

## Minutes of the Meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014

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

Apologies: Cllr Mogridge and CDC Cllrs Bennett and Layton

Declarations of Interest: Nil

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were read, approved and signed. Prop T de B seconded JB

### 2. Business remaining

- 2.1 **CDC Local Plan** Discussed under Neighbourhood development Plan
- 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. As a result, Mike Walker has requested a meeting with PC. SP to arrange
- 2.3 **Lake 99** The sub-committee will hold a meeting on Friday of this week 7<sup>th</sup> November. Recent tree work has greatly improved the area.
- 2.4 **LME Cycleway.** No further information has been received.
- 2.5 **Defibrillator.** No reply has yet been received from SWAT about the telephone system used in Yorkshire to disseminate urgent. RM to pursue.
- 2.6 **Cullimore Application.** SP wrote to GCC Jason Betty expressing concerns that information from SKPC may have not been put into the public domain. He has replied stating that all the information has been passed to Atkins for the attention of their Hydrogeologist. SKPC feels strongly that agreeing a radius is vital to all calculations (within this radius, water levels will be monitored and will not be permitted to exceed agreed limits). It was agreed that there should be direct communication with GCC Cllr Parsons to ensure everyone is aware of the concerns of the Parish. No-one is clear as to CDC Laurence King's proposals for the County ditch. Letter to be sent to him and Cllr Layton for clarification. There is concern that the catchment area of County Ditch may have been considerably miscalculated, perhaps by as much as a factor of 7 times.
- 2.7 **Neighbourhood Development Plan.** A survey of the flora and fauna of the parish is to be undertaken by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, funded by the NDP project. RM presented an update on the progress of the plan. See attached below. The final version of the report from Housing Needs Survey will be placed on the NDP section of the village website, once approved. Planning advice is to be sought in order that any policies generated will be sufficiently robust to stand up in planning committee meetings and a court of law. A Public Meeting to report on progress is to be held as soon as is viable, possibly this month.
- 2.8 A letter has sent to CWPT about the state of the ditch on the western side of Cokes Pit. Some work may be taking place currently.
- 2.9 Emergency Plan. On going
- 2.10 **Flooding/ Insurance** A letter of thanks has been sent to Jenny Phelps and WILD for work done at Macks Farm.It is not yet clear when the culverts under Water Lane and from Macks Farm under Spine Road will be cleared.

### 3. Correspondence

Meeting with Town and Parish Councils November 24<sup>th</sup> CDC 6.45 for 7.00p.m.

Police Neighbourhood Panel Kemble VH November 20<sup>th</sup> 7.30p.m.

Electoral Review of Cotswolds- Final Recommendations

### 4. Planning Applications

#### [14/04343/FUL](#)

15 October 2014: Queens Cottage, The Street, Somerford Keynes, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6DN,

**Proposal:** Two storey extension with single storey glazed garden room and replacement garage

No objection

Notification of Full application in South Cerney parish for 64 bed Dementia Care Home on Spine Road. No objection

## 5. Financial Matters.

AJ Arborists Treework on Lake 99 £864.00 inc VAT £144.00

## 6. Questions

**Neigh Bridge Country Park:** Complaints were made that the play equipment at Neigh Bridge needed some repair and considerable amounts of dogs' mess needed cleaning up. CWPT claims it has no money. Charging is to begin at Neigh Bridge car park next year. There are concerns about the knock on effect this will have on parking in the village. Tde B attended a Liaison meeting with CWPT, RS/JB went to their AGM. There are aspirations to add some land owned by Wiltshire Council to Keynes Country Park. In addition CWPT is purchasing land adjacent to Cleveland Lakes which, when infilled, will provide vehicular access to the site. A meeting is to be arranged with CWPT to discuss our concerns.

**Clearance work at Shorncote:** Clerk to remind Highways that this has not been done.

**Change to Postal collections in Somerford Keynes** It is Royal Mail policy that late collections from certain post boxes will cease if they are within ½ mile of another box. The current proposal is to retain 2 collections per day from the post box within LME and the one at Elm View. Clerk to write to ask if an exception can be made to retain two collections from the box in the centre of the village rather than the Elm View one as it is more central to all the village, the one at Lower Mill Estate being on private land and inaccessible to the village.

**Request for sign post to church (at end of Water Lane)** No response from Amey, clerk to chase

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25pm

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30p.m.in the Village Hall