**Kennett Parish Council**

MINUTES of the **Annual Village Meeting** held on 8th May 2018

At The Pavilion, Kennett - Meeting commenced at 7.05pm

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| Present  Cllr Robin Swanson (RS)  Cllr Cheryl Jowett (CJ)  Cllr Anthony French (AF)  Cllr Mark Hillyer (MH)  CCllr/DCllr Josh Schumann (JS)  DCllr Julia Huffer (JH) | Apologies/Absences  Cllr Adam Girling  Cllr Darren Watson – Absent  Cllr Tim Foddy - Absent |

In attendance

Su Field (Parish Clerk) Village Residents present: 1

1. The Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2018 were presented to those Councillors present for perusal and adoption.

RESOLVED that the Annual Accounts be accepted. The Accounts were signed by the Chairman and Parish Clerk.

2. Report of the Parish Council Chairman

Cllr Robin Swanson presented his report on the activities of the Parish Council for the year 2017/18 a copy of which is appended to these Minutes for information.

3. Members of the public to raise any issues affecting the Parish

Mr F Danks raised the issue of the damaged lighting column along The Street and the appearance of flyposts on the column which has official signs stating that there is a danger of electrocution. Clerk to email Balfour Beatty again and copy in CCllr Schumann.

There is a carcass of a Monkjac deer on the rail tracks which has been there for a couple of weeks. This will be reported to Network Rail as soon as possible.

MINUTES of the **Annual General Meeting** held on 8th May 2018

At The Pavilion, Kennett - Meeting commenced at 7.15 pm

**17/18-146 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Adam Girling.

Cllr Tim Foddy and Cllr D Watson – absent.

**17/18-147 Declarations of Interest**

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:

**None**

1. Written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests:

**None**

1. Grants to any requests for dispensations:

**None**

**17/18-148 Minutes of AGM held on 9th May 2017**

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10th May 2016 were agreed as a true record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

**17/18-149 Election of Chairman 2018/19**

Cllr French nominated Cllr Swanson to serve as Chairman for the civic year 2018/19. Cllr Jowett seconded the nomination and Cllr Swanson was duly elected Chairman. Cllr Swanson signed his declaration of acceptance of office which was witnessed by the Clerk.

**17/18-150 Election of Vice Chairman 2018/19**

Cllr Jowett nominated Cllr French to serve as Vice Chairman for the civic year 2018/19. Cllr Swanson seconded the nomination and Cllr French was duly elected Vice Chairman.

**17/18-151 Adoption of Standing Orders**

Adopted.

**17/18-152 Adoption of Financial Regulations**

Adopted.

Meeting closed at 7.21 pm.

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

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KENNETT PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT FOR THE YEAR MAY 2017 – MAY 2018

Parish Councillors Mr Robin Swanson, Chairperson

Mr Anthony French, Vice Chairperson

Mr Mark Hillyer

Mr Darren Watson

Mr Tim Foddy

Ms Cheryl Jowett

Mr Adam Girling

Mrs Su Field, Parish Clerk

During the last year, the Parish Council has focussed on minor improvement works and continued to look at highways issues. The Council purchased a second speed monitor which has allowed us to operate two monitors concurrently; one in the 30 mph zones and the other in the 40 mph zones. In addition a number of speed limit stickers with “Please Drive Carefully” have been issued to householders to place on their recycle bins. Two new Parish Notice Boards have been purchased; one to replace the board outside “Collins and Sons Ltd” and the other to replace the board in The Close. This latter Board has been erected beside the School fence on Church Lane which will replace the Parish Council Board in The Close. Although still to be installed, the Council has bought two dog bin bag dispensers to encourage people to pick up any dog fouling.

The new Village Hall on the playing fields was completed by Godfrey and Hicks on 30 Nov 17 as planned. This now provides an excellent community focus for the village. The Parish Council continues to support the Village Hall Association, together with Kentford Parish Council, by contributing 5% of its annual precept (£454.75).

The 3 Rivers Parish News continues to be distributed in Kennett every two months. Our thanks go to the team of volunteers who distribute them throughout the village.

The Final Draft of Local Plan was published in October 2017. The plan for 500 houses opposite the school appears in it and it will be for the Inspector to decide whether the whole Plan, including the proposed development for Kennett, is considered sustainable and appropriate. This process will not be completed until late 2018.

The Community Land Trust (CLT), which has been formally established within Kennett Parish, formally approved the development based on a democratic vote within the Trust.

Two donations were made during this current year; they were £100 to the Three Rivers Church Dial-a-Ride scheme and £15 to the Royal British Legion.

Copies of the accounts for the financial year April 2017-May 2018 are available from our Clerk.

Mr Robin Swanson MBE

Chairperson, Kennett Parish Council