Chairman £10,000. No further matters at present.

4. Engagement with new areas of Parish

Cllr Carter said he has been copied in correspondence between Simon Collins, Parks & Infrastructure Officer, Ian Stirling from Highways and Matthew Homes, to facilitate the adoption of open spaces and completion of highway commitments. Ongoing discussions to be monitored. A resident on the new Animal Trust development has shown an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. It was proposed by Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr Smith that Trevor be co-opted onto the council at the next meeting – all in favour. Russell Cade to be contacted regarding the village website to ascertain his plans for the site after August (MB to action).

5. Public Forum

Concerns were raised by a resident in Anvil Way that ball games were being played on the public open space near to their property and whether a 'No Ball Games' sign could be positioned at the area in question. Unfortunately, as the open space has not yet been formally adopted, authorisation has to be sought from Matthew Homes. With many outstanding

planning conditions still not met, it was suggested a group approach be considered i.e. forming a Resident's Association. A further matter raised concerned the sighting of a person in a transit van looking through resident's windows. The police have been informed. Consideration should be given to set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. The impact of parking was also discussed - an agenda item at the next meeting.

6. New village hall

Other than a BBQ planned for the 3rd August, this item was discussed fully earlier in the meeting.

7. Planning

Amended planning application for Meddler Stud: An extension for Kentford Parish Council to reply has been extended to 6th July. With many issues still to be resolved, Cllr Carter offered to formulate a strong response on behalf of the Parish Council. The Chairman will be meeting with the developer on the 17th July.

Development behind The Kentford: No further update at present.

Development of 55 homes in Kennett: Due to East Cambs failing to inform FHDC that an outline planning application has been received, all responses have been extended by a month. Cllr Dicker to monitor the situation and report back. It was proposed a single issue Kentford Parish Council meeting to discuss this application be arranged.

8. The Church

Perhaps to deter travellers from getting into the field behind the church, the metal fence has been re-erected. No further issues to discuss.

9. The Fete

The Air Ambulance will again be the chosen charity for monies raised. The band is booked; £50 to be given towards the tombola; proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Smith, and subject to clarification of responsibilities, the sum of £140 for the hire of the bouncy castle to be met by the Parish Council (MB to liaise with Kat) – all in favour.

10. Date of next meeting

Thursday September 20th 7.00pm St Mary's Church

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

