

# Kingston Parish Council

## Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held at 8.00pm on Monday 18 February 2019

James Clear (JCI)

Miki Ellar (ME)

Julie Conder (JCo)

Sue Dalglish (SD)

Members of the public: Mr and Mrs P Fenwick, Rachel Hooper, Jill Coleman

### 1. Apologies

- 1.1. Katherine Reid

### 2. New Oxford to Cambridge railway line

#### 2.1. Current proposals by East West Rail Company (EWRC)

- 2.1.1. We have been contacted by EWRC with details of the five routes being considered for the Bedford to Cambridge section.
- 2.1.2. Each of these five routes falls into one of two 'corridors'. EWRC are currently conducting non-statutory consultation with residents on these options. The deadline for responding to the consultation is 11 March 2019.
- 2.1.3. Following this consultation, one route will be chosen out of the five, and future consultation will be on this route only.
- 2.1.4. Kingston village lies on the southern edge of one of the two corridors, raising the possibility that the new line could pass through the north end of the village.

#### 2.2. Alternative proposal by CamBedRailRoad (CBRR)

- 2.2.1. We have also been contacted by CBRR, a community-based pressure group led by two transport infrastructure Civil Engineers. This group believes that none of the five proposed routes is suitable.
- 2.2.2. CBRR are proposing a route which passes further north, through new stations at St Neots, Cambourne and Northstowe.
- 2.2.3. CBRR are encouraging residents to support CBRR proposals in residents' responses to the EWRC consultation. CBRR offer some guidance notes to assist residents to do this.
- 2.3. It was felt that Kingston residents may not be fully aware of the various options, the consultation exercise, the CBRR alternative, or the threat to Kingston village. It was agreed therefore that the Parish Council would send a letter, delivered door-to-door to all parish residents, summarising the current position and encouraging residents to respond to the EWRC consultation before the deadline. The letter would be signed by the Parish Council Chair.
- 2.4. It was also agreed that an item would be placed in the March issue of the Parish Magazine giving the same information.

Meeting finished at 20:45.

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