

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council 12th May 2014

Present: Cllrs S.Powell (Chair), J.Brailey, M.McKeown, R.Munroe, R.Sleeman, M.Watkins (Clerk), CDC Cllr Jenkins and three members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Mogridge and de Bertodano; CDC Cllrs Bennett and Layton

Declarations of Interest: Cllr McKeown on LME.

Election of Officers.

It being the Annual Meeting of the Council, the Clerk took the chair while nominations were received for that position.

The new officers for 2014-15 are:

Chair: Sarah Powell prop. RM seconded MM

Vice-Chair: Ron Munroe prop SP seconded JB

Footpaths: Roger Sleeman

Snow Warden:

Newsletter:

Village Hall Rep: John Brailey

Lake 99 sub-committee: Cllrs Powell, Sleeman, Munroe and Brailey (Project Manager)

Ditches/Water Courses: Karen Mogridge / Clerk

Web site/Telecommunications: Mike McKeown, Peter Watkins

Tree Wardens: Muriel Watkins, Lisa Willis, Sophie Livingston

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2014 were read, approved and signed. Prop MM, seconded JB
2. **Business remaining**
 - 2.1 **CDC Local Plan** On-going
 - 2.2 **Lake 31** A holding response to the PC letter regarding implementation of previous conditions has been received. The cable tow is fully operational.
 - 2.3 **Lake 99** Green Attitude has completed its agreed works while Fred Crew has begun fencing. No agreement could be reached with Mr Poole of Macks Farm, regarding the installation of fencing on his boundary so the matter is held in abeyance for the moment. Green Attitude accidentally submitted the incorrect invoice for payment so a refund of £600 is due. They will be re-seeding one area of grass that has not grown as well as the remainder. The sub-committee are currently reviewing costs of remaining equipment, in particular interpretation boards. A second tranche of funding (£2.5K) is still available
 - 2.4 **LME entrance** on Minety Lane. Permitted. A meeting has been arranged with Will Vicary of LME for further discussion.
 - 2.5 **Defibrillator** Cllr Munroe reported considerable success on this matter. SW Ambulance Trust will supply the defibrillator free of charge, although it will remain their property, and Community Heartbeat will supply a metal cabinet plus fitting for £655.00 + VAT, leaving PC responsible for maintenance and training. Community Heartbeat can provide Community Awareness Training for £175. Further decisions are on going
Cllr Sleeman thanked Cllr Munroe for all his hard work in reaching a successful outcome.
 - 2.6 **Cullimore Gravel application** Cullimore and CWPT reached an accommodation about the after-use of this land and the application is planned to go to Planning Committee on Thursday of this week May 15th. Mr Steeves-Booker of Shorcote said that the Officer's report was not available on GCC Website as advised, and after he enquired, was told it was on another place entirely. He stated that the document was not publicly available for the required three days prior to meeting of the Planning Committee. Pressure is being brought to bear to defer the hearing, the outcome of this is not yet known.
 - 2.7 **Neighbourhood Plans** The process has now formally begun as the Parish Council has submitted an application to CDC to have the new parish boundary (including Neighbridge Country Park and Lake 63) designated as a 'Neighbourhood Plan' area.
 - 2.8 **Emergency Plan.** On-going.
 - 2.9 **Flooding** On-going
 - 2.10 **Insurance** Clerk to contact Shaun Shackleford of EA re revised flood risk map. RM raised concerns that the correspondence from the Association of British Insurers did not satisfy the PC's concerns about obtaining

household insurance. He suggested taking the matter up again with our MP. RM to draft list of concerns for next PC meeting.

- 2.11 **Speedwatch** Des Sheen has arranged for Speedwatch to take place during the week of May 19th
- 2.12 **Review of Lease of Parish Field.** The District Valuer advised that the cost of a formal valuation would exceed any benefit and agreed with John Searle's view that such land was worth what anyone would pay to rent or buy it, but suggested linking the rental to RPI. This was agreed by the Council.
- 2.13 **Cotswold Community** Clerk to contact Rob Garnham to invite Amita to come to June PC meeting on 2nd.

3. Correspondence

- 3.1 Town and Parish Councils Liaison meeting at CDC June 19th 2014 SP/JB to attend.
- 3.2 GRCC Invitation to smaller settlements to attend Workshop on CDC Local Plan. SP and John Sweet would like to attend on 28th May 6.30-900
- 3.3 Designation of Local Green Spaces. Clerk to ask if Neighbridge CP would qualify.
- 3.4 WILD Project. Jenny Phelps attended to speak about her work in assisting farmers and landowners cope with changing conditions etc
- 3.5 CWPT meeting rescheduled for June 19th at 1900 at Gateway Centre

4. Financial Matters

- 4.1 The Clerk presented the balance sheet and audited accounts for 2013-2014 Approved unanimously and signed by SP
- 4.2 Grant Thornton (Audit Fee) £100)
- 4.3 FR Crew Fencing £1679.40) Prop RS seconded RM

5. Planning

14/01838/FUL Land parcel off Mill Lane Somerford Keynes: PC would prefer affordable properties in this location. No objection to the proposal providing it meets flooding criteria.

Applications refused since last meeting:

14/00771/CLOPUD Tall Trees (Go By Cycle), Water Lane, Somerford Keynes
Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use or Development under Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for use of the first floor as residential by virtue of Schedule 2, Part 3, Class F of the GPDO

Applications permitted since last meeting

14/01210/FUL Land Adjacent Thameside House, Mill Lane, Somerford Keynes, GL7 6DU,
Erection of dwelling (revised scheme to increase width of property by one metre) The following valid planning applications have been lodged or new details have been received in the Parish of Somerford Keynes on 27 March 2014. permitted

14/01112/FUL Mayfield, The Street, Somerford Keynes, GL7 6EN, Front and rear extensions: Permitted

14/00857/FUL The Old Post Office, The Street, Somerford Keynes Pitched roof onto existing outbuilding and single storey side extension : permitted

6. Questions

SP wished it be known that the proposed footpath around L99 was circular and there is no intention of forming new entrances and exits.

RS said the History Club meeting next week was about the History of Flooding in the village

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50pm

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday June 2nd at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall