

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

Present: Cllrs S Powell (Chair), R.Munroe, M.Rigby, J Brailey, R.Sleeman, and 6 members of the public.

1. Apologies: KM, MM and Cllr Berry

2. Declaration of interest: None

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2016 were approved and signed, subject to the following amendments:-

- 3. Election of Officers – last line to read, “PC rep on Village Lake”
- 5.1 Line 5 – insert “Passed unanimously.” after PROW.

Proposed JB, seconded MR.

4. Business remaining

4.1 Village Lake (L99)

4.1.1 SP reported on the successful opening, with a good attendance despite the weather.

4.1.2 JB reported that the final two benches had been delivered and he had requested Green Attitude to complete the installation.

4.1.3 MR reported that the formalities for the PROW had been completed and she awaited the signed copy to be returned.

4.1.4 It was agreed that the Village Lake Project had now been completed and could be handed over to the proposed management Committee. RS agreed to draft terms of reference for the Management Committee in July, to be agreed by the PC.

4.2 LME cycleway The Clerk was asked to obtain a progress report from Will Vicary of LME.

4.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan

4.3.1 RM introduced the Report, together with a report on the meeting with businesses on 23 May and notes of the NDP Team meeting of 24 May 2016.

4.3.2 SP reported that there had been no information to date on the need for us to produce a Sustainable Environmental Assessment. However, The Team proposed starting the formal pre-submission consultation, as planned, on 10 June 2016.

4.3.3 An “NDP News” was to be distributed this week publicising the Consultation Events in the Village Hall.

4.3.4 It was noted that RS had detailed files on the background to settlement protection boundaries should they be required as evidence of their provenance in previous planning documents.

4.3.5 It was proposed by RS, seconded JB, that the Draft Plan be adopted for consultation. Passed unanimously.

4.4 Cotswold Community. The PC objection to the planning application for housing has been lodged with Wiltshire Council. The application to extract gravel is covered under 6.3.

4.5 CDC Local Plan. The Draft Plan had been adopted but had yet to appear on the Council website.

4.6 Cullimore. Nothing further to report.

4.7 Emergency Plan MR reported on progress at the meeting of the Task group on 22 May and that a further meeting had been arranged on 16 October to consider draft proposals.

4.8 Flooding CDC Cllr Berry had advised that CDC had agreed a budget for the creation of the proposed culvert, but there was not yet a date for commencement of the work.

4.9 GCC Highways It was reported that CC Parsons had accompanied the Clerk on a tour of Parish roads. No further action to report yet. It was agreed that if Wiltshire CC had taken no action on North End crossroads that further representations should be made.

4.10 Cotswold Water Park Trust/Waterland MR reported on her investigation into the leases between the PC and CWPT and that between CWPT and Waterland. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged with CWPT to clarify some issues arising from the current situation and that Peter Pendlebury (Waterland) should be advised of these developments.

5. Correspondence. Noted

6. Planning Applications

6.1 Responses had been submitted on the applications for Cotswold Community and the development at Siddington.

6.2 16/01905/FUL erection of storage and office building, Clearwater Village – no comment

6.3 16/02765/CWM Extraction on Cotswold Community site – no objection, but PC wished to point out that the current proposal meant that water would be pumped into L31 and ultimately into L32. Since this was also the destination of water pumped from the current Hill's and Cullimore sites the PC had concerns about the capacity of L32 to cope, given the restricted outflow under the Spine Road. It was important that the rate of pumping into L31 does not exceed current maximums.

7. Financial Matters

7.1 Purchase of new AED pads (£33.60) should be paid out of the defibrillator fund.

7.2 Reimbursement to SP (£7.42) and MR (£26.77) for expenses incurred by the Village Lake Opening should be paid'

Both items to be approved, proposed RS, seconded JB. Passed unanimously.

8. Questions

8.1 RM asked about the disappearance of the red sign at the crossroads to the north of Somerford Keynes (Chestnuts) advising that there was no access to LME through the village. The Clerk was asked to investigate and report back.

8.2 SP asked about availability of Members for the meetings in July and August. Members were requested to advise the Clerk of their planned availability for those meetings, scheduled for 4 July and 1 August.

8.3 Booker raised a concern about overhanging trees obstructing the Spine Road cycleway. The Clerk was asked to report this to Glos Highways.

8.4 Mrs Mortimer reported that the footpath near the Shorncote Reedbeds is currently submerged. SP agreed to raise this with the CWPT.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.45p.m.

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for Monday 4 July at 7.30p.m in the Village Hall.