

Minutes of the Meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council 2nd June 2014

Present: Cllrs S.Powell (Chair), J.Brailey, M.McKeown, R.Munroe, R.Sleeman, T. de Bertodano, K. Mogridge, CDC Cllr Layton and eight members of the public. Also present were Rob Garnham of Mediation in Planning, Mark Chadwick of Hunter Page Planning and (arriving a little later) John Hunter of Amita.

The Clerk being on leave, minutes were taken by Cllr Mogridge.

Apologies: CDC Cllr Bennett

Declarations of Interest: Cllr McKeown on LME.

Presentation on current developments at the Cotswold Community site. As Messrs Garnham and Chadwick were giving up their time to update the PC on this, the Chair asked them to give their presentation before continuing with the main Agenda.

Mark Chadwick explained that HP Planning will be putting in a planning application but this is currently behind schedule as they are still consolidating the information obtained from public consultation. The number of properties to be applied for is still under consideration. They are also working towards finding a minerals extraction operator to act as partner; advanced discussions are now being held with two operators. Details should be forthcoming within about two months.

Main points arising from consultation had been:

- a) N End junction and extra traffic from site
- b) Footpaths, especially Ashton Down, and missing cycle link
- c) Improved public transport
- d) Availability of low cost housing for purchase
- e) Capacity of Ashton Keynes school
- f) It was generally agreed that some development was needed on the site, but the figure of 350 homes was considered excessive

Minerals extraction could be completed within 2 years from starting although it might be more advantageous to the developer to go for a less concentrated regime over 3-5 years. The amount of material agreed with Wilts Council was 0.8 million tonnes. The main extraction area was shown as being mainly to the west of the site.

Comments from the floor were to do with sewage disposal (current thinking is for some form of local treatment) and the fact that most of the benefits (S106) were likely to go to Ashton Keynes Parish despite the site being nearer to Somerford Keynes and Shorncliffe settlements. It was stated that this Parish could use its developing NDP to identify potential benefits for its residents should any development occur.

The speakers were thanked for giving up their time and the meeting then continued with the published Agenda.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2014 were read, approved and signed. Prop MM, seconded RM.

2. Business remaining

- 2.1 **CDC Local Plan** CDC has now published a Statement of Community Involvement for consultation. SP and John Sweet had attended a GRCC workshop on the Local Plan on 28th May, which had proved useful. SP stated that CDC were developing a proforma / checklist for evaluating the merits of any potential development in the settlements where the CDC Local Plan does not have planned housing development. The first step of which was that no development would take place unless there was a local need for housing.
- 2.2 **Lake 31** There had been no response to the PC's holding response to Planning re implementation of previous conditions. SP to chase CDC. A planned meeting between SP, CDC Cllr Layton and Mike Walker of Watermark had been cancelled by Mr Walker. SP to try to arrange a new date for this.
- 2.3 **Lake 99** The PC might be able to obtain S106 funding for interpretation boards. It was not known whether the £600 overpaid to Green Attitude had been received, as the Clerk was on annual leave. SP to check.
- 2.4 **LME entrance** on Minety Lane. A meeting had been held with Will Vickery of LME. It was planned to start constructing the length of cycleway in September.

2.5 **Defibrillator** The Village Hall Committee had agreed to match the PC's contribution of £600, and also to provide an interest-free loan of £400 for the remaining expenditure. Breakdown of costs (provided by Cllr Munroe after the meeting) as follows:

AED	no cost (actual = £1,075)
External cabinet	£655
Fitting	£160 (est)
Awareness training	£150 (normal cost = £250)
SJA training	£600 (normal cost = £1,140)
Total	£1565

If the PC wishes it can elect not to hold the SJA training to keep costs down, but it was felt that funding could probably be obtained for this from external sources, including those people attending the course.

2.6 **Cullimore Gravel application** The date of the Planning meeting had been deferred due to insufficient public consultation, and the meeting is now scheduled for Friday June 6th. SP to present the PC's submission.

2.7 **Neighbourhood Plans** The statutory consultation period for the designation of the neighbourhood plan area, based on the new Parish boundary (to include Neigh Bridge and Lake 63) is due to expire at the end of June. A meeting is to be held with GRCC next week to fully scope the NDP. The hope is to have public consultations in September. The Parish Council is in the process of applying to Locality for £4875 to fund the production of the NDP. As spending must be completed by the end of 2014, there is a need to spend any grant awarded and have a plan available for consultation by December 2014.

2.8 **Emergency Plan.** On-going.

2.9 **Flooding** See 2.10

2.10 **Insurance** RM had written an excellent letter to our MP regarding insurance, but this has apparently been overtaken by events. A communication recently received from the Planning officer regarding an application in Mill Lane had indicated that the EA had revised its model and redesignated Mill Lane (and presumably the rest of SK village) as zone 1, or low flood risk. However, it is not known when the revised model is due to be formally introduced. SP to chase the EA for firm date on this.

2.11 **Speedwatch** This had taken place as scheduled. Motorists had tended to slow down on approaching the radar gun (since signs advertising its presence had been in place) so only one driver had been 'caught' but it was felt that the exercise had raised public awareness of speeding. It was agreed to pass the PC's formal thanks to Des Sheen and team.

2.12 **Town and Parish Councils Liaison meeting** at CDC June 19th 2014 SP/JB to attend.

2.13 **Designation of Local Green Spaces.** Clerk had asked if Neighbridge CP would qualify. S Price of CDC had replied that the process was very involved and Neighbridge was protected as leased by the CWPT. No further action at present.

2.14 **WILD Project.** SP and KM are to meet Jenny Phelps on June 3rd to look at some ditches.

3. Correspondence

4. Planning Applications

4.1 [14/01759/FUL](#)

103 Clearwater Village, Lower Mill Lane, Somerford Keynes, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6BG
Insertion of second floor side facing window. No objection.

5. Financial matters

5.1 ASHTAV subscription £15. Prop RM, sec T de B.

5.2 Des Sheen had travelled to Weston super Mare to obtain equipment for the Speedwatch exercise but had declined to apply for expenses. Agreed to give him a bottle of wine on behalf of the PC. Prop MM, sec KM.

6. Questions

RS commented that there was due to be an electricity cut (to facilitate tree maintenance) in the northern part of SK village.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm

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