

**KENNETT PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at Kennett County Primary School on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Mrs Pamela Evans, Chairperson  
Mrs Jackie Hughes, Parish Clerk  
Mr Barclay Dutson, Vice Chairman  
Mr Keith Mobbs  
Mr Darren Watson

**Apologies for absence:** Mr Nick Pank  
Mr John Powley, County Councillor

1. **The Minutes of the last meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008** These were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

2. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

**Bridge Weight Limit** There is no news yet from Suffolk Highways about the Herringswell Road bridge.

**Memorial stones** Ivett & Reed have scheduled the work, there is no news yet.

**Village Tidiness**

**Street Lighting** Repairs have been carried out.

**Graveyard Hedge** S P Landscapes have completed the hedge cutting.

**Drains** The drains and sumps on Station Road have been cleaned out.

**Touring Caravan** Alan Newport have been notified, the land is leased by Mr Leach, they have asked him to deal with the removal of it.

**Neighbourhood Panels** Barclay Dutson attended the 8<sup>th</sup> October meeting, he reported that: The Speedwatch carried out at the school indicated that about 20% of vehicles were speeding. A person has been arrested in connection with local burglaries. There is to be a test in the spring with the provision of a youth facilities bus, this will visit various locations, the cost would be £80 per visit.

**Jointly Funded Minor Highways** The Parish Council have won the bid for a advisory 20mph speed limit outside the school.

3. **Police and Community** The crimes reported during August and September were, windows of a café had been smashed at Chippenham Road. There was a break-in in Station Road, various areas have been spayed with graffiti. There have been two burglaries in Station Road.
4. **Parish Plan** The Parish Plan has been distributed throughout the village, it has also been sent to about 20 other key resources. Barclay Dutson presented the plan to the Local Strategic Partnership at Ely.

5. **Accounts for payment**

Fingerprint – Parish Plan printing	692.00
S P Landscapes – Hedge cutting	352.50
It was agreed by the Parish Council to pay the water rates at the church.	
Kennett Parochial Church Council – Water rates	49.94

A transfer of £1000.00 is required

The precept for 2009/2010 will be discussed at the next meeting.

**6. Planning matters**

08/00835/FUL	Proposal to increase the existing roof space 1 The Close Kennett	Approved
E/3005/08/CC	Erection of Site Boundary Fence Kennett County Primary School	Approved
E/3011/05/CM	Application by Mick George Ltd to vary Condition 33. Kennett Hall Farm	Object see note 1 below

**7. Correspondence and Other Matters**

ECDC The Parish Council agreed to participate in Speedwatch, the cost will be £40.

CCC It was agreed that Barclay Dutson is to arrange a meeting with Kevin Hall from Highways to discuss traffic issues.

**8. Date and venue of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at Kennett County Primary School at 7.30pm, on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

**Notes**

1. Kennett Parish Council considers that the management of the ground and surface water is too important for the condition to be varied. No extraction should take place until the impact of such activity is known environmentally. The aquifer in the areas of Both Phase 1a and Phase 1b could be affected by both the Kennett 1 landfill site and the former Suffolk Landfill site. The stability of both of the existing landfill sites would need to be established before any extraction can take place. There would be a concern that both existing landfill sites could be leaching toxins, gas and by products as a result of decomposition into the surrounding subsoil which in turn could have an effect on the local environment and the wildlife in the area. This project was originally approved over 2 years ago, and it is unclear why the representations of the Environment Agency have not been resolved within this time frame. We can only assume that the problems of resolving them are substantial. Kennett Parish Council considers that the problems may be so significant, that the planning permission for the scheme may have to be withdrawn. Kennett Parish Council would like to see copies of the correspondence between Mick George and the Environment Agency, prior to making further comments. Kennett Parish Council therefore considers that no development should take place until this condition is satisfactorily resolved. Years 1-6 of the activity will see a direct impact on the lives of those residents in Dane Hill cottages and Dane Hill farm with both noise, dust and potential hazards from the toxicity of the subsoil when extracted from these site. To allay some of the fears of it's residents Kennett Parish council must be satisfied that the Environment Agency have formally stated that such a risk is small or insignificant.