

Minutes of the Meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council 1st December 2014

Present: Cllrs S.Powell (Chair), J Brailey, T.de Bertodano, R.Munroe, R.Sleeman, M.McKeown, Mrs M.Watkins (Clerk), CDC Cllrs Jenkins and Layton and 3 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Mogridge and CDC Cllr Bennett

Declarations of Interest: MM on LME

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2014 were read, approved and signed. Prop T de B seconded MM

2. Business remaining

- 2.1 **CDC Local Plan** will go to Cabinet on Thursday December 4th. Some sections are already available on line or as paper copies at £5 each. There will be a consultation period of approximately 10 weeks (6 weeks formal consultation plus the time between now and beginning of January). **Clerk to investigate obtaining paper copies for the PC.**
- 2.2 **Lake 31** PC met with Mr & Mrs Walker of KCP. They 1) have done work to clear the outflow resulting in the level of Lake 31 now dropping below the level of the weir. 2) are looking to do landscaping around L31 which will require subsoil and topsoil. Mr Walker hopes to have all the plans ready to present to January's meeting. PC would like to see everything ahead of the January meeting in order to decide if it needs planning permission.
- 2.3 **Lake 99** The sub-committee held a meeting and agreed to proceed with interpretation boards with a view to having everything completed ready for a Spring Launch.
- 2.4 **LME Cycleway.** Clerk to ask Will Vicary what is happening about the time frame.
- 2.5 **Defibrillator** The Yorkshire scheme for communicating easily with respondents would seem very complicated. RM investigating further with SWAST (South West Ambulance Service Trust)
- 2.6 **Cullimore Application.** SP reported that all the information we had submitted was now available on the web. Cullimore has begun work on entrances etc which can be done before final details of Hydrology are agreed. Atkins is officially the formal consultee on behalf of GCC and will be the body who recommends acceptance, or otherwise, of any plans submitted re flooding, drainage etc. The radius, as per the condition, has still not been formally agreed.
- 2.7 **Neighbourhood Development Plan.** RM emailed reports on NDP/Housing needs survey prior to the meeting for later discussion. (See www.somerfordkeynes.org.uk/ndp4docs.htm) These should come to PC in January for approval. A survey of the flora and fauna of the parish has been undertaken by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, and revealed interesting information. There are within the parish 174 rare species of which 20 are heavily protected. The NDP team has appointed a Planning Consultant to advise them on making proposals robust enough to pass scrutiny. There is to be a meeting of all Councillors on December 8th in Village Hall at 7.30.
John Sweet publicly thanked SP and RM for all the hard work they had done so far towards the NDP.
- 2.8 **Rental of Parish Field** It was decided to increase the rental of the Parish Field to £600 from 2015 and by a further 2% annually thereafter, or the rate of inflation if greater.
- 2.9 Emergency Plan. On going
- 2.10 **Flooding/ Insurance** A letter of thanks has been sent to Jenny Phelps and WILD for ditch clearing 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.
- 2.11 **Meeting with Amita re: Development of Cotswold Community.** Rob Garnham and Mark Chadwick met with PC to outline their current plans which now include 150 houses rather than the 300 in their first draft and will be built on the brown field site. There was a presentation to the Public at Ashton Keynes on November 28th. Amita wish to make a presentation to Somerford Keynes at an appropriate date in the near future. SP to arrange.

3. Correspondence

Meeting with Town and Parish Councils November 24th CDC 6.45 for 7.00p.m. JB attended and said that it concentrated on urban development, though Philippa Lowe had mentioned rural matters.

4. Planning Applications

[14/05035/FUL](#)

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Spinney Lake, Lower Mill Estate, Lower Mill Lane, Somerford Keynes, Gloucestershire, GL7 6BG,: Erection of seven detached holiday units, erection of ancillary buildings, provision of new landscaping, amended vehicular and pedestrian access, creation of ponds and wetland areas.

PC decision to object because there is no barrier to prevent access via the internal road used solely for maintenance and deliveries. Clerk to action

[14/05073/TCONR](#)

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Grange House, Grange Park, The Street, Somerford Keynes, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6EW,: T.1 - Acer pseudoplatanus (Sycamore) - fell
No comment

[14/05106/FUL](#)

28 November 2014

Land Adjacent To Thameside House, Mill Lane, Somerford Keynes, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6DU,
Erection of dwelling (revised scheme to increase width of property by one metre). Variation of condition 2 of permission 14/01210/FUL to insert a first floor window in the side (north) elevation (retrospective)

Clerk to consult with new owners of Thameside House.

5. Financial Matters.

The Clerk presented the proposed budget for 2015-16 for discussion. It was decided that the Precept should remain the same for the coming year.

Donation to Citizens' Advice Bureau £30.00

Glos Wildlife Trust village survey £250.00 Proposed en bloc TdeB seconded RS

6. Questions

Clerk to report to GCC Highways: missing 30mph sign again, damaged sign for Spratsgate Lane and damaged verge adjacent to Arlingdon Farmhouse(SEB caused it).

Clerk to report to BT a damaged branch opposite Evergreen Cottage threatening phone wires. Clerk to enquire to GCC Highways, again, about cost of new finger post sign to the church.

The meeting was then closed to the public at 8.45pm

The Council then met in private session to review the Clerk's salary. It was unanimously agreed to raise the Clerk's salary to £1285.00 per annum.

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday January 5th 2015 at 7.30p.m.in the Village Hall