**Kennett Parish Council**

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th February 2018

At The Village Hall - Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

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

In attendance

Su Field (Parish Clerk)

0 Members of the public

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No items.

**17/18-113 Chairman’s Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

Cllrs Watson and Girling.

**17/18-114 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 17/18/123(1)**

**Cllr T Foddy – CLT**

**Cllr C Jowett – CLT** & **Item 17/18/123(1)**

**Cllr A French – Item 17/18/123(1)**

**Parish Clerk – Item 17/18/123(1)**

1. Written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests:

**None**

1. Grants to any requests for dispensations:

**None**

**17/18-115 Minutes of Meeting held on 9th January 2018**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2018 were agreed as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

**17/18-116 EXTERNAL FORUM**

1. **County Councillor**

No formal report received but JH updated the meeting concerning the County Council element of Council Tax which would be going up by 5% (2% of which would be ringfenced for Adult Social Care).

1. **District Councillor**

ECDC proportion of the Council Tax will not be increasing due to a balanced budget. Residents can now register for second blue bin for collection after 1st April. The cost per household will be £25 to cover administration and delivery. Emptying of the additional bin will be at no extra charge.

Delay in Ely Bypass – now due for completion end of Summer 2018.

**17/18-117 Matters arising from previous meetings (Action Items)**

Tree at Church

Swanson Landscapes have consulted the tree surgeon who has looked at the Lime tree. The surgeon does not think that he can remove the small suckers as it is too close to the wall. Swanson Landscapes is preparing a quote which will involve taking out some of the thicker suckers – this could reduce the size of the tree by ½. Quote will be available for next meeting.

Noticeboards and dog bag bin dispensers have been delivered to TF. TF will measure the boards – one will be installed to replace the old one. TF and RS will meet to attempt to identify a suitable location near the school for the other noticeboard.

**17/18-118 Traffic calming and road safety**

The Clerk was requested to report online the dreadful state of the road surface at the roundabout on the A11 and at the Bell Inn Junction. There are numerous potholes and the roads are generally in an unacceptable state of repair.

**17/18-119 CLT – Update**

AGM took place on 25th January, Minutes will be posted on the website shortly.

**17/18-120 Village Website**

No update available for this meeting.

**17/18-121 Village Church**

See follow up items above.

**17/18-122 REPORTS**

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

TF attended the meeting the PCC at Burwell on 12th February. Amongst other things, 70% of the call outs that the Police receive are non-crime related (i.e. mental illness, threatened domestic violence). In relation to the recent issues with the traveller situation – Police admitted that there was not a lot they could do about it. The PCC recommended that all parishes write direct to Lucy Frazer MP concerning Section 61 and the request that it be amended to give the Police more powers. PCC did recommend that Country Watch perhaps be looked into as an alternative to Neighbourhood Watch. Country Watch is a more rural concept which is organised, in the main, by farmers.

JH updated the meeting that a drop-in event was taking place in Fordham Victoria Hall on 21st February (6pm to 10pm) with the Police.

A discussion about CCTV to take place at the next meeting.

**17/18-123 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. Amendment : Reduction in red line. The application is considered to be requiring an EIA on the grounds of transport, biodiversity and air quality. Applicant : Victoria Stanley Ltd.**

In quorate for a discussion to take place.

2. **18/00061/FUL – Proposed storage building for maintenance equipment associated with adjacent motorcross circuit – Wildtracks Offroad Activity Park. Applicant : Wildtracks Ltd.**

Concern was expressed over the colour of the external cladding and would wish it to be more in keeping with the surrounding.

**17/18-124 Correspondence Received**

Distributed by email.

**17/18-125 Financial Matters**

Current Bank Balances, at 13th February 2018 (online), Cash Book and Bank Reconciliation for noting

 Treasurers Account - £2,082.87

 Bus Bank Instant Account - £15,165.40

**17/18-126 Councillors Forum**

MH asked about the proposed security height barrier that is proposed to be installed at the entrance to the playing fields and what the situation would be if a fire engine or ambulance needed to access the site. It was explained that there were two options for the barrier, a keyholder system or a security keypad. It is thought that the keypad system would be most likely due to the relative isolation of the playing field to residents.

TF – River Kennett – has been advised that the District Council may be able to assist in remedying the situation. JH will ascertain which Drainage Board the river falls within which may be a good starting point.

RS – issue concerning the lack of street lights along Station Road from the school down to Longstones Stud. Item to go on next agenda.

**17/18-127 Agenda Items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th March 2018 to be held at the Village Hall**

CCTV

Additional street lighting

Church Tree works

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

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

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