

**MINUTES OF THE KENTFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2018 AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURY ROAD,
KENTFORD AT 7.00PM.**

Present: Cllr M Baker, Cllr C Carter, Cllr Z Smith, Ian Riley, Planning Consultant for Meddler Stud, Trevor Alexandra and five members of the public.

Report by Ian Riley, Planning Consultant for Meddler Stud:

The Meddler Stud planning application will be going to Committee on 3rd October (Penny Mills case officer); with reference to comments made in February, the size of the house in the North East corner of the site will not be changed as the distance, retention of trees and orientation of the building was not considered to have an impact on the neighbouring property; issue regarding the distance between Meddler Gardens and new dwellings has been recognised and the distance has been revised from 3.2 metres to 7.5 metres; drainage design to be altered; footpath to be included; play area agreed at the larger green space beside the racetrack; highway matters minded to approve; road will not be adopted but a private agreement with a management company will be in place. Comments from the public: concerns that the block of flats is overbearing and not ascetically agreeable to the village; a residents house will still be overlooked even with revised plans (it was suggested to the resident a representation can be made to the planners); Bury Road main sewers/manholes are being damaged by contractor's lorries driving over compacted surfaces; red traffic light positioned outside resident's properties causing disturbance/distances between need to be shortened (traffic management to be contacted); street lighting plan proposed and will be handled by the management company. On a positive note, the Chairman felt if things were handled right, this development will be a positive asset to the village. Cllr Baker to draft the Parish Council's response to the Planners.

1. Apologies: Cllr H Morrison, Cllr R Jaggard, Cllr R Dicker.

At the previous meeting, Trevor Alexandra was unanimously approved to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was now signed and witnessed. The Register of Interests documentation to be returned at the next meeting.

2. Minutes/Matters Arising

Change of name on the Notice Board still ongoing; the Packhorse Bridge Garden sign is now in situ, with no cost to the Parish Council; Scott has cut the grass at the area; bird poo issue with the seat not resolved; structure of church wall still a concern; the Priggs have agreed to cover the cost of the repairs (in the region of £200-£300); future plans for the church include toilet and kitchen facilities; the fete was again very successful raising £1053; bouncy castle was cancelled due to windy weather conditions.

The minutes were subsequently agreed to be a true and accurate account of the previous meeting and signed by the Chairman.

3. Officer Report

Consultation for either a Mayor or Chairman to serve the new West Suffolk Council in May 2019 has ended. Final decision to be made later in the year.

4. Public Forum

No further matters were raised.

5. New website – Kentfordvillage.org

Now up and running thanks to Cllr Trev Alexander. Councillors were encouraged to be involved, with training from Trev. It was agreed a more consistent trail of agendas/minutes and other relevant issues should be a priority. Further discussion on potential use of the website deferred until the next meeting.

6. Packhorse Garden

Already discussed earlier in the meeting.

7. Church Improvements

Although not well attended, Kentford Parish Council will continue to support the church. The newly constructed path is proving invaluable; Robert Boyce personally donated £10,000 as part of the development of Kentford Lodge. The new play equipment, partially caged at present, will be a further benefit to the site.

At this point in the meeting, Street Naming for Meddler Stud was discussed. Proposed names from FHDC are Old Stable Lane (for the larger main road), Regal Mews, Silk Mews, Saddle Walk. Approved with no further suggestions.

8. Planning Update

No update for the proposed development at the rear of The Kentford Public House.

Tree Preservation Order for 1 Edgeborough Close – no objections.

Prospect Cottage, Herringswell Road, Kentford 1.5 storey side extension with accommodation over a triple cart lodge - If any issues, councillors to share with other Parish Councillors by email.

Development at Kennett still a huge concern. A collective draft response was circulated expressing concerns on the impact of excessive traffic movement. No further update.

No further details on 55 homes on Station Road, former Gravel Pit. Robin Swanson to be contacted (MB to action).

9. Safe walkable route to Moulton

Moulton Parish Council have organised a meeting at Moulton School on Monday at 6.00pm to discuss the potential scheme. SCC Robin Millar will be attending. Councillors agreed a

safe key walk to Moulton would be the ideal solution for those wanting to access other Right of Way footways. A lower speed limit needs to be in place, maximum 30mph.

10. Concerns from new areas of Parish

Land management referred to in the previous meeting have still not been addressed, an unsafe lamp post needs urgent attention; no ball games sign in place at the formal playground. Cllr Carter to draft and circulate a strongly worded email requesting an update on all issues raised. Lambert Grove is generally satisfactory other than some of the drains in the vicinity of the social housing are sinking. In addition, the open space is only accessible in one corner with the remaining section still fenced off. Connectivity was briefly discussed but this topic will be an agenda item at the next meeting. Further questions to be answered are whether the planned zebra crossing on Herringswell Road is going ahead and reasons why the play area at Kentford Lodge remains closed?

Date of next meeting agreed as Thursday 1st November 2018 at 7.00pm.

With no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

