

**KENNETT PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at Kennett County Primary School on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 7.30pm****Present:**

Mr Darren Watson, Chairperson  
 Mrs Jackie Hughes, Parish Clerk  
 Mr Derek Miles  
 Mr Robin Swanson  
 Mrs Gina Pryor  
 Mrs Diane Wallis

**115/13-14 Apologies for absence:** Mr Mark Hillyer, Vice Chairperson  
 Mr Russell Hughes  
 Mr Michael Allan, District Councillor  
 Mr James Palmer, County Councillor

**116/13-14 Parish Councillor Declaration of Interest and Dispensations:**

- a. Declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interest in an item of business: None.
- b. Declarations of any personal and/or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda: Councillors Watson and Wallis item 119/2.
- c. Written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests: None.
- d. Grants to any requests for dispensation: None.

**117/13-14 Public Participation** None.

**118/13-14 The Minutes of the last meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013** These were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**119/13-14 Reports on matters arising from previous meetings**

1. **Village Sign** Glyn Mould has not responded to our request, the Clerk to ask again.
2. **Village Hall** At the meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. it was agreed that a workshop be held for the two villages. This will be on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. between 11am and 2pm with a buffet. An architect will give an impartial view on the three options. FHDC will letter all residents of the two villages urging them to attend. The next meeting will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> January.
3. **Hedges at the sewer plant** The hedges have been cut.
4. **Trees at the School** The Lime trees will be pollarded on a regular basis which will cure the dead wood. Councillor Watson reported that the Staploe Education Trust had been advised of the current issue with the trees and has agreed to include these within their survey.
5. **Trees at St Simon Stud** The manager of the stud has requested a meeting with the Chairman.
6. **Streetlight Outages** The outages of PC7 and PC23 have been repaired.
7. **Interactive Signs** We are waiting for feedback from the engineers. One of the signs at the school is now faulty the Clerk is to report it.
8. **Memorial Repairs** Councillor Pryor obtained a quote. It was agreed that we ask Councillor Allan if there are any grants available to maintain the graves and if it would be possible for ECDC to take the churchyard over.
9. **Code of Conduct Training** Councillor Watson attended and has some booklets.
10. **Hedges at Cemetery** Councillor Swanson cut these and was thanked by the Parish Council.
11. **Website** Work is ongoing, Councillor Miles has almost built the new website.
12. **LHII** The application was filled out incorrectly, Councillors Miles and Swanson will amend it.

**120/13-14 Matters carried over from previous meeting** None.

**121/13-14 Road Calming and Safety** Highways are happy to cut back one tree, the Clerk to give the go ahead and to find out if we can cut the other trees and put branches over the boundary.

We have been advised that we do not need to advertise the scheme but we have to advise the local residents. Councillor Swanson has drafted a letter and this will be sent. Highway will be giving us a detailed costing of the scheme and a list of approved contractors.

Councillor Miles has created a Traffic Analysis Report which shows a mean speed of around 40mph at the flint cottages. The Clerk is to write to the residents enclosing the report and advising of the visual improvement.

Councillor Swanson will supply the data from the HGV count last year.

**122/13-14 Kennett School** None.

**123/13-14 St Nicholas Church** None.

**124/13-14 Reports from County and District Councillors** None.

**125/13-14 Correspondence**

CCC – Changes to street lighting billing – The Clerk is to write and ask when the new energy efficient bulbs will be installed.

ECDC – Community Right to bid for Assets of Community Value

ECDC – Community Safety Partnership Survey

ECDC - Councillors, Committees & Meeting Dates booklet

West Suffolk – Joint Development Management Policies Document

E Challis – St Nicholas Close – The Clerk is to write and advise that this is not Parish Council business.

**126/13-14 Planning**

1. Notification of Planning Approvals:- None
2. Notification of Planning Refusals - None
3. Notification of Planning Applications - None
4. Notification of Planning Withdrawals – None

**127/13-14 Police and Community** None.

**128/13-14 Publications** None.

**129/13-14 Finance**

Payments were approved for:

Kennett Parochial Church Council – Donation cheque 000240 - £300

Royal British Legion – Donation cheque 000241 - £50

Magpas – Donation cheque 000242 - £50

A Osborne – Grass cutting cheque 000243 - £480

A transfer of £900 is required

**130/13-14 Councillors Forum** None.

**131/13-14 Matters for future consideration** None

**132/13-14 Date of next meeting** 20<sup>th</sup> January

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.