

Minutes of the Meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council 7th July 2014

Present: Cllrs S.Powell (Chair), R.Munroe, R.Sleeman, K. Mogridge, CDC Cllr Layton, Mrs M.Watkins (clerk) and six members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Brailey, de Bertodano and McKeown.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2014 were read, approved and signed. Prop RS seconded RM.

2. Business remaining

- 2.1 **CDC Local Plan** JB and SP had attended an evening at CDC, designed to update all Local Councils on progress of the draft Local Plan, which is targeted for the autumn. It has been announced that the required 6-year Housing Land Supply has been achieved, though suitable new applications may not be refused. Section 106 monies will be superseded by a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which will be collected by CDC who will determine where it is spent. If parishes have a Neighbourhood Development Plan in place, Government information suggests that 25% of this money will come directly to the parishes, whereas, if there is no NDP, only up to 15% will be available and capped.
- 2.2 **Lake 31.** A meeting with Mike Walker of Cotswold Country Park and Beach, to discuss issues about the Park has been cancelled.
- 2.3 **Lake 99** The PC has obtained S106 monies of £3120 for Lake 99, £2110 for works done by Green Attitude and £1010 for tree work by AJ Arborists. Cllr Brailey has spoken to Green Attitude and a cheque for the £600 overpaid should be in the post this week. It was suggested that the L99 sub-committee should have another meeting soon, to review the current situation, with a view to completing the project in the Autumn.
- 2.4 **LME** It is understood that work on a new bridge, to facilitate the proposed new access road, will start almost immediately. The extension to Spine Road cycle path will follow shortly. Clerk to contact LME/GCC Highways for update.
- 2.5 **Defibrillator** The cabinet to hold the defibrillator has now arrived and will be installed very soon, after which SWAT will fit the defibrillator(AED) itself. As the summer holiday season is upon us, it was decided to postpone training to late-September. An awareness session is proposed for mid/late September. An event to raise the shortfall in funding was suggested. RM to speak to VH committee to see if a combined event is feasible. All to bring ideas for fundraising event to the next meeting.
- 2.6 **Cullimore application** The application was permitted on June 6th, subject to a series of conditions. PC is to be invited to meet with Atkins to discuss any submission on Hydrology to ensure all village concerns are addressed, after which approval is needed from GCC Planning committee before any extraction can take place. Concern was expressed that the formal Minutes of the meeting were ambiguous and did not reflect PC's interpretation of what was agreed. SP to check with Jason Betty / Cllr Parsons.
- 2.7 **Neighbourhood Plans** It was formally agreed that the NDP sub-committee should comprise Cllrs Munroe and Powell, together with John Sweet who led the Parish Plan preparation. Pro KM, seconded RS. The initial consultation period for the designation of the plan area expired on June 26th. A newsletter has been distributed detailing the timescales for the creation of the Plan, proposed vision and aims and upcoming consultation events. The information is also available on the village web site The Grant application for £4875, to fund the creation of the Plan, has been successful and 90% of it will be paid immediately to the PC. It was agreed that the sub-committee will report to every monthly PC meeting, and all members of the committee (3) must be in attendance for formal decisions (with a majority of more than 50% required for votes). They will keep their own financial records, which will be incorporated in the PC accounts at the end of the Financial Year Three consultation dates later in July have been agreed and published. It was stressed that visions and aims were subject to change after the consultation.
- 2.8 **Emergency Plan.** On-going.
- 2.9 **Flooding** See 2.10
- 2.10 **Insurance** New information has become available from Environment Agency and is published on the website (which? SK?). Flood risks have been considerably reduced in the latest model, in line with what actually happened in recent events. Any property having difficulty in obtaining insurance can contact EA for a letter stating the new perceived risks.
- 2.11 **Town and Parish Councils Liaison meeting** at CDC June 19th 2014 SP/JB attended and found it very useful.
- 2.12 **WILD Project.** SP and KM met Jenny Phelps on June 3rd to look at some ditches. As a result of this KM is to identify the land owners of the water courses and liaise with WILD. Jenny Phelps is being assisted in this project by Helen Richards of GRCC. KM offered to lead the PC's involvement with this project. Clerk to contact Laurence King to find out how far he has got with proposals to divert the Spratsgate Lane ditch southward

3. Correspondence nil

4. Planning Applications

14/02326/FUL Retrospective application for erection of wake board course, with two towers and portable office building: PC wishes to object on the following grounds 1) Failure to meet conditions of previous applications 2) Health and Safety grounds. No rubble has yet been removed and as water levels drop more is visible. It is very dangerous to users of the course.3) There should be a requirement to landscape the towers to fit in with its rural setting.4) The Portacabin is very shabby and appropriate measures should be taken to mitigate its impact on its environment

It was noted that a new power feed is to be installed to run this, resulting in a power cut to Shorncote residents while it happens.

Permissions received:

14/01838/FUL Parcel of land off Mill Lane: permitted new dwelling

5. Financial Matters

5.1 Gift for Local Auditor £23.76

5.2 Expenses for Speedwatch £23.97

Approved en bloc. Prop RS seconded KM

5.3 Clerk's salary April – June inc £252.00

5.4 HMRC £63.00

5.5 Grant Thornton Invoice £120.00 inc VAT

5.6 Travel expenses to GCC Planning meeting re Cullimore application £25.50

6 Questions

1. **Fatal Road accident** in Spratsgate Lane on June 25th. Clerk to write to both Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Police requesting imposition of Speed Limits on this stretch of road. She is to liaise with GCC Highways to get signs in place indication concealed entrances. It may be necessary to await the Coroner's report, before speed limits can be considered.

2. KM wished to know a) who owns verges of Spine Road adjacent to L99.b) what could be done to improve stiles across land from "The Chestnuts" to Ewen Road. RS to contact Footpaths Officer

3. Booker asked that a) GCC Highways be reminded about repair to a Shorncote ditch after damage by an oil tanker b)Cullimores be asked again to clean out the ditch to the east of Spratsgate Lane.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday August 4th at 7.30p.m.in the Village Hall