

Kettlebaston Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th January 2023 at Kettlebaston Village Hall at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Stephen Phillips (Chairman), Ben Flockton, Graham Cranfield, Louise Daniels and June Carpenter

Attending: Lucinda Rogers (Clerk)

79/22 Election of Chairman for the Meeting

Cllr Phillips was unanimously elected as Chairman for the meeting

80/22 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Rob Butler, Stephen Marzal and County/District Cllr Robert Lindsay

81/22 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

Cllr Flockton re planning item at Church View

82/22 Minutes of the meeting held on on 9th November 2022

The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

83/22 Report from Cllr Lindsay – The report from Cllr Lindsay had been circulated and was noted.

84/22 Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

85/22 Planning Matters

- a) Babergh have refused permission for application DC/22/04846 – Erection of 1no new energy efficient sustainable dwellinghouse following demolition of existing barn (in lieu of the dwelling approved under DC/20/04750 at Old Rectory, Rectory Lane, Kettlebaston
- b) Cllr Flockton abstained from the discussion - It was agreed to make no objections to the Application for Works to Tree(s) in a Conservation Area - DC/22/06346 - Prune large lower branches of 1No. Willow (T1), Prune large lower branches 1No. Oak (T2), Fell 5No. Field Maples (T3 to T7), Fell 1No. Ash (T8) Location: Church View, The Street, Kettlebaston

86/22 Kettlebaston traffic problems - The traffic diversion through the village when the B1115 road is closed at Bildeston is creating problems with heavy lorries, large vans and increased traffic. Clerk to ask Cllr Lindsay if a weight limit could be introduced to restrict heavy vehicles. Clerk to ask for the bridge at Bridge Farm to have its weight limit strength tested due to safety concerns. Clerk to report mud and flints on The Street following ditch work. This has caused several tyre punctures.

87/22 Neighbourhood Plan - The Cllrs agreed to express their interest in joining with Monks Eleigh and Brent Eleigh to form a Neighbourhood Plan.

88/22 Dog Waste Bins – It was agreed to purchase two green dog waste bins for the village at a cost of £230. Bins to be delivered to Cllr Phillips. It costs approximately £45 to empty a dog bin annually. Locations to be agreed but need to be very close to the road to enable Babergh to empty them. Permission must be sought from land owners.

89/22 Notice board wording for Queen Elizabeth II – Cllr Carpenter to check with Dave Francis how the work is progressing.

90/22 Finance

The Councillors approved payment of the outstanding invoices and finance report

The Councillors approved the budget of £2750 for 2023-24

The Councillors approved the Precept of £2750. This is an increase of 1.33% due to the decrease in the Council Tax Base. It represents an increase of £0.92 on a band D property. Cllr Phillips signed the Precept form.

91/22 Councillors reports

Cllr Carpenter reported that the church is applying to install a wi-fi mast on the church to enable them to use a card machine and increase wi-fi availability in the village. Clerk to write to Antonia Flockton to show the parish council's support for the project to improve the village hall. Would anyone like to organise a Coronation celebration in the village. Cllr Carpenter is organising choirs for the music festival. Binder to look at the septic tank and plans to reduce the noise from it. Cllr Phillips to report two broken footpath signs and broken handrail on a footpath bridge. Clerk to send him a link to the Rights of Way reporting site

92/22 Date of the next meeting

Parish Council Meeting 7pm Wednesday 12th April 2023

The meeting closed at 7.40pm