

KENNINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th January 2023 at Kenninghall Village Hall

Present:

- Mrs Mandy Berry
- Mr Kevin Edwards
- Ms Alison Holman (Chair)
- Mr Robbie Crone
- Mr Marcus Halmshaw (Vice Chair),
- Mr Simon Mitchell
- Mr Edward Wood
- Mr Brian Taylor

Mrs Alison Pena (Clerk)

In attendance – 4 members of the public (“MOPs”)

1. Apologies for absence: Mr Roy Arthurton, Mr Gary Bell, Miss Leigh Sturgeon, District Councillor, Mrs Marion Chapman-Allen
2. Declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary or personal interests in any Agenda items. In the interests of transparency, Councillors may also wish to declare any other interests they have in relation to an Agenda item, which support the principles detailed within the KPC Code of Conduct. **None.**
3. Minutes of the Meeting: It was noted that there had been an email exchange regards the minutes; Mr Halmshaw pointed out that minutes did not have to be a verbatim record but record decisions and actions to be taken. The minutes of the Meeting of 6th December 2023 were proposed by Mr Taylor, seconded by Mr Mitchell and all in agreement.
4. Matters Arising:

(a) John Dyer's Charity Trustees – No progress with Barclays Bank to agree way forward.

(b) Allotments – Miss Holman advised that the allotment holders were still in discussion with the landowners agents.

(c) East Harling & Kenninghall Medical Practice – Miss Holman noted that she and the Clerk had recently met with the Practice Manager; the plans for a new surgery in Kenninghall had been shelved but they hoped to extend both Kenninghall and East Harling surgeries.

(d) Village Hall Acoustics – Miss Holman reported that she had received two quotes which were with the consultant overseeing the project to review. The Chair of the VHC queried general quote and Miss Holman advised any contact should be forwarded to the consultant.

(e) Liz Truss MP, Meeting – after discussion later in the meeting it was agreed to go ahead and arrange meeting with KPC.

ACTION: Clerk to action.

(f) The Pantry – The organiser had been invited to the meeting to give an update on the progress to date; a representative of Norfolk Community Foundation Housing Norfolk Team had supported the projects across Norfolk) also attended. It was noted that the Pantry had been open for 3 months and had had support from the community as well as having visits from other local clubs. In terms of concerns that some users may not be potentially requiring the food bank, it was noted that members access it for a variety of reasons; all items are checked and stored in well-ventilated areas. This

Holman and other councillors stated that if any MOP raised concerns about any matter in the parish, councillors had a duty to investigate. KPC supported the Pantry from inception and continued to do so. The organiser expressed her disappointment about the concerns raised and felt there was a genuine need for the Pantry in the community. It was stated that both the volunteers and organiser should not take any criticisms personally. A MOP expressed his thanks to the Pantry team and outlined his very positive experiences which had helped him overcome social isolation. It was agreed any future concerns should be positively discussed between all parties.

5. District and County Councillors Reports

District Councillor, Marion Chapman-Allen had submitted a report which the Clerk would circulate.

ACTION: Clerk to circulate.

6. Reports:

(a) SAM2 – The data for Garboldisham Road was as follows:

- The 85th percentile was 35mph
- Average speed 20mph
- Maximum speed recorded was 65mph
- 43% of vehicles were speeding with an average speed of 34.9mph.

Mr Arthurton had spoken to Westcote about the faulty solar sign on Garboldisham Road/The Butts and referred it to NCC.

(b)

Highways – Miss Holman said that NCC had ongoing works to complete and would be in the village in early February to consider the possible of siting a pull in on Heath Road. They were also estimating the cost of repairing the remainder of the wall on West Church Street. The large pothole on Heath Road had been reported.

(c)

Playing Field and Village Hall Field – Mr Taylor suggested the list of items highlighted in the 2022 ROSPA report should be itemised and a working party formed to tackle these before next inspection.

ACTION: Mr Taylor to action list to be discussed at February meeting.

(d)

Mary Bowles Charity ("MBC") – nothing to report; remove from Agenda as any matters being dealt with by the Trustees.

ACTION: Clerk to action.

(e)

Kenninghall Flood Update – Miss Holman stated that there would be a meeting on 23 January in the Village Hall where the NCC Flood Management Team would outline their work to date. All residents affected by the flood had been notified in writing and details posted on social media and website. It was noted that there was no quick solution and all options had to be considered carefully and costed. Mr Crone raised concern about the timing of the meeting and felt all residents should have been notified. Mr Halmshaw stressed that the meeting had to fit in with NCC Flood Management Team's availability as they were dealing with all villages affected and not just Kenninghall. The was publicity of the meeting on various media.

A MOP expressed his disappointment in the tone of the exchange on this matter and lack of respect shown to the Chair. Miss Holman stressed that as Chair she was trying to ensure Kenninghall was at the forefront of the Flood Management Team's priorities and all options were for the future of the

- (f) **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)** – Mr Mitchell reported that he had consulted with MCA and BDC and he felt that the NDP was not fit for purpose. It seems that the criteria used was now out of date but was done in good faith. He suggested a delay of six months to see the outcome of Breckland's Local Plan. The potential cost of Breckland preparing the NDP was discussed and it was agreed to check with other parish councils was had adopted NDPs to learn from their experiences and cost involved.
- ACTION: Clerk to contact other PCs.**
7. **Public Forum** – A MOP suggested that a meeting with Liz Truss, MP should be considered. See point 4e above.
8. **Planning Matters** – None.
9. **Financial Matters to be approved:**
- (a) **Clerk's Monthly Pay – £296.08** – proposed by Mr Edwards, seconded by Mr Wood, all in agreement.
- (b) **HMRC - £73.80** - proposed by Mr Taylor, seconded by Mr Halmshaw, all in agreement.
- (c) **Village Hall hire for KPC Meetings - £36** – proposed by Mrs Berry, seconded by Mr Taylor, all in agreement.
- (d) **Village Hall hire for Luncheon Club - £204** – proposed by Mr Taylor, seconded by Mr Edwards, all in agreement.
- (e) **Luncheon Club Grant - £1200** – to draw down from grant to make purchases for the Luncheon Club - noted and all in agreement.
- (f) **Budget 2023/24** – the Clerk explained the reasoning for the budget; acceptance proposed by Mr Mitchell, seconded by Mr Edwards, all in agreement.
- (g) **Parish Precept 2023/24** – after discussion it was agreed given the economic and energy situation that the precept should remain unchanged at £9,000; proposed by Mr Taylor, seconded by Mrs Berry, all in agreement.
- ACTION: Clerk to action payments and precept submission.**
10. **Correspondence**
- (a) **Parish Council Elections** – the Clerk noted that elections would be held on 4th May 2023 and she would send out more detailed information once received from BDC. Anyone wishing to stand would need to follow the formal process and submit an application in person to BDC offices in Dereham.
- ACTION: Clerk to advise once detailed received from Returning Officer.**
11. **Any Other Business**
- (a) **Warm Spaces** – Mrs Berry noted that KPC had received a grant of £2000 from NCF for a Warm Space at the Red Lion pub. This would initially be open every Thursday morning to allow a community space for those needing support whether due to energy crisis, isolation, companionship

etc. She asked KPC and MOPs to help get the message out.

(b) Rubbish Bin near Play Area – Miss Holman said she had asked for a quote for emptying the bin as given the items disposed in the bin it was no longer sanitary or appropriate that she or any MOP empty the bin. All were in agreement to this proposal.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7.30pm in Kenninghall Village Hall.

Ms Alison Holman, Chair

