

## Kettlebaston Parish Council

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2024 at Kettlebaston Village Hall at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Rob Butler (Chairman), Stephen Phillips, Ben Flockton, Graham Cranfield, Mary Shillington and June Carpenter

**Attending:** and District Cllr Saw  
Lucinda Rogers (Clerk)

#### **1/24 Apologies for Absence**

Louise Daniels and County Cllr Robert Lindsay

#### **2/24 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation**

None were declared

#### **3/24 Minutes of the meetings held on on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 was approved by the councillors and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**4/24 Report from County Cllr Lindsay** – The report from Cllr Lindsay had been circulated and was noted. He has been informed by the Highways Community Liaison Engineer that the flood has not been jetted by the contractor and he has written to Cllr Paul West and Highways bosses to ask why the contractor is not doing his job. He will let the council know the response.

**5/24 Report from District Cllr Saw** – Babergh will be using their covid reserve and other reserves to meet the deficit in the budget for 2024-25. Not sure how they manage the following year. Babergh is the only rural council to join the Considerate Builders Scheme. This will allow anyone affected by building to report it more effectively. Babergh is asking people to inform them of possible building sites. These will have to meet the criteria of the Joint Local Plan to qualify.

#### **6/24 Public Forum**

No comments

#### **7/24 Planning Matters**

**DC/23/05566** Full Planning Application - 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 Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7QD

Kettlebaston Parish Council agreed to strongly support the above application due to the application's sympathetic approach to the special landscape area and sustainability as aiming for passive house standards. Clerk to inform Planning.

**8/24 Dog Waste Bins** The bins have been delivered to Cllr Phillips. It was agreed that due to the high cost of bin emptying that the Council will do this to save costs. Clerk to investigate dog bin liners.

It was agreed that the oak post for the village sign is rotten at the base and there are concerns it could fall onto the road endangering passing vehicles or pedestrians. Clerk to ask Cllr Lindsay if he can make a grant towards replacing the post for the village sign and general repairs and maintenance to the sign and support arms.

**9/24 Flooding in Kettlebaston** see Cllr Lindsay's report

**10/24 People and Place Plan** to discuss at the next meeting

**11/24 Highlands Road, Monks Eleigh** – Clerk to ask Babergh if the house has a waste transfer license and follow up planning enforcement about untidy sites

**12/24 Village Gates** – Clerk to ask if Cllr Lindsay and Cllr saw can offer a grant towards the cost of gates. Balls Hill grit bin hit by Babergh’s mowing team and badly damaged to be followed up by Clerk for a replacement bin.

**13/24 Finance**

- a. The councillors received the financial report and noted income received
- b. The councillors considered and approved outstanding invoices awaiting payment
- c. The councillors agreed to a budget of £2,830 for 2024-25
- d. The Councillors agreed a Precept of £2,810 for 2024-25 a 3.05% increase which results in an increase from £70.17 to £72.31 for a band D house, £2.14 for the year
- e. The Councillors agreed to ask Maggie Lawrence to carry out the Internal Auditor for 2023-24
- f. The Councillors reviewed and approved the Asset Register

**14/24 Councillors reports**

No reports made

**15/24 Date of the next meeting**

Parish Council Meeting 7pm Wednesday 1st May 2024

The meeting closed at 7.50pm