

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Kennington Community Council, held in St. Mary's Community Centre, on 19th June 2019, starting at 7.00pm

018/19. To record those Present and note apologies.

Councillors: Mr C Morley – Chairman, Mr P Bartlett, Mr A Cooper, Mr B Varney and Mr P Goodwin. Also present was Mr N Iliffe – Ward councillor, several members of the public and the locum Clerk.

Apologies – there were none

019/19 Open Session

It was at this point that PCSO's were given the opportunity to introduce themselves. They will send the Clerk a report if at any time they are unable to attend a meeting of the CC. They have been dealing with anti-social behaviour and are aware of the problems of speed in Nine Acres. The Housing Association has agreed to hold a road safety event on 30th July. They have already been working for some while with NHW co-ordinators, but more would always be helpful. The interaction between the PCSO's and the CC in the future will assist with the volume of knowledge for the area. They will also be attending Kennington Fete later this month. A debate about speed watch took place, where the Locum Clerk explained how these are set up. The chairman thanked them for attending stating it was useful to meet with them and hope that working together in the future will make Kennington a better place.

The meeting resumed at 20.15

20/19 The Following Policies were considered and adopted.

- a) Standing Orders – having been previously circulated these were **adopted**.
- b) Finance Regulations - having been previously circulated these were **agreed**, with a slight change on section 5 to include electronic banking.
- c) Terms of Reference for Finance and General Purposes (F&GP)
Having been circulated there were various slight changes, therefore it was **agreed** they will be placed on the next agenda.
Cllr Varney will be added to the committee.
- d) Personnel and Development.
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- e) It was noted that the budget for training would need to be reviewed.
- f) A grievance procedural document will be required.

021/19 Planning Applications

Stopping up order on Land adjacent to 8 Glebe Way. A debate took place which included;

- Is this area of land going to be purchased at a later stage by some-one?
- Who actually owns it at present?
- Are there other areas of land that a stopping up order could be applied for?

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- What are the long-term policies of this within ABC?

It was **agreed** that (?? would) investigated further and send the information to other Cllrs prior to the next meeting. It was further **agreed** that this will be an item on the agenda for July

Decisions.

There were none to report from ABC, however it was noted that the Orchard Farm application had been turned down. And a fresh application has been made.

Other planning Issues

- a) To note the receipt of the response to Walking and Cycling Strategy. Agree any comments, if required.

This consultation had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that there was a chance for people to comment as individuals and for a comment from Kennington CC. A series of round robin emails had taken place and (Cllr Varney) had submitted the agreed replies.

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- b) To consider whether a Planning Committee should be arranged, if so, agree actions

After a short debate it was **agreed** that this should be set up after the co-options to fill the vacancies have been made. In addition, the Terms of Reference would be required. It was further **agreed**, that the Locum Clerk would send out the planning application numbers for information prior to the next meeting.

The Locum Clerk Explained that she had requested extensions to the applications to enable the full council to consider. As she had not received any replies stating this was not allowed all applications received will be placed on the July agenda.

022/19 Financial arrangements

To note invoices and agree payments.

- The Locum Clerk explained that she had not produced any items to be presented at this meeting. The Locum clerk was reminded that she still needed to complete and send in an invoice for the work carried out during the time prior to the elections, this was when Kennington had a shadow council. Plus, she needed to complete an invoice for work done since the elections so that this can be paid at the earliest opportunity
- It was confirmed that ABC have already paid for the 1st Annual Subscription to the KALC.
- The locum Clerk reported that she had received an email requesting funding for a defibrillator at one of the primary schools. However, as there is no policy at this time this will have to be reviewed at a later meeting. This policy was considered important as there may well be a request for funding for a minibus.

To consider the purchase of a laptop and agree actions

A debate took place and it was agreed to purchase a laptop the chairman stated that he had been investigating different hardware and was happy to take this on as an action. This was

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agreed and it was agreed that a licence to run Microsoft 365 with access to the 'cloud' would enable safe storage etc. It was agreed that providing the costs did not exceed £700 the Chairman could go ahead with a purchase he felt was acceptable.

023/19 Report from KCC ABC Councillors

Cllr Bartlett and Cllr Iliffe both gave a verbal report to all members and those members of the public present.

Cllr Bartlett reported:

It was noted that Stagecoach bus service providers have combined services in Kennington and this is making it more difficult for residents.

Cllr Iliffe reported that he had been having discussions with residents about parking problems near The Kennington Carvery and the primary school. His application for the Hockey Club is being considered by the Planning committee.

024/19 To note Ward Vacancies

There are 10 ward vacancies to fill as follows:

The chairman had received information on how to co-opt from the Advisor of KALC, he stated that there has to be a good reason for not co-opting some-one if there is a vacancy and only one person stands.

The vacancies had been advertised on the website, information was also made available at the Annual Assembly / public meet and greet event that had taken place during May. Each person who had shown an interest was asked to complete a form, stating who they were and what Ward they would be most interested in representing. A discussion took place.

025/19 Co-option

Votes were taken and the Wards were filled with the following persons

Kennington Ward 3 Vacancies – Mr I Hewitt, Mr N Iliffe, this still leaves one vacancy

Bybrook Ward 2 vacancies – Mr Alan Dean and Mr Mark Silvester.

Grosvenor Hall Ward 2 Vacancies – Mr Dylan Jones and Ms Belinda Naiken-Payne

Little Burton Ward 3 vacancies – Mr Justin Armitage, Mrs Jane Martin and Mr Chris Mendes

This still leaves one vacancy to fill and it was **agreed** that this would be placed on the next agenda.

026/19 Matters of general Interest

Issues highlighted were:

On the website the names of the Cllrs need to be updated.

The ABC officer dealing with open spaces and play parks needs to be contacted, as there have been two requests for funding for play equipment. The Borough is carrying out a complete borough wide survey of all play equipment and play areas.

An expense claim form is required, this will need to be for over and above the HMRC agreed rate for travel of 45ppm.

027/19 date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 10th July, it will be held in the St Mary's Community Centre starting at 7.00pm

028/19 To exclude the public under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 and sections 100 & 102 of the Local Government Act 1972

This was agreed

029/19 Appointment of a Clerk to the Community Council

To hear an update on the interviews for the role of Clerk & RFO and **agree** any actions. The Chairman reported on the three interviews which took place, after which a detail discussion took place. The choice of candidates was difficult given they all had good qualities and would be able to carry out the role. After which a vote took place and it was agreed to offer the role to Alison Rudd.

It was **agreed** that the payroll would be outsourced.

It was **agreed** the Locum would request references after Mrs Rudd had been offered the position.

30/19 Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

*ECM/MS
10 July 2019*