

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council 1 June 2015

Present: Cllrs S Powell (Chair), J.Brailey, M McKeown, R Munroe, R Sleeman, M Pinto, K Mogridge, CDC Cllr Tony Berry and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: None

Declaration of interest: Cllr McKeown on LME

1. **Minutes** of the Annual Meeting held on 11 May 2015 as amended, were approved and signed. Prop RM, sec MM.

2. Business remaining

- 2.1 **CDC Local Plan** - Cllr Berry undertook to keep the PC updated on progress with the Local Plan.
- 2.2 **Lake 31** - SP reported that she had a reply from Mr Walker confirming that he would like to discuss his plans for landscaping, so she intended to arrange a meeting as soon as a mutually convenient date could be agreed.
- 2.3 **Lake 99** - RS reported that GCC had prepared a draft agreement to establish the PROW. Whilst he was happy with most of the agreement, he had some specific concerns. After discussion, it was agreed that the PC must exercise its duty of care by seeking specialist advice on the agreement. **SP** was to contact GAPTC and **RS** to contact the Country Landowners Association, to determine what, if any, advice was available from them before seeking legal opinion.
The L99 Sub-Committee had met and agreed the outstanding expenditure. **SP** would now order all of the outstanding furniture, etc. and would make a separate application to Park that Bike for an additional cycle rack. **JB** would request a quote from Green Attitude for the construction of a boardwalk.
The latest version of the Interpretation Board was approved, subject to ensuring recognition of the Google copyright on the map and the addition of a GCC logo to the acknowledgements.
- 2.4 **Defibrillator** – RM reported that Community Heartbeat Trust would provide a Community Awareness Training session in the second half of November. With the agreement of the PC he would establish a specific date and confirm the cost.
- 2.5 **LME cycleway** – No further information.
- 2.6 **Cullimore Gravel application** – SP reported that the application was considered at the Planning Committee on 14 May. The Water management Scheme was approved in principle and the applicant must now submit an application for a variation of conditions. Once approved Phase 1 and, possibly, Phase 2 (of 4) may start. However, infill of Phase 1 cannot commence until the Water Management Scheme is given full approval.
- 2.7 **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – The latest NDP draft would be circulated to Members in advance of the extended Task Group meeting on 8 June.
- 2.8 **Emergency Plan** – **KM** was to arrange a meeting in September to take this forward.
- 2.9 **Flooding** - Nothing further to report.
- 2.10 **Cotswold Community Development** - **SP** to make enquiries of Amita (Rob Garnham) about progress on submission of the planning application.
- 2.11 **Cotswold Water Park Trust** – Following the meeting with CWPT, reported to the last meeting of the PC, RS/JB attended a Parish Liaison Meeting arranged for all the Water Park parishes. The key points of the meeting were:-
 - a. RS to join the Water Park Access Forum. The PC endorsed his membership.
 - b. The parking meter recently installed at Neigh Bridge had been stolen. The Trust intended to replace it, at a cost of c£3,000
 - c. A natural play area was to be installed at Neigh Bridge
 - d. There was a further briefing on the Neigh Bridge WILD project.
 - e. The KCP lease was to be let from December 2016. RS had suggested that the PROW issue be resolved before this was completed. The Trust invited parish councils to comment on how they wished to see the park operated under the new lease. It was agreed that the PC should compile a list of outstanding planning conditions relating to the Water Park. **KM** undertook to initiate this.
 - f. Concern was expressed at the meeting about the apparent failure to make specific references to the Water Park in the new CDC Local Plan.

g. The next Parish Liaison meeting was to be on Monday 14 December.

It was noted that the PC had been invited to make a site visit to Neigh Bridge to see the proposed new fencing along the Thames. **SP** was to contact Petrina Brown to agree a date.

2 Correspondence

3.1 Amey - There had been no further response from Amey. It was reported that the Clerk had notified Amey of the flooding at the Chestnuts junction and at the junction of Water Lane and Spratsgate Lane

3.2 Telephone Kiosk – It appeared that the village phone kiosk was not under threat of closure and the phone was still connected. However, it did require painting and cleaning. **The Clerk** was to raise these matters with BT.

3.3 Shorcote Solar Array – The application for a solar array constituted a variation on the original, but it was clearly stated to be a temporary system limited to the life of the quarry. Currently it is largely hidden behind a bund. In these circumstances, PC did not intend to register an objection, but **SP** was to emphasise that this was conditional on it being a temporary structure.

3 Planning Applications

Ref No. 15/0814FUL – Offices and hire centre, LME. No objection.

Licensing application for the restaurant/clubhouse at LME – Concern was expressed at length of opening hours included in the application both on behalf of Somerford Keynes and the residents of LME. The PC resolved to object to this application and councillors were requested to submit comments to SP by 7 June.

5 Financial Matters

Cllr Pinto to attend GAPTC course - £95

ASHTAV membership renewal - £15

Clerk's expenses (2 reams of paper, stamps) - £11.48

Auditor fees - £120

Approved en bloc Prop MM seconded RM

6 Questions

6.1 KM requested that any copy for the forthcoming *Newsletter* be submitted to her as a matter of urgency. It was agreed that it should include an invitation to residents to indicate interest in receiving the *Newsletter* by email.

6.2 RM suggested that, in light of recent burglaries in Somerford Keynes, the PC should suggest a meeting with the police, and involve the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators. He suggested also that residents should be encouraged to investigate incidents when burglar alarms were activated, with out putting themselves at risk. It was agreed that this should be highlighted in the next *Newsletter*.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday July 6th at 7.30p.m.in the Village Hall.