**Kennett Parish Council**

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th December 2017

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  CCllr Josh Schumann    Absent |

In attendance

Su Field (Parish Clerk)

0 Members of the public

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No items.

**17/18-080 Chairman’s Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr M Hillyer and CCllr J Schumann.

**17/18-081 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**

**Cllr T Foddy – CLT**

**Cllr A Girling – Playing Fields Association**

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

**Cllr C Jowett – CLT**

1. Written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests:

**None**

1. Grants to any requests for dispensations:

**None**

**17/18-082 Minutes of Meeting held on 10th October 2017**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2017 were agreed as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

**17/18-083 EXTERNAL FORUM**

1. **County Councillor**

Report had not been received at the time of the meeting. If this is received, the Clerk will circulate via email.

1. **District Councillor**

Pleased to announce that through waste coming back in house there will be an additional blue bin available to households for a one off payment of £25 to cover administration and delivery. A second green bin is already available on the same basis. Any resident interested in purchasing an additional bin should contact ECDC via Customer Services.

JH also updated the meeting about two funding pots that had been secured to assist with feasibility/capacity studies on the A142, in particular Junction 38 survey works. There would be additional funds in 2020 for works on Junction 37.

The design work for Soham station is progressing.

Ely Bypass is now due to be completed at the end of Summer 2018.

**17/18-084 Matters arising from previous meetings (Action Items)**

Clerk has not progressed the items due to personal circumstances.

**17/18-085 Traffic calming and road safety**

Traffic island has now lost both signs – Clerk to re-report and Chairman will endeavour to speak to an officer at Highways to get this rectified.

DW asked whether it may be sensible to organise a group to clear various items (weeds etc)? It was thought that this may be something to consider for early next year and an item would be placed on the January agenda to move it forward.

**17/18-086 CLT – Update**

Latest minutes are on the website.

**17/18-087 Village Website**

Plan is to get it completed by the date of next meeting. Main item now is to get the domain name transferred.

**17/18-088 Village Church**

Tree officer from ECDC is meeting with the chairman next week to look at the situation with the tree knocking over the wall.

**17/18-089 Local Plan – Final Consultation Phase**

Cllrs French, Hillyard and Girling to lead on this item as other members of the PC are on the CLT Board. Other members did not contribute to the discussion.

There is still a strength of feeling within the village on the large scale of this site. A form of words are required to recognise this (the fact that it is disproportionate and unreasonable in relation to the current size of the village).

JH - Two planning appeals are due to be heard next year and if they are successful other villages across the district will be subjected to larger developments.

MH – joined the meeting at 8pm.

General consensus is that a response needs to go in stating the strong feeling within the village that the proposed development is disproportionate and unreasonable as mentioned above. In addition the effect upon local infrastructure.

Clerk to circulate previous comments which will then be amended to reflect these points.

Question raised over Policy LP5 and the interpretation of the policy in relation to the proposed development.

**17/18-090 REPORTS**

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

None.

**17/18-091 Planning Issues**

No new applications received.

**17/18-092 Correspondence Received**

Sent via email.

**17/18-093 Financial Matters**

Current Bank Balances, at 12th December 2017 (online), Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation for noting

Treasurers Account - £3,569.30

Bus Bank Instant Account - £17,164.08

The Clerk provided the Chairman with a copy of the bank reconciliation which was duly signed as evidence of income and expenditure.

Due to compassionate leave there are some additional bills, which were mentioned at the meeting on 10th October, to be paid which will be actioned as soon as practicable. £2,099.14 for traffic calming works and £156.00 for audit fees.

**17/18-094 Precept Request**

The Clerk provided those present with a breakdown of expenditure to the current date along with a predictive budget for the financial year 2018-2019.

Following discussion it was AGREED that the sum of £9,095 be requested of the District Council as the Precept for the financial year 2018-2019 (no increase on last year).

**17/18-095 Councillors Forum**

AG – raised on behalf of a resident ... can a mirror not be installed near the church to enable better visibility? This was requested last year but the County Council refused to allow this. Anglian Water have finally done the work around the sewerage plant so people can now navigate the path.

DW – Trees along Dane Hill Road are in need of survey. Ask Paul Swanson to have a look at them. Bus stop slates need to be replaced – Ernie Warren to be asked to quote.

TF – Kennett River issues still ongoing. TF will reinvigorate the reply and the Clerk will send to the EA and MP.

**17/18-096 Agenda Items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th January 2018 to be held at the School**

Clear Up Volunteers

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed: ..................................................................

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