

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

Present: Cllr S.Powell (Chair). M. McKeown, R. Munroe, K.Mogridge, M.Rigby, R. Sleeman, M. Watkins (Clerk), CDC Cllr Berry and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies: JB

2. Declaration of interest: M.McKeown on LME and Cllr Rigby on Tree work at Pendle Cottage.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2016 were approved and signed. Proposed RM, seconded KM
Mike Hatton of Ashton Keynes Angling Club spoke about their proposal to fence Neigh Bridge Lake against otters which predate their valuable fish. The Club wishes to erect fencing 1.5m high along the hedge line on the western and northern edges of the lake, and where the fence would be more visible, near to the Play area, the height would only be 1.2m. It was suggested that the hedge nearby be cut back to enable the fence to blend in and be less visible. PC to send email documenting concerns / suggestion that will enable it to support the proposal to both Mike Hatton and CWPT.

4. Business remaining

4.1 Village Lake (L99)

KM has met with Green Attitude to arrange the installation of the remaining tables and benches.

4.2 LME Cycleway. Clerk to ask Will Vicary about a timetable for completion of the Cycle Path etc

4.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan The reg. 18 pre-submission consultation required that particular organisations were consulted with the Plan. Subsequently, there has been discussions and meetings with those who made substantive comments, including GCC and CDC. As a result, there will be some amendments to the Plan, but none of them will impact on the objectives endorsed by the community. Meeting notes from the discussion with CDC will be submitted to the NDP Team in due course.

4.4 CDC Local Plan. PC now has a hard copy of the Plan for reference purposes.

4.5 Cullimore. See under Planning.

4.6 Emergency Plan KM recommended that PC adopt the Emergency Plan Prop MM seconded RM . The Plan will be lodged with CDC and reviewed in May annually. Thanks were recorded to Peter Metz (LME) for all his help over several years and a letter is to be sent. Prop SP seconded RM

4.7 Flooding Clerk to respond to Laurence King.

4.8 GCC Highways Clerk to ask Highways whether the new signage at Shorncote junction together with a replacement for the missing red LME sign is imminent.

4.9 Cotswold Water Park Trust/Waterland Clerk sent invoice for Parish Field, but no money yet received. Clerk to chase. Clarification of lease is still ongoing.

5. Correspondence.

5.1 Gigaclear. MM has prepared a piece for the Newsletter.

5.2 GCC Minerals Local Plan There appears to be no plans for new extraction west of A419 but this does not preclude extensions to previous workings. RS to send précis to all Parish councillors.

5.3 Ashton Keynes NDP is now in consultation period. PC asked to comment/support. PC is disappointed that the Cotswold Community site has been taken out of the plan resulting in no plan at all for the extensive brown field site. SP to action and to say how pleased PC has been about the level of consultation.

6. Planning applications

6.1 16/0099/COMPU Cullimore Drainage scheme. Compliance with condition 33

It was noted that the scheme extended to 85 pages. Booker reported that he was disappointed that it failed to answer fundamental questions. Clerk was asked to contact GCC to arrange a further meeting with them and the consultant from Atkins, to discuss PC concerns. There is still much concern about the size of lorries using Spratsgate Lane which regularly cut up the verges and damage the road surface. Peter Pendlebury has sent a strongly worded letter to GCC Highways, which resulted in some speedy repair work, already wrecked by subsequent lorry movements. Clerk to raise this with Jason Betty (GCC) again.

6.2 16/04370/FUL Full application for Retrospective change of use from agricultural barn to workshop/storage/sales/car workshop. PC expressed concern about the operational suitability for this activity in a rural area area felt it was totally out of keeping in such a rural village. Decision to OBJECT. KM to action.

6.3 16/0400504/TCONR Tree work at Pendle Cottage. No objection

7. Financial Matters.

Costs of advertising for new Clerk £282.00 inc VAT

Adoption of Financial Regulations. It was agreed to use a pro forma from GAPTC adapted to the specific needs of this parish. Prop KM, seconded MM. RM to action.

8. Questions

Road speed limits. Clerk to ask SCPC/Juliet Layton about progress on making the whole length of the Spine Road have a cohesive speed limit.

Statement from Cllr Munroe: In the light of the Chair's intention to step down in May, RM confirmed his statement on election as Vice-Chairman that he did not wish to become Chair. He indicated that he would be happy for a Chair-designate to replace him, if that would be helpful

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 5th December 2016 at 7.30p.m in the Village Hall.