

KENNINGHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th March 2024 at Kenninghall Village Hall

Present:

Mr Mark Barrington	Mr Gary Bell
Mrs Mandy Berry	Mr Kevin Edwards
Mr Marcus Halmshaw (Vice Chair)	Mr Simon Mitchell
Mr Daniel Myhill	Mr Brian Taylor
Mr Edward Wood	

Mrs Alison Pena (Clerk)

In attendance – 4 members of the public (“MoPs”) and District Councillor Marion Chapman-Allen, County Councillor Steve Askew.

1. Apologies for absence: Mr Roy Arthurton, Miss Alison Holman (Chair).
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. **Mr Wood and Mr Taylor declared a personal interest in Planning application item 8c**
3. **Minutes of the Meeting:** The minutes of the Meeting of 6th February 2024 were proposed by Mr Taylor seconded by Mr Myhill and all in agreement.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - (a) **Allotments** – Mr Halmshaw referred to notes from Miss Holman which noted that KPC had received a request for a change in one of the clauses of the draft lease agreement and was in contact with the agents to clarify their position. The changed clause stated that the landlord should have the power to take possession of the allotments or part of at any time (after giving 3 months’ notice) if required for specific purposes. Tenants would receive appropriate compensation for crops and any resumption of rent will be reduced accordingly. This clause would only apply after the first twelve months.

It was agreed that if this clause was to be agreed and the allotments taken over for building or a long period of time, the owners should be asked to provide alternative land for allotments in Kenninghall. It was agreed that this amenity was vital to the community.

ACTION: Clerk to action with Miss Holman and solicitors.

- (b) **White Horse Public House** – the Clerk reported that BDC Head of Planning and Historic Building Officer were due to meet with representatives of the owners, Wellington Pub Company, in next few weeks to discuss the state of the building.
- (c) **D-Day 80th Anniversary Commemorations** – It was noted that the first meeting was held on the 5th February; it was planned to hold a Militaria and WW2 vehicles display together with 1940s music and games, Fancy Dress Competition), bar and BBQ on 8 June 2024 as well as the Open Gardens event. Mr Myhill reported that it was hoped the Primary School would get involved. The next planning meeting was on 18 March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, all welcome. MCA said she was

happy to support a grant application but needed more details.

- (d) **Healthwatch visit** – the Clerk advised that she had contacted Healthwatch about visiting Kenninghall and was awaiting confirmation of date.

ACTION: Clerk to advise once date agreed.

- (e) **Kenninghall Primary School** - Mr Myhill reported that he and Miss Holman had met with the Headmaster and agreed to have regular meetings to ensure engagement. Access to the school especially via School Close had been discussed and they had requested whether the Village Hall would allow parents to park in the car park at school start and finish times via a permit system. The Chair of the Village Hall said that he thought it may be too far from the school for some parents and did not want to encourage ad hoc parking as it was private land but the committee would discuss the proposal. Miss Holman would discuss the lack of crossing with NCCH.

ACTION: Miss Holman to action.

5. **District and County Councillors Reports** – District Councillor Chapman-Allen said there was nothing to report. Mr Myhill asked when there would be an outcome on the Breckland Local Plan. MCA said that further consultation with PCs was likely at end of April/May and public consultation later in the year.

County Councillor Askew, said he was pleased that Kenninghall had fared well during the recent heavy rainfall and that riparian owners continued to maintain ditches. He noted that Miss Holman actively worked with NCCH Engineer but he was always available to give extra support.

6. **Reports:**

- (a) **SAM2** – Current data for Garboldisham Road was as follows:

- the 85%ile was 33.8mph
- average speed was 21.9mph
- 30.5% of road users were speeding and the average of the speeders was 34.8mph
- the top speed recorded was 60mph on 6/2/24 at 03:00am

The Clerk would contact the Police Speed awareness team to see if we could encourage a visit to Kenninghall as they had been present in North Lopham recently. Data would be shared with the school with the aim of helping encourage reduced speeding at school times.

ACTION: Clerk to action.

