

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013

**Present:** Cllrs S Powell (Chairman) T de Bertodano, M.McKeown and R.Sleeman, Mrs M Watkins (Clerk) CDC Councillors Jenkins and Layton, and 4 members of the public

**Apologies:** CDC Cllrs Bennett, Cllrs Brailey, Munroe and Mogridge

**Declarations of Interest:** Cllr McKeown - LME

### Election of Officers:

The Clerk took the chair until a Chairman was elected unanimously

Chair                    Cllr Sarah Powell  
Vice Chair            Cllr Karen Mogridge  
Footpaths            Cllrs Sleeman and Powell  
Snow Warden        Mr Fred Timbrell  
Newsletter           Cllr Mogridge  
Village Hall rep     Cllr Brailey  
Lake 99 subcommittee: Cllrs Powell, Munroe and Sleeman  
Ditches and watercourses: Cllrs Mogridge, de Bertodano and Mrs M Watkins (Clerk)  
Telecommunications/Website: Cllr McKeown and Peter Watkins.  
Tree Wardens:     Sophie Livingston, Lisa Willis and Muriel Watkins

The above were elected unanimously.

1. **The Minutes** of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013 were read, approved and signed Prop TdeB seconded by RM

Business remaining from last meeting.

### 2.1 Lake 31.

Matthew Millett (CWPT) met with RS and SP on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April to update PC on things as they stand. The agreed date for Watermark to leave KCP is not until December 10<sup>th</sup> 2016. It was decided to write to Matthew Millett to ask about the lowering of the water level in L31 to the level stated in Watermark's planning permission. The weir would appear to need regular maintenance to keep it working. Boating/kayaking is taking place on this lake and concern was expressed about the dangers of exiting the lake when the rubble hidden beneath the water could be a problem, causing injury to those concerned. Waterland is unhappy with boating on Lake 31 as it is in direct competition to its business. It is rumoured that Watermark is to apply for Planning Permission to maintain L31 at a high level. Clerk to ask GCC Parsons to investigate. SP to ask Matthew Millett to clarify the Trust's position. There is to be a planning review by CDC of the situation around the lake in July of this year to ensure that the conditions of the retrospective planning permission have been met, in particular the profiling and rubble removal. SP to comment on current situation to CDC after reviewing it.

**2.2 Lake 99** The two deeds of transfer should finally be signed off by Hanson tomorrow, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately the grant awarded to PC for the required work on L99 was wrongly administered by CWPT and LA officers with inadequate notice provided for the decision making panel meeting. The decision panel needs to meet again according to the rules but this is unlikely to take place before July. SP is to check to ensure that PC can be reimbursed for any monies paid out on L99 before that date, such as the payment to Hanson for the new entrance and allied works.

The Cycleway still needs completing along the length of the Spine Road opposite the frontage of LME. On-going.

**2.3 Parish Plan** This is almost complete. John Sweet hopes to hand it over to PC at June meeting. The Emergency plan is still on-going.

**2.4. CWPT/Cullimore Field** Nothing further has been submitted.

**2.5 Neighbourhood Plans.** Clerk to arrange a meeting with South Cerney, Ashton Keynes and Poole Keynes to discuss basic ideas of a Neighbourhood Plan. All parishes, undertaking such a plan, are eligible for £7000 from their Local Authority to provide support.

**2.6 Local Plan** An initial consultation period begins on 3<sup>rd</sup> June until 19<sup>th</sup> July. After that there is a briefing with Parish Councils during October to December followed by further consultation from March to May 2014.

## **2.7 Flooding/Insurance**

There is a meeting about flooding on May 28<sup>th</sup> at Siddington Village Hall at 5p.m. This is to the launch event of the WILD (Water with Integrated Local Delivery) Project.

Clerk to email Laurence King about both Thames Water and Spratsgate Lane culvert.

She is also to contact GCC Shaun Parsons to ask how he is getting on with using LME evidence to reduce perceived flood risk in SK.

3. **Correspondence** dealt with elsewhere

## **4. Planning Applications**

**13/00838/FUL Water Gardens SP** to speak at Planning Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**13/015239/FUL Go-by-Cycle Change of use of first floor from storage area to residential.**

Correspondence from residents was discussed and views of parish Councillors shared.

Decision to object on grounds that it is outside the village envelope and contrary to a number of local policies, in particular Policy 26 that stipulates that touring caravan and camping sites should not require new residential accommodation

**Planning refusals:**

**12/05494/FUL The Paddock LME:** application was heard in committee on April 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Permission refused

## **5. Financial Matters**

Zurich Municipal Insurance renewal £243.80 inc Tax subject to written assurances re L99.

Cotswold Spring Clean + 2 reams of paper £48.46

ASHTAV subscription £15.00 Prop SP seconded TdeB

Receipt of VAT refund for period July 2012-March 2013. £41.56

## **6. Questions**

**6.1** It was reported that on the recent May Day Bank Holiday, Spratsgate Lane was totally blocked by traffic trying to get in to KCP. Concern has been expressed that cars are using the triangle of land abutting Spine Road as marked parking bays as opposed to the area being a no parking zone. Clerk to raise concerns with Gloucestershire Highways.**5.2** Mike Barton, GCC Footpaths Officer has been advised that the path between KCP and South Cerney is completely flooded, allegedly with raw sewage. RS to discuss with Mike Barton. The capacity of the sewage works needs to be understood.

**6.2 CWPT** There is much concern about the CWPT and its supposed position on the Local Authorities' Water Park officers group when it is not a publicly elected body. A document has been circulated expressing the concerns of a number of local residents.

**6.3 Drainage on NE side of North End Crossroads.** A resident expressed concern about state of the drainage. Clerk to pass information to Ashton Keynes PC.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013 at 7.30p.m.in the Village Hall