

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council 3rd March 2014

Present: Cllrs S.Powell (Chair), J.Brailey, T de Bertodano, M.McKeown, R.Sleeman, M.Watkins (Clerk), CDC Cllr Layton and four members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs R.Munroe and K.Mogridge, CDC Cllr Bennett

Declarations of Interest: Cllr McKeown on LME.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2014 were read, approved and signed. Prop TdeB, seconded JB
2. Business remaining
 - 2.1 **CDC Local Plan** –Consultation closed
 - 2.2 **Lake 31** All seems to be working at the moment
 - 2.3 **Lake 99** Cllr Brailey reported that the CWPT has transferred the first tranche of money (£7744.83) All the contractors will commence the work as soon as the weather improves. It is hoped to complete by the end of March.
 - 2.4 **Proposed LME entrance on Minety Lane.** Both Minety and Somerford Parish Councils have sent letters of objection about the proposed new entrance to the Planning Inspectorate.
 - 2.5 **Defibrillator.** Cllr Munroe hopes to invite a representative of St John's to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting on April 11th.
 - 2.6 **Cullimore Gravel application.** May go to the March Planning meeting. Mr Steeves Booker said that the Atkins report can now be read on line. Atkins appear to be involved in a county-wide Groundwater Management Plan. The section on SK and Shorncote has been completed and states that there is a high risk of groundwater flooding in parts of Water Lane. The risk for the Shorncote area is low to medium although the village itself is thought to be medium/high risk. The report on the Cullimore application comes to the conclusion that there is no reason to refuse the application but repeated conditions and mentioned the possibility of removing some of L31 infill to allow percolation through the gravels. PC is to write to GCC with an up-date on water events in the parish over recent months, asking for strong conditions to be imposed that there by no pumping by any party at times of high water and for SKPC to be consulted on all Hydrology/Flooding matters. SP/RS to action.
 - 2.7 **Neighbourhood Plans.** The Neighbourhood Plan group are to meet with Chris Cowcher's replacement, Helen Richards (GRCC) in March for further discussions.
 - 2.8 **Emergency Plan.** On-going. It may link in with the purchase of a defibrillator.
 - 2.9 **Flooding.** RS said that SK is on a list of priority villages liable to suffer groundwater flooding. Cllr Layton is to remind CDC Laurence King of his promises. The meeting of Water Lane residents was well received. It was well attended and all attendees appreciated all that was being done on their behalf. Thanks were recorded to Cllr Mogridge for all her hard work. A team from Gloucestershire Highways(probably) had been spotted in the village working to clear the culvert under Water Lane but were unable to do so. Clerk to contact Highways for further information. Once all the water subsides, PC will undertake a survey of all ditches.
 - 2.10 **Insurance** Residents have said that it is possible to get insurance against flooding if one shops around. The EA is re-mapping the flood risk of the upper Thames area. Clerk to contact EA to find out how the Parish Council can be kept up-to date with the process.
 - 2.11 **Speedwatch.** Clerk to ask Des Sheen for an up-date on Speedwatch
 - 2.12 **Electoral Boundary Commission Review.** SKPC would prefer to be in the same ward as Siddington and Cerney Rural as there is nothing in common with Rodmarton and Coates who are not in the Water Park. SP to speak with Cllr Nicholas of South Cerney.
 - 2.13 **Review of Lease of Parish Field.** Clerk to ask the District Valuer to help with valuation of Parish Field.
3. **Planning**
 - 14/00090/Ful LME Various applications: no objection
 - 14/00306/FUL Southleaze Farm: New Grain store: no objection

13/05361/ADV Erection of 3 static externally illuminated stone columns, two to replace signs on Spine Road and one at access on Mill Lane: The Parish Council no longer objects to this application, the lighting on the pillars having been removed.

Permissions

13/05264/FUL Corner of Minety Lane /Spine Road: Installation of two above ground gas tanks, vaporiser, perimeter fence and landscaping

4. Financial Matters

Village Hall Rent 2013-14 11 meetings @ £11.00 = £143.00
Heating for meetings £30.00
2 reams paper @ £2.50 £5.00
4 Ink cartridges £14.99
Clerk's salary January- March inclusive £240.00
HMRC PAYE £60.00

HMRC will collect PAYE electronically from April 2014. Clerk to seek advice from GAPTC re one signature.

5. Questions

Clerk to circulate invitation from AMITA re developments at Cotswold Community.

RS expressed concern that the footpath to the rear of Little Stedham is almost impassable due to the bad weather together with its narrow width. He will speak to GCC Footpaths officer.

CDC Cllr Layton will seek clarification re the application for Spine Road Cycleway extension.

Date of Annual Spring Clean Saturday 5th April

Date of Annual Parish Meeting 11th April at 7.30p.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday April 7th at 7.30p.m.in the Village Hall