

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council 7th March 2016

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

Apologies: KM and MM

Declaration of interest: None

1. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 1st February 2015 were approved and signed. Prop JB, sec MP

2. **Business remaining**

2.1 Lake 99 £1000 grant for the Interpretation board has been received and £1200 is still to come from CWPT as a contribution to the Boardwalk. The tables and benches, currently stored by Green Attitude, will be installed as soon as the weather improves. The PRoW is delayed because of a change in staffing in that department but should proceed shortly. The location of the proposed celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday at L99 has been changed and there will now be a beacon and a barbecue at the village hall after dusk on April 21st.

The official opening of L99 is planned for 15th May when there will be a bring and share picnic at the lake at lunchtime.

2.2 Defibrillator –All the donors are happy for monies to be held over for further training sessions

2.3 LME cycleway Will Vicary is concerned about the design which involves widening of verges around Neigh Bridge. Decisions have been deferred until there has been a meeting with WV.

2.4 Neighbourhood Development Plan The aim is to consolidate the document with the aim of having a public consultation in May.

2.5 Cotswold Community Rob Garnham has said that the application based on 75 houses is to be lodged with Wiltshire imminently, though it is expected it will take some time to validate and for SKPC to be notified.

2.6 Local Plan. Nothing further.

2.7 Cullimore. Excavations have begun and the roads are being kept clean, though there have been complaints that the lorries used are very large and can barely pass on Spratsgate Lane, and are cutting up the verges in places. Clerk to ask JB whether smaller lorries could be used

2.8 Emergency Plan is progressing apace. The co-ordinators KM MP and Chris Isherwood will need assistants. Ad to go in to next Newsletter. Next meeting on 22nd May.

2.9 Flooding Clerk met with Gill Portlock and Danny Taylor of Amey. They suggested that since everything appears to very running satisfactorily at present, they would prefer to clear the culvert between Evergreen Cottage and Mack's Farm in the autumn in readiness for next winter. Other concerns will be dealt with in time.

2.10 Cotswold Water Park Trust. A meeting was held with Matt Millett and Ben Welbourn to discuss how the village envisaged the future of Keynes Country Park. The consensus was that everyone wished to see it revert in the main to how it used to be. SP had found a Natural England accreditation for Country Parks which suited everyone. PC to email it to CWPT as the view of Somerford Keynes. 8 expressions of interest in future proposals have been received.

3. **Correspondence**

3.1 Waterland. Peter Pendlebury hosted a very successful meeting to try to ensure that triathlons held in CWP do not disturb residents more than is necessary. It was chaired by CDC Tony Berry and seems to be gaining momentum with an on-line calendar of events and routes etc. Clerk to arrange 3-way meeting to discuss usage of Parish Field.

3.2 Queen's 90th Birthday, April 21st Clerk has sorted out necessary details with CDC. See 2.1 above. Clean for the Queen/Cotswold Spring Clean has been scheduled for April 16th. Clerk has ordered bags and is storing pickers and bibs from last year, CDC having no room. More detail in Newsletter.

4. **Planning Applications**

4.1 15/05523/OPANOT – Units B and C, Field Farm, Somerford Keynes, GL7 6DH

A comprehensive explanation of this development was received from the Planning Officer concerned and did much to allay fears.

4.2 16/00210/FUL: Full Application for Proposed extension and alterations to existing residential dwelling

Owls Roost The Street Somerford Keynes Cirencester Gloucestershire. No objection

5 Financial Matters

GAPTC Renewal £ 129.56 (For population of 410)

Web Domain renewal for 6 years £20.03

Clerk's salary Jan-March inc £256.80

HMRC £65.35

ASHTAV subscription 2016-1 £15.00

Approved en bloc RS seconded JB

6. Questions

6.1 Date of Annual Parish Meeting Friday 29th April in Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

6.2 Field Farm See above

6.3 RM asked whether the Cycle Path could be cleaned.

6.4 CDC Cllr Berry mentioned the proposal that the Cotswold and West Oxfordshire become a Unitary Authority. It is being considered but no decision will be made immediately.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10p.m.

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday April 4th 2016 at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall.