

KENNETT PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at Kennett County Primary School on Monday 31st March 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 Michael Allan, District Councillor
 Mrs Judy Broadway, County Councillor
 Mr John Powley, County Councillor

Apologies for absence:

Mr John Abbott, District Councillor

1. **The Minutes of the last meeting held on 14th January 2008** These were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

2. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

Affordable Housing The parish council withdrew it's approval of the scheme. The parish council met with the representatives from Hastoe Housing, CCC Highways Dept and ECDC Housing, at the proposed site on 18th March, to discuss the traffic issues. John Richards from CCC suggested traffic calming measures but they had no funding available for the scheme. Ulrike Maccariello from Hastoe Housing said that Hastoe might foot the bill. An open meeting was held on 31st March, this was well attended by local residents. Pam Evans gave the background to the application then Ulrike Maccariello gave further information and answered questions. The main concerns from the residents were:

Was there really a need for the housing

The placement of the development

Site access and highway safety

Following the discussions it was agreed that Barclay Dutson would attend the Planning Committee Meeting to be held on 2nd April and object to the application on the grounds of highway safety.

Bridge Weight Limit There has been no further development, therefore the clerk is to write to Network Rail asking them to write to ECDC to advise them of the current maintenance weight limit.

Memorial stones Ivett & Reed will supply a quotation to repair and fix the cross to left inside the entrance gate in the next week.

Village Tidiness

Dog Loos The dog-foul bins have been sited the one near the church was stolen, but has since been found and reinstalled. They have been very well used but have not been emptied, the clerk has requested ECDC to carry this out as soon as possible. It was decided to order two more, one for the other entrance to the playing field and the other for near the Bell corner.

Grass Cutting The quotation for cutting the grass in graveyards and the verge at The Bell corner has been received and approved by the parish council.

Street Lighting There is no news about the replacement streetlight in Station Road.

Neighbourhood Panels The next meeting will be held on 2nd April, Pam Evans will attend, she will raise the issue of anti-social behaviour of children in the village.

Cambs East Magazine The magazine has been delivered to all the residents and thanks was given to Michael Allan for his help in ensuring ECDC distributed it.

Memorial stones discoloration The clerk to ask for a quote, Robin Watson will oversee.

Jointly Funded Minor Highways The parish council decided that in the next round we would apply for a speed reduction outside the school.

Kentford & Kennett Parish Councils Joint meeting Was held on the 11th February. Items discussed were:

Flooding at the Bell corner, now resolved

The bridge weight limit and the traffic issues of both villages

If there were any conditions as to the routes Ridgeons could use, none.

It was agreed that another meeting would be held in six months time and District and County Councillors from both Counties would be invited.

3. **Police and Community** The crimes reported during January, February and March were, mobile phones taken from lockers and a forced entry with cctv cables cut. Distraction burglaries are still taking place in the area. The next Police Surgeries in Kennett will be outside the school on, April 6th, May 18th, June 8th and June 29th all at 3.30pm.

4. **Parish Plan**

Thanks was given to all who helped with the delivery and collection of questionnaire.

The draft of the plan will be ready in April and it is hoped will be approved at the next meeting. An action plan will then be drafted.

5. **Accounts for payment**

Cambs County Council – Street lighting	797.75
Moore Stephens – External audit	182.13
CPRE – Subscription	28.00
KPCC – Donation	100.00
The Parkinsons Disease Soc – Donation	50.00
Warwick Network – Questionnaire analysis	621.58
CPALC – Subscription	92.30
Petty Cash	50.00

A transfer of £2000.00 is required

The audit has closed and the notices have been displayed on the notice boards.

6. **Planning matters**

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	Approved
07/01381/FUL	Change of use from residential to Educational use by attached Kennett County Primary School 1 Church Lane Kennett	Approved
08/00179/FUL	Replacement of existing garage 72a Station Road Kennett	No objections
08/00051/FUM	Erection of 4 No 1-bedroom flats, 4 No 2-bedroom houses & 2 No 3-bedroom houses Land Adjacent To 31 Dane Hill Road Kennett	Object see above Affordable Housing

08/00102/FUL	Erection of replacement storage building 73 Station Road Kennett	Object see note 1 below
07/01167/FUL	Proposed change of use of land for temporary siting of a mobile home to supervise the equine business Land Rear of 22 To 26 Station Road Kennett	Object see note 2 below Refused
E/03002/08/CW	Variation of Conditions 1 and 9 of planning permission E/3016/03/CW to allow permanent use for composting source-separated green household and commercial waste and including other waste suitable for open window composting Land at Red Lodge Waste Transfer/Recycling Facility The Carrops Red Lodge	No objections

7. Correspondence

J Broadway	Safer Routes to School project	see note 3 below
CCC	Your Countryside Events Needed	see note 4 below

Notes

1. Object on the grounds that an additional 200 lorry movements per day together with a potential for at least 88 car movements a day along Station Road will adversely effect this already over used road which has queues at peak times, it will severely affect the amenities of the local residents. The loading bays are to the right hand side of the building (looking from the road), if lorries were to use these it would disrupt access to the site and cause more danger and chaos on the highway itself. We still have an ongoing dispute with Network Rail and the Highways authority regarding the loading allowed on the railway-bridge adjacent to 73 Station Road. This matter is now in the hands of our MP, Mr Jim Paice. A recent village plan questionnaire showed that 95% of those who responded (70%) are disturbed by heavy traffic. In the questionnaire carried out in November 2007 for the Kennett Village plan:
 - 78% support the restriction of weight of vehicles travelling through the village
 - 67% consider Station Road a danger spot, particularly outside the school.
 - Many villagers feel the railway-bridge is overloaded.
 - 95% are disturbed by traffic noise.
 - 67% think there is a need for lower speed limits on Station Road
 We also note that the planning application states there is mains sewerage, this is incorrect, Station Road has no mains sewerage. There are no provisions in the planning application for the removal of the asbestos in the current building, this would be a severe health hazard.
2. Object on the grounds of: back-land development, outside the planning envelope, site is on a flood plain, it would set a precedent and it could be granted permanent status in the future.
3. The Clerk to write to the school and ask if they have taken part.
4. Advise on the Picnic in the Park on the 8th June.

8. Date and venue of next meeting

The next meeting, the AGM will be held on Monday 12th May at Kennett County Primary School at 8.00pm.