

Minutes of the Meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council 6th October 2014

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

Apologies: Cllrs McKeown, Mogridge and CDC Cllr Bennett

Declarations of Interest: Nil

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

2. Business remaining

- 2.1 **CDC Local Plan** Cllr Layton had no further information. SP said that any NDP would take preference over the new Local Plan if completed first.
- 2.2 **Lake 31** KM prepared a follow-up letter to the cable-tow permission at KCP which she requested be sent to Mike Walker at KCP. She stressed that the agreed pumping rates from Hills, which when at their maximum, could compromise the outlet from L31 into L32, and from L32 onwards. Cullimore is proposing to pump excess water via this route too, and clearly this could create problems. Mike Walker (KCP) had told her that the permission for work on L31 had been signed off before being completed, which would necessitate a further application to remove rubble. One possible solution from his part would be to import topsoil to cover over the rubble. PC asked Cllr Layton to investigate why CDC signed off the retrospective planning permission as complete.
- 2.3 **Lake 99** The sub-committee had a meeting with Mike Barton (Amey) and re-started the process for the creation of a PRoW around L99. This will include two cuts per year of the route. Quotes have been obtained for interpretation boards to be paid for with Section 106 monies, which have now been approved. SP to arrange a meeting to agree content of interpretation board and further progress.
- 2.4 **LME** Will Vicary has said that plans for the construction of the Cycleway were submitted to Highways in August, and Highways have 56 days to approve the plans so a decision is expected shortly.
- 2.5 **Defibrillator**. Community Awareness Training took place on 18th September attended by approx 25 people. Further training is scheduled, though RM recommended delaying further action while more information is gathered about how best to implement a telephone solution to call assistance from within the village.
- 2.6 **Cullimore application** Cullimore has responded to the report from Atkins. SKPC was not informed of the processes and had difficulty in finding information on the website. PC is particularly concerned that the condition for a radius to be agreed from a point on the site, within which water levels will not be allowed to exceed agreed levels, has been ignored. Concerns were also raised over no consideration being made for the infill in L31 and the proposed flows into the County Ditch. Cllr Powell commented that their data for Spratsgate Lane ditch was based on figures for early 2012, which followed a dry autumn and winter and not typical of usual flows. It was agreed to write a letter to Jason Betty, copied to GCC Cllr Parsons, expressing the various concerns. SP to action.
- 2.7 **Neighbourhood Development Plan**. RM gave an update on recent events. Housing Needs surveys have been collected with a return of approximately 68%, the next best in other such projects was 55%. They are now with GRCC for analysis. The results may possibly be given in a presentation in due course. CDC has said that it is unable to incorporate the referendum with next year's General Election, and suggested holding it in July 2015. Meanwhile there is to be a presentation of policies in November to both the PC and the community. The sub-committee is anxious to press on as quickly as it can as all spending ought to be complete by the end of 2014. A Neighbourhood Development Plan, when complete could take precedence over a Local Plan. Neighbouring Parishes are to be invited to consultations.
- 2.8 A letter is to be sent to CWPT about the state of the ditch on the western side of Cokes Pit.
- 2.9 **Emergency Plan**. KM has begun processing information and hopes to send out an e-mail before the next meeting.
- 2.10 **Flooding/ Insurance** New flood risk maps are on the village website. It may take a while before insurance companies' data is updated. The WILD project has cleared the ditch across Mack's Farm. Jenny Phelps (WILD) has also said that the culvert under Water Lane will be jetted but this is yet to be done. Water Lane residents have expressed their thanks but have also raised concerns about a metal gate being placed in the ditch and the state of the ditch on the western side of Cokes Pit. SP to thank the WILD project and express concerns.

3. Correspondence

Email from Bakers Arms. Nate Barnes, the new manager, came to the meeting to introduce himself and his plans for the pub. He has volunteered to be on the list of CPR trained people.

4. Planning Applications

4.1 14/04347/FUL

Location: Land Parcel Off Mill Lane, Mill Lane, Somerford Keynes, (Correction of original plans which had been distorted when copied.) **Proposal:** Erection of a dwelling (revision to layout as approved under 14/01838/FUL) No objection

4.2 14/03250/FUL

Location: Spinney Lake, Lower Mill Estate, Lower Mill Lane, Somerford Keynes, Gloucestershire, GL7 6BG

Proposal: Erection of four detached holiday units at Spinney Lake No objection

4.3 14/04031/FUL

Location: 81 The Mallows , Howells Mere, Lower Mill Lane, Somerford Keynes, Gloucestershire

Proposal: Erection of first floor balcony to front elevation No Objection

5. Financial Matters.

Clerk's expenses : Ink cartridges £34.97 inc VAT £5.00

Clerk's salary July – September £252.00

HMRC £63.00

Neighbourhood Development Plan expenses:

CDC Printing of Housing Needs Survey £19.68 inc VAT £3.28

Cllr Powell expenses £29.03 inc VAT £3.81

Cllr Munroe expenses £20.48 inc VAT £1.91

J.Sweet Travel expenses 50 miles @ 45p/m = £22.50

All Proposed en bloc by TdeB seconded JB

6. Questions

Water Lane Hedge. Clerk to ask Amey to do routine maintenance. Note of thanks to Richard and Alexia Goldman for clearing up this area.

Neigh Bridge Country Park: Complaints were made that the Play equipment at Neigh Bridge needed some repair and amounts of dogs' mess needed cleaning up

Clearance work at Shorcote: Debris from hedge trimming by Cullimore has been left partially blocking the culvert at the junction of Spratsgate Lane with the lane into Shorcote

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday November 3rd at 7.30p.m.in the Village Hall