

KENNETT PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at Kennett County Primary School on Monday 5th November 2007 at 7.30pm**

Present: Mrs Pamela Evans, Chairperson
Mrs Jackie Hughes, Parish Clerk
Mr Keith Mobbs
Mr Nick Pank

Apologies for absence: Mr Barclay Dutson, Vice Chairman
Mr Michael Allan, District Councillor
Mr John Abbott, District Councillor
Mrs Judy Broadway, County Councillor
Mr John Powley, County Councillor

1. **The Minutes of the last meeting held on 1st October 2007** were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

2. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

Affordable Housing. Hastoe Housing want to hold an open meeting in December, to consult the villagers on plans and layout drawings for Dane Hill Road. Due to the time limitations and Christmas, the clerk is to ask if this can be held in January.

Bridge Weight Limit. Robin Swanson, via Jim Paice (MP) has had confirmation in writing from Railtrack, that the railway-bridge is only maintained to a 20 tons limit. The clerk is to write to Cambs Highways and ask them to close it to HCVs and to provide adequate signage. A copy of the letter is to go to the Health & Safety Executive.

Memorial stones. The grant from ECDC has been passed for payment and is due any day. Ivett & Reed require more information for a quotation to fix the cross near the entrance gate, Robin Watson to advise.

The hedging in the graveyard is discolouring the headstones, could the hedging be changed? This item will be carried forward to the next meeting.

Village Tidiness

Dog Loos. The Dog Warden confirmed that a bin would be emptied at the playing field. The clerk is to order two.

Grass Cutting. The Clerk has requested a quote for cutting the grass in graveyards and the verge at The Bell corner, this should be supplied by the new year.

Street Lighting. CCC has advised that a street light was damaged and removed in Station Road. It was agreed that as funds were available it should be replaced.

Neighbourhood Panels. Pam Evans attended the meeting on the 3rd October. This was a pilot scheme, because of its success it will now cover all of East Cambs. The speed checks carried out over a three month period totalled 14.5 hours for the combined villages. In future each village will be covered for one month.

Parish Councillors. The decision to increase the number of councillors has to be approved by the Parish Council at an AGM, we then have to formally make a request to ECDC. If we have an election, it will cost the Parish Council in the region of £1500. If we wait for the next elections it might only cost about £50 if they are non-contested. It was agreed to wait.

3. **Police and Community**

The only crime reported during October was a smashed lock on a gate and offenders drove around and churned up the grass in Chippenham Road.

There will be a Police Surgery in Kennett, outside the school on 10th November at 12.30pm.

4. Parish Plan

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The questionnaire has been distributed, the cut off collection date will be 10th November.

5. Accounts for payment

Fordham Royal British Legion	20.00
Donations:	
Newmarket Day Centre	50.00
Kennett Parochial CC	100.00
K & K Village Hall	100.00
Macmillan Nurses	50.00
Newmarket CAB	50.00

A transfer of £400.00 is required

It was agreed to increase the precept by 2% to £5650 to provide for expenditure following the results of the parish plan.

The church organ has asbestos in it, which needs removing, The PCC would like help with the cost of this. Item to be carried over to next meeting.

6. Planning matters

07/01058/FUL	Construction of all weather arena (menage) 1 Kennett Cottage Dane Hill Road Kennett	Approved
07/00941/FUL	Modified proposal of application E/06/00559/FUL change of garage to open cartlodge (Retrospective) Land to rear of Kennett End Newmarket Road Kennett	Approved
07/01167/FUL	Proposed change of use of land for temporary siting of a mobile home to supervise the equine business Land rear of 22 to 26 Station Road Kennett	See note 1 below
07/01184/FUL	Single storey rear extension Machell Cottage 28 Station Road Kennett	No objections

7. Correspondence

ECDC	East Cambridgeshire Magazine	See note 2 below
ECDC	East Cambs LDF Core Strategy Amendments Preferred Options Paper	See note 3 below
EC Domestic Violence	Domestic Violence Strategy & Directory	Keep on file
D Miles	Email from Claire Batt re: traffic speed at school	Acknowledge

Notes.

1. Object on the grounds of: back-land development, outside the planning envelope, site is on a flood plain, it would set a precedent and it could be granted permanent status in the future.
2. The clerk is to write and ask why the residents of Kennett don't receive the magazine.
3. The clerk is to write and ask if the Alan Newport land can be included.

8. Date and venue of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5th November at Kennett County Primary School at 7.30pm.