- (b) **Highways** – Miss Holman reported that NCCH was in Kenninghall to jet wash some of the drains on Banham Road; confirmation of dates for other roads to be confirmed. Dates for the start of footpath repairs on Banham Road, Church Street and Market Place to be confirmed.
- (c) **Playing Field and Village Hall Field** – Mr Myhill confirmed the Memorial Bench had now been installed and the Tiny Tots time capsule as part of the Kings Coronation events and new roses would be planted at end of March. New fencing to prevent deer damage would be completed at a later stage.
- (d) **Kenninghall Flood Update** – The £150k grant application for Kenninghall had been unsuccessful but this grant was supplementary to the main flood prevention project we are currently working on with Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance. Further on-site meetings have been held with NCC Flood Management team and those landowners involved to ensure that all parties have a full understanding of what we are trying to achieve for the future for flood prevention for Kenninghall.

Further updates will be given when the locations highlighted have been tested in the full model. All areas up and downstream are flowing well and it was reiterated that no independent works should be undertaken without the correct advice. Miss Holman has written to Liz Truss MP inviting her to visit Kenninghall and walk the Beck and look at our potential flood prevention schemes.

- (e) **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)** – Still work in progress.

ACTION: Mr Myhill and Mr Mitchell to action.

- (f) **Recycling** – Mr Barrington was still researching the availability of metal and clothing recycling units.
- (g) **Biodiversity** – the Clerk would circulate the draft Biodiversity Policy and action plan prepared by Mr Barrington. He would need to consult the Kenninghall Lands Trust, Village Hall Committee, school, Gardening Club and Allotments to develop the action plan further.

ACTION: Clerk and Mr Barrington to action

7. **Public Forum** – A MoP commended the response to the Strategic Development Consultation for the Breckland Local Plan. He restated his view that a NDP for Kenninghall was important for planning matters.

8. **Planning Matters:**

- (a) The Clerk advised that the of the two applications reviewed last month, Fairview was approved but the Indian Takeaway refused by BDC. It was noted that the latter application had been reported in Diss Express and had caused a lot of negative comments about the decision on the Kenninghall Facebook page. It appeared that many people did not understand the planning process, KPC's role as a consultee and the decision making process.
- (b) **3PL/2024/0112/F – Longcross, Quidenham Road** – construction of new dwelling on land at Longcross – no comments.
- (c) **3PN/2024/0009/UC – Wash Farm, Fersfield Road** – Prior approval application for a proposed: Change of Use of an Agricultural building to 1no. residential dwelling (Use Class C3), and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q. Mr Wood and Taylor left the meeting due to their personal interest in this application. It was noted that following the refusal decision by BDC last year the applicants had tried to address the concerns; it was agreed to support this application, all in agreement.

ACTION: Clerk to action.

9. **Financial Matters to be approved:**

- (a) **Monthly Finance Report** – noted.
- (b) **Remuneration** - £470.40 – proposed by Mr Bell, seconded by Mrs Berry, all in agreement.
- (c) **ABC Abacus Ltd for payroll services** - £18 – proposed by Mr Myhill, seconded by Mr Taylor, all in agreement.
- (d) **NPTS Annual Subscription** - £100 – proposed by Mr Myhill, seconded by Mr Barrington, all in agreement.

ACTION: Clerk to action payments.

10. **Correspondence**

- (a) **Liz Truss, MP** – following the last meeting she had been invited to attend a Luncheon Club meeting but her office noted this was on a day she needed to be in Parliament.

(b) **Village Hall Committee** – a letter thanking the Mary Bowles Charity for grant for the Sound and Lighting system was noted.

11. Any Other Business

(a) **Councillor Training** – the Clerk had circulated information; all councillors to advise the Clerk asap if they were interested in attending; this would be run by NPTS and last about 2 – 2.5 hours.

ACTION: Councillors to advise the Clerk asap.

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd April 2024 at 7.30pm in Kenninghall Village Hall.

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Mr Marcus Halmshaw, Vice Chair