

Kennett Parish Council

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th June 2017
At the Pavilion, Kennett - Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

Present

Cllr Robin Swanson (RS)
Cllr Anthony French (AF)
Cllr Darren Watson (DW)
Cllr Adam Girling (AG)
Cllr Tim Foddy (TF)
Cllr Cheryl Jowett (CJ)
D/Cllr Josh Schumann (JS)

Apologies

DCllr Julia Huffer

Absent

Cllr Mark Hillyer

In attendance

Su Field (Parish Clerk)
0 Members of the public

PUBLIC FORUM

No items raised.

17/18-016 Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from DCllr Julia Huffer. Cllr Mark Hillyer absent.

17/18-017 Declaration of Interests

1. Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in any item of business:
None
2. Declaration of any personal and/or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda:
Cllr R Swanson – CLT and Village Hall
Cllr C Jowett – CLT
Cllr T Foddy – CLT
Cllr A Girling – Village Hall
Cllr D Watson – CLT and Village Hall
3. Written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests:
None
4. Grants to any requests for dispensations:
None

17/18-018 Minutes of Meeting held on 9th May 2017

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2017 were agreed as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

17/18-019 EXTERNAL FORUM

1. County Councillor

JS reported that there were no matters to be brought to the Parish Council's attention from a County Council perspective.

JS confirmed that Mr James Palmer was now no longer either a County Councillor or a District Councillor following his election to the post of Mayor for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. He confirmed that at this time Mr Palmer would have an office in the District Council offices.

In respect of his additional role as a Director of the Staploe Education Trust JS updated the meeting about the concern that had been expressed in relation to the new funding formula and the fears that this could affect Kennett School. The Trust has written to the local MPs expressing this concern and the Trust are also confident that the school is not under

threat. He outlined how the Trust intend to look at their back office functions across the schools within the Trust to ensure best practice and reduce costs. The number one priority of the Trust is to ensure that student numbers are kept up.

2. District Councillor

Following a question from Councillors, JS confirmed that a meeting of the Local Plan Working Group had taken place but that the Minutes of that meeting (at which the proposals for Kennett were discussed) had not yet been made public but as soon as they are available he will ensure that they are distributed.

17/18-020 Matters arising from previous meetings (Action Items)

Items will be covered later in this agenda.

17/18-021 Traffic calming and road safety

RS had received confirmation from Swarco that the new MVAS unit will be delivered by the end of this week.

RS asked for volunteers to assist with putting up the new brackets for the MVAS. It was acknowledged that clearance would need to be sought from Highways before the brackets were installed.

AF asked whether the sign at the lower end of Station Road could be re-sited to the opposite side of the carriageway. RS confirmed Highways had indicated that this would not be permitted because it must be on the same side of the road as the approaching traffic. It had also been noted that some lorries branded "Mick George" had been seen driving through the village despite the agreement that they would not. The Clerk was instructed to email the company requesting them to remind their drivers that they were not allowed to drive through the village.

17/18-022 CLT - Update

The Minutes of the last CLT Board meeting had been posted on the website and the Clerk also undertook to email these round to everyone.

17/18-023 Village Website

AG updated the meeting about the current status of the new website. There is still only one page to be populated (CLT) and this was progressing.

He also asked Councillors whether they wished their private/personal emails and phone numbers to be included in the information page and it was agreed that these will be removed from the new website and the contact form will only send to the Clerk who will have the responsibility of distributing.

17/18-024 Noticeboards

The Clerk apologised to the meeting for not having followed up with obtaining quotations for the new noticeboards due to holiday and accounts work.

This would be brought forward to the next meeting.

17/18-025 3 Rivers Car Scheme - request for donation

The Clerk had not received a reply from the alternative contact and would chase this again. The item to be brought back to the next meeting.

17/18-026 REPORTS

1. Any External Meetings that Councillors may wish to report.

RS had written to ECDC again highlighting the issue of the A11/A14 link road and its omission from any strategic planning document. He had received confirmation from ECDC that this matter will be on every agenda of the regular meeting between ECDC/FHDC.

In respect of the issues at the Bell Inn junction it had been confirmed that SCC would be approached to ascertain what funding could be available as the junction actually sits in Suffolk. It was acknowledged that no infrastructure improvements had taken place at this junction despite approximately 350 dwellings having been built in Kentford and the surrounding area.

2. Any police reports received.

None.

17/18-027 Planning Issues

1. **17/00517/FUL – 1 Dane Hill Road – Single storey extension to outbuilding to create tattoo studio (retrospective)**

No comments.

2. **DC/17/0444/OUT – Land Off The Carrops, Turnpike Road, Red Lodge – Means of access to be considered (up to 30no dwellings and associated access).**

No comments.

17/18-028 Correspondence Received

1. Email from Mr Fahmy

The Parish Council and the CLT Board had received an email communication from Mr Fahmy and suggested responses to the questions therein contained were considered by the Parish Councillors at this meeting.

The Clerk was instructed to respond to Mr Fahmy.

Other correspondence previously circulated via email.

17/18-029 Financial Matters

- 1 Current Bank Balances, at 13th June 2017 (online), Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation for noting

Treasurers Account	-	£4,108.35
Bus Bank Instant Account	-	£16,612.11

- 2 Cheques to be signed at meeting

Cheque No	Amount	Payee	Detail
None			

- 3 Online payments made/to be made

Amount	Payee	Detail
£130.07	Mrs S Field	Wages & Expenses (June)
£130.00	Swanson Landscapes	Grass Cutting
£19.12	1&1 Internet	Hosting Charges

The Clerk provided the Chairman with a copy of the bank reconciliation which was duly signed as a true record of the accounts.

17/18-030 Councillors Forum

TF asked whether it might be possible for “dog fouling” bag dispensers to be sited at or near the “dog fouling” bins hoping that dog walkers would make use of the facility to pick up and dispose. It was agreed that options for this would be looked into.

DW mentioned that the gate on Dane Hill Road leading to the tip seems to be open more often than it used to be and he wondered whether HGVs were using it (which they are not permitted to do). It was agreed that an eye would be kept on the situation and reported back.

17/18-031 Agenda Items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th July 2017 to be held at the Pavilion

Noticeboard quotes

3 Rivers Car Scheme

“Dog Fouling” bag dispensers

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed:
Kennett Parish Council

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