

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council 4th January 2016

Present: Cllrs S Powell (Chair), K.Mogridge, J. Brailey, M.Pinto, R Munro, R.Sleeman CDC Cllr Tony Berry, GCC Cllr S.Parsons, Mrs M.Watkins (Clerk) and 6 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs M.McKeown

Declaration of interest: None

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Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2015 were approved and signed. Prop JB, sec KM

2. Business remaining

- 2.1 Lake 99.** Cllr Pinto has received a response from Janet Smith (PRoW Officer for GCC) about the PRoW round L99. Ms Smith thought that the re-vamped document should be acceptable but will confirm, or otherwise, shortly. Green Attitude is storing the tables and benches until the weather improves. The boardwalk is complete and it was proposed to pay £3,500 on account until S.106 funding is received.
- 2.2 Defibrillator** –Cllr Munroe was asked how much was still left in the fund for further training.
- 2.3 LME cycleway** –Clerk had emailed Will Vicary for more detail on start date, but has not yet had a reply
- 2.4 Neighbourhood Development Plan.** The latest draft was circulated in December and a meeting has now been arranged for all councillors to discuss it on Monday 11th January at 1330. Cllr Munroe stressed the necessity that everyone read the draft ahead of the meeting.
- 2.5 Cotswold Community** Nothing further heard. Clerk to contact Rob Garnham
- 2.6 Local Plan.** SP prepared and submitted the SKPC response to the Local Plan. The District councillors have suggested that, because there was no specific Water Park policy in the new plan, CDC uses the CWP Masterplan as a Neighbourhood Plan, to ensure that CWP issues are covered, it having been considered recently by consultants and deemed valid. The final draft is expected to be published at the end of March with examination in public beginning in the autumn.
- 2.7 Cullimore.** Extraction was expected to begin today, but may have been postponed due to seriously wet weather. It is understood the Water Management Plan is being prepared. SP to check that all matters raised with Atkins are to be included.
- 2.8 Emergency Plan** –A meeting was held between councillors and Peter Metz at which a plan of action was drafted and all councillors left with tasks to complete before the next meeting on February 28th.
- 2.9 Flooding** Despite the almost continuous rain, the situation seems fine, apart from a very large puddle close to Go-by-Cycle caused by a blocked drain. Clerk to contact Gill Portlock about that and the clearing of the culvert under Water Lane.
Laurence King (CDC Drainage engineer) has said that money is available to construct a culvert to take the Spratsgate Lane/County ditch due south under the Spine Road, subject to the agreement of the relevant land owners. Cllr Berry suggested that work could start in Spring 2016.
- 2.10 Cotswold Water Park Trust.** The NDP team is to discuss potential future development/use of Keynes Country Park to formulate a policy for the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that SKPC, together with AK and South Cerney, should push for the application for PRoW in the park to be considered before any new lease is progressed. Matthew Millett has accepted it in principle, with the proviso that the actual route may vary slightly. GCC Cllr Shaun Parsons will investigate where the application has got to and report back by the spring. PC will then follow up, if necessary, with a letter to the Chief Executive Peter Bungard.
- 2.11 Highways.** GCC Highways Gill Portlock was unable to make a meeting arranged with the Clerk before Christmas owing to illness, so a list of repairs etc that need doing was sent, with hope that some items could be attended to quite quickly. GCC Cllr Parsons said he believed that missing ‘Give Way’ signs at South Cerney crossroads was being dealt with by Amey. Clerk to arrange another meeting with Gill and add other matters to her list.

3. Correspondence

Request from Waterland to arrange two meetings: 1) to discuss use of Parish Field, 2) re the affect of Triathlons on surrounding areas. Peter Pendlebury of Waterland will give PC a choice of dates for the Triathlon discussion and hope that a small working party can be put together

ensure the events have minimal effect on surrounding settlements. Regarding the use of the Parish Field, SP will sort out possible dates with Matthew Millett and keep all informed.

4. Planning Applications

15/04198/FUL Change of Use of land parcel SE of Spine Road West from Agricultural to archery and Air Rifle Range. Permitted

5 Financial Matters

The Budget was presented for discussion

Clerk's salary October- December £256.80

HMRC £65.35

Green Attitude £8970.00 inc VAT £1495 (Part payment of £3500 paid on account)

Agreed en bloc RM seconded RS

6 Questions

1. Cllr Berry acknowledged information from SP/Ubico regarding costs of a combined litter and waste bin to be installed at Neigh Bridge.
2. Clerk was asked to report the state of Lower Mill Lane from entrance to LME south to the start of Thames Trail, which is impassable to all but 4-wheel drive vehicles.
3. New Clock Battery need in clock at rear of Village Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40p.m.

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday February 1st 2016 at 7.30p.m.in the Village Hall.