**Kennett Parish Council**

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th January 2018

At Kennett School - Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

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| Present  Cllr Robin Swanson (RS)  Cllr Anthony French (AF)  Cllr Darren Watson (DW)  Cllr Tim Foddy (TF)  Cllr Cheryl Jowett (CJ)  Cllr Adam Girling (AG)  DCllr Julia Huffer | Apologies  Cllr Mark Hillyer    Absent  CCllr Josh Schumann |

In attendance

Su Field (Parish Clerk)

0 Members of the public

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No items.

**17/18-097 Chairman’s Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

**17/18-098 Declaration of Interests**

1. Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in any item of business:

**None**

1. Declaration of any personal and/or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda:

**Cllr R Swanson – CLT and Village Hall, Item 17/18/108(1)**

**Cllr T Foddy – CLT**

**Cllr A Girling – Playing Fields Association**

**Cllr D Watson – CLT, Village Hall and Playing Fields Association**

**Cllr C Jowett – CLT** & **Item 17/18/108(1)**

**Cllr A French - Item 17/18/108(1)**

**Parish Clerk – Item 17/18/108(1)**

1. Written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests:

**None**

1. Grants to any requests for dispensations:

**None**

**17/18-099 Minutes of Meeting held on 12th December 2017**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2017 were agreed as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

**17/18-100 EXTERNAL FORUM**

1. **County Councillor**

No report received.

1. **District Councillor**

Date for the Public Inquiry on the Gladmans application (Fordham – 100 dwellings) is taking place on April 20th. Gladmans are appealing the decision of ECDC to refuse permission.

**17/18-101 Matters arising from previous meetings (Action Items)**

The Clerk has received pro forma invoices for both the noticeboards and the dog bag dispensers as the companies concerned require payment before delivery. These have now been paid and the items are due for delivery within the next couple of days.

The signs on the chicane have been repaired by Highways.

Tree at Church

The Chairman met with Cathy White (ECDC Trees Officer) to look at the tree which is gradually infringing on the wall of the churchyard. It is a Lime tree which has been deliberately over the years forced to grow separate stems from the base and which is why it’s on a lot of trunks. This was done to increase the wood produced historically. The tree is producing suckers which is pushing the wall over. Ms White has suggested that instead of cutting the tree down as an interim measure trying to cut the thinner suckers (nearest the wall) and see if that solves the problem in the short term. It was agreed that the Clerk ask Swanson Landscapes to provide an estimate.

**17/18-102 Traffic calming and road safety**

Signs on the chicane have been repaired.

Drains down towards the Bell – the gullies need cleaning. Same as Dane Hill Road. Clerk to report it on CCC website and request that they are cleared.

JH confirmed that when waste team is back “in house” (April 2018) it is anticipated that there will be new pavement cleaners purchased which are due to be deployed, across all villages, on a 6 week rota. The pavement south of the former Hanson site is very muddy and also needs cleaning

**17/18-103 CLT – Update**

Latest minutes are on the website.

**17/18-104 Village Website**

No update available for this meeting.

**17/18-105 Village Church**

See follow up items above.

**17/18-106 Playing Fields**

The new village hall is now open.

DW presented plans to the meeting illustrating how it is hoped to improve access and deter any future potential ingress of undesirable vehicles etc. It is planned to put fencing around the site and install bollards across the front of the playing fields.

The indicative prices at this time is £6,300 for bollards (wooden ones), labour costs could be £1,750. The height restriction barrier will cost in the region of £1,200. Whole cost is envisaged to be circa £10,000.

At the Parish Council meeting in October it had been decided that following the presentation of these plans for the scheme a decision would be made as to whether a donation would be made towards these costs.

Those who had not declared an interest in this item (TF, CJ, AF) agreed that the Parish Council would contribute the cost of the barrier and installation of the same.

The Chairman agreed to approach the Chairman of Kentford Parish Council to ascertain whether they would also be willing to contribute to the planned works.

**17/18-107 REPORTS**

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

None for this meeting.

**17/18-108 Planning Issues**

1. **17/02031/FUM – Proposed 76 dwellings with associated access, open space and drainage, replacing the dis-used commercial yard and part agricultural land. Land rear of 12 to 58 Station Road, Kennett. Applicant : Victoria Stanley Ltd.**

Having previously declared an interest in this item the Clerk left the room whilst the matter was discussed.

A response will be sent composed and sent to the District Council by 22nd January 2018 by the Parish Councillors.

**17/18-109 Correspondence Received**

Acknowledgement received from Lucy Frazer MP regarding letter that had been sent in respect of Kennett River and the Environment Agency.

All other correspondence sent via email.

**17/18-110 Financial Matters**

Current Bank Balances, at 9th January 2018 (online), Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation for noting

Treasurers Account - £942.87

Bus Bank Instant Account - £17,164.08

**17/18-111 Councillors Forum**

RS raised the issue of the location of Parish Council meetings going forward. Now that the new Hall is complete it was proposed that all meetings now be held in the new Village Hall. This was agreed.

**17/18-112 Agenda Items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th February 2018 to be held at the Village Hall**

Nothing from this meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

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Kennett Parish Council