

Kettlebaston Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Saturday 22nd January 2022 at Kettlebaston Village Hall at 9.00am

Present: Cllrs Rob Butler (Chairman), Ben Flockton, Steven Marzal, Stephen Phillips, Graham Cranfield and June Carpenter

Attending: Lucinda Rogers (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

County & District Cllr Robert Lindsay – on training course

2. Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

Cllr Cranfield for planning item DC/21/00152 at Church Farm

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2021

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

4. Report from Cllr Lindsay – Cllr Lindsay had sent his report to the meeting. The Cllrs noted it did not cover their points raised in the November meeting: update on the traveller's site. The problem of flooding at the road junction (Highlands Road and Nova Scotia Lane) was raised. It was flooded for 15 days in December and was so high it was not possible to walk through it. Will Highways be taking action to improve this severe problem.

5. Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

5. Financial Risk Assessment and Internal Control

The councillors reviewed and approved the document.

6. Speed Watch/SID

The councillors asked the Clerk to provide the costs of providing a SID for the village and to explore if other local villages would like to share a SID. Clerk to see if 20's Plenty signs are available.

7. Clerk/RFO Report

Cllr Butler confirmed the bank mandate changes – Signatories are: Cllrs Butler, Cranfield and Phillips. Cllr Butler to obtain bank statements to allow the AGAR form to be completed.

The budget was agreed at £2750 and the precept at £2750. This is a 0.02% decrease on 2020/21 – a band D property will pay £69.25 compared to £69.27 in 2020/21. The Council Tax Base has increased from 38.43 2020/21 to 39.71 for 2021/22

12. Planning Matters

The Councillors reviewed the following applications and agreed to support them:

- a. DC/21/06602 Proposal: Full Planning Application - Erection of 1 No new energy efficient sustainable dwellinghouse (replacement for approved Prior Notification Class Q conversion, not commenced) with associated landscaping and sewage treatment plant (amended scheme and re-submission of approved DC/20/04750). Location: Old Rectory, Rectory Lane, Kettlebaston,
- b. DC/22/00152 Proposal: Application for works to trees in a Conservation Area: T1 Weeping Willow - Cut back branches encroaching power lines and reduce top

and sides. T2 Small Weeping Willow - reduce height and spread to clear utility line Location: Church Farm, The Street, Kettlebaston

The Councillors noted the following applications have been granted:

- c. Permission granted for planning application DC/21/04734 granted for re-siting existing shed in rear garden at Clay Cottage, Back Lane, Kettlebaston
- d. Babergh have no objections for works to Trees(S) in a Conservation Area - DC/21/06300 - Fell 1No twin stemmed Lime (T1); Reduce height of 1No Silver Birch (T2) by up to 1.5m, at The Old Convent, The Street, Kettlebaston,

13. Councillors reports

Footpaths – Rights of Way have written to the landowner about the footpath from High House Farm up to Castlehill which has been ploughed and not re-instated. The missing sign at the Preston end of the restrictive byway have been replaced and also at the junction with the footpath to the Old Rectory.

New Councillor – a resident has expressed interest in becoming a councillor. Clerk to inform Babergh Cllr Kaye is no longer a councillor.

Bee Hives near footpath – Concern was raised about the proximity of beehives to footpath 10 – Church to Back Lane. Clerk to check and write to landowner. Clerk to send Rights of Way reporting tool link to Cllr Phillips

Village Hall Car Park – Concerns were raised about illegal entry of vehicles to the car park. Cllr Carpenter to raise this with the Parochial Church Council and Cllr Cranfield to raise with the village hall.

Defibrillator – Cllr Cranfield is testing the defibrillator weekly and reporting on the Webnos website – thank you. Village suppers to start in a limited way later this year. Plans are being made to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee.

Prestige House A hedge has been planted. Problems with the soakaway design need resolving.

Stud – to close 17 February. Sheep and cattle for 3 months. A buyer has shown interest but the complexities of probate may delay or prevent the sale

Queens Jubilee – Antonia taking the lead about organising the celebrations

Evans Corner – The councillors were surprised by the response from Babergh about the grade II house’s condition. Clerk to write to ensure the house was properly inspected.

14. Action List Review

- Clerk to complete AGAR & update website
- DC Lindsay to provide updates on traveller site

15. Date of the next meeting

Parish Council Meeting 7pm Wednesday 30th March 2022

The meeting closed at 10.00am