

**KENNETT PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at Kennett County Primary School on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 7.30pm****Present:**

Mrs Pamela Evans, Chairperson  
 Mrs Jackie Hughes, Parish Clerk  
 Mr Barclay Dutson, Vice Chairman  
 Mr Keith Mobbs  
 Mr Robin Watson  
 Mr Nick Pank

Mr John Abbott, District Councillor  
 Mrs Judy Broadway, County Councillor

**Apologies for absence:**

Mr Michael Allan, District Councillor  
 Mr John Powley, County Councillor

1. **The Minutes of the last meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007** These were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

2. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

**Affordable Housing** There are worries from residents about the safety of the pavement and the narrowness of the road at the site entrance. The Parish Council voted unanimously, to withdraw it's backing to the scheme. The clerk is to write to Hastoe Housing to advise them.

**Bridge Weight Limit** Tipper lorries that carry aggregates are shorter than the span of the bridge and over the weight of 20 tons. Articulated lorries are longer than the span but could still be a problem. Robin Swanson it still waiting for clarification and has asked if the Parish Council could postpone any action for the moment.

**Memorial stones** The clerk to obtain a quotation from Ivett & Reed to repair and fix the cross to left inside the entrance gate.

**Village Tidiness**

**Dog Loos** The dog-foul bins will be sited within the next two weeks.

**Grass Cutting** The Clerk has requested a quote for cutting the grass in graveyards and the verge at The Bell corner, the clerk to chase.

**Street Lighting** There is no news about the replacement streetlight in Station Road. There is a new maintenance contract for the flashing speeding signs, the clerk to chase for repairs.

**Neighbourhood Panels** Pam Evans reported: The scheme has been successful and is to go countywide. Speed monitoring was carried out for 7 hours during the last month, 3 fixed penalties and 4 verbal warnings were given.

**Cambs East Magazine** Michael Allan advised that the village should receive the magazine next time, but there were problems with its distribution.

**Memorial stones discoloration** Pam Evans and Robin Watson visited the graveyard and inspected the hedges. The laurel is too deep and needs to be cut back 2-3 ft, the hedging behind the headstones needs to be layered. The clerk to ask for a quote, Robin Watson will oversee.

**Jointly Funded Minor Highways** We have not won again this time, the clerk to write to the church and advise them of our efforts.

**Kentford & Kennett Parish Councils Joint meeting** Arranged for 11<sup>th</sup> February

**3. The Composting Co – Chris Field**

The probationary period at Red Lodge for 2007/08 runs out soon, the company will be renewing the 2006 application, which will remain the same, there are no hazardous substances.

4. **5VPT** Robin Swanson advised that the 700 new homes at Red Lodge were refused, there were 200 letters of objection. Forest Heath DC has a new planning team.

5. **Police and Community** The crimes reported during December were, a package with electrical equipment was stolen, a padlock on some front gates was tampered with and the number plates were stolen from a car.

The police have reported an increase in distraction burglaries in the area.

The next Police Surgeries in Kennett will be outside the school on, 2<sup>nd</sup> February and 16<sup>th</sup> March, both at 3.30pm.

**6. Parish Plan**

A report of the results of the questionnaire is being prepared.

The Parish Council and the Steering Group will review the results and it will be posted on the website.

**7. Accounts for payment**

Glasdon – Dog fouling bins	512.93
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A transfer of £600.00 is required

**8. Planning matters**

E/03025/07/CC	Retention of mobile classroom until 2011 Land at Kennett County Primary School Station Road Kennett	No objections
E/03018/07/CM	Variation of conditions 3 and 29 of planning application E/3011/05/CM to allow restoration of land south of Red Lodge Karting Centre to breckland type habitat instead of Agriculture Land at Kennett Hall Farm Dane Hill Road Kennett	Approved
07/01184/FUL	Single storey rear extension Machell Cottage 28 Station Road Kennett	Approved
07/01382/FUL	Modification of application E/06/01226/FUL – Renovation timber barn to comprise living accommodation to include single storey link to existing house Carmody House, 26 Station Road Kennett	See note 1 below

**9. Correspondence**

Mildenhall Monumentals	Requests for Dicker and Thurlow memorials	Approved
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**Notes**

1. Object on the grounds that it will affect the amenities of the neighbours as it is more than 0.5 metres taller.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February at Kennett County Primary School at 7.30pm.