

Kelston Village, Minutes of Meeting, 26-09-2019

Apologies: Hugh and Kate Kenyon, Graham and Angela Meader, Alan and Pat Jeffries, Sue Powell, Wendy Race and Mike Watts, Gwendoline Cardiff.

Present: Doug and Cathy Creed, Vivien Waters, Edward and Mandy Weston, Xavier Ficquet, David Matthews, Chris Payne, Hugh Padfield, Graham Padfield, William Heath, Paul Foster, Ken Bryer, Stephen and Vera Constant and ?

Doug wished everyone welcome to the meeting and then moved to the extensive agenda for the evening.

1. Xavier Ficquet explained and showed the current plans for the **Planning Application 19/04018/FUL**, and his need for larger bedrooms and a kitchen. Two earlier applications have been rejected by BANES. The current application version received unanimous approval by the meeting.

Action DC

2. William Heath gave us an update on **the wind turbine trials**, part of preplanning application to BANES. Not everyone in the audience had attended a meeting in May which informed of the potential start up of the trials. Various suitable positions of the turbines were shown and there were comments that these wind turbines were easily noticeable from parts of the village and in particular from the churchyard. William was keen that we as villagers fill in the online survey on the Old Barn website. There were mixed feelings about the trials, given that we live in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Action Villagers to complete online Old Barn survey

3. **Truespeed.** Doug informed that they are making their way across the fields towards the Village and we may be connected at the end of October. The fibre broadband is brought direct from Corston. We are released from the contracts entered into by individual properties 18 months ago due to delayed installation. It is expected that monthly charges will remain the same and instead of getting 100MB we will be getting 200MB. There will be an 18 months contract with or without a landline. There is no connection charge. A month's trial will also be available. A village meeting to update will be held later in October with Truspeed invited.

DC to organise a meeting end of October

4. Xavier informed about the **Village website**. The initiative was taken by some members of the newly started History Group, for online storage of documents etc . Xavier, who took on the task of creating the site, soon saw the possibility of developing it further to become a site for the whole Village. This has been

done and it looks impressive. See the current draft at kelstonvillage.co.uk. There was a discussion about who can have access to the site. In principle anyone can have external access through Google but internal village communications would be that villagers could sign up via email to the site, subscribe and unsubscribe as and when necessary. Suggestion was also made that village businesses could sign up for a fee/donation which would make the website self sufficient. At the moment the website costs £8/month. Also by signing up the village e-mail list will be up to date at all times. There are some privacy issues and regulations to be finalised before the website can be fully launched. There was a unanimous agreement that the Village should take over the website. It was decided that a small group consisting of Mandy Weston, Doug Creed, Xavier Ficquet and Stephen Constant should be in charge of the website. The current paper version of Mills and Hills will continue. There was a round of applause for Xavier's initiative.

Xavier has accepted the post of Village Secretary and will invite all on village list to subscribe

5. **Church Survey.** Doug informed that not much is happening regarding the appointment of a new vicar. They are due to have a meeting with the Archdeacon in middle of October.
6. The issue of **sewage treatment** or lack of such treatment in the Village. Graham Padfield informed that probably sewage from half the village runs straight into the river. Some villagers experience other villagers' sewage appearing in their gardens at certain times of the year. The question was should we get on to the mains sewage system. Doug will look into what can be done by contacting Bristol Water to arrange a village meeting with BW.

DC to contact Bristol Water

7. The question of the Village taking over the **red phone box** in front of the Forge. The phone box which is Grade II listed has been offered by BT to the village for £1. Jack (The Old Crown) has offered to restore and paint it for free. The majority of those present voted in favour of buying it, regardless of the uncertainty of ownership of the land it is standing on.

DC to sign transfer of ownership and return to BANES

8. **Other:** Harvest Lunch will take place on Sunday 6th October at 12 noon at the Village Hall. The Christmas party at the Village Hall is on Saturday 21st December between 3PM and 5PM. The party is for both children and adults. Film Night will be on Friday 4th October at 7PM for 7.30pm. This is a social event, The film to be shown is "Yesterday". Drinks will be served both before and in the middle of film. Entrance fee £2.50 and £3 for drinks. Equipment such as projector and screen need to be purchased. The village already have

a grant for £900 to be put towards equipment to receive and project communication from BANES any additional money required would come from the precept funds to cover the cost. The 2018/19 precept accounts will be distributed when audited.

Doug suggested that Village meetings will from now on take place roughly once a quarter, and that planning applications can also come in addition to these meetings.

Doug Creed

Chair