

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council 5th December 2016

Present: Cllr S.Powell (Chair). M. McKeown, R. Munroe, M.Rigby, R. Sleeman, M. Watkins (Clerk), CDC Cllr Berry and 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** JB and KM

2. **Declaration of interest:** M.McKeown on LME.

3. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 7th November 2016 were approved and signed. Proposed RM, seconded MR

4. Business remaining

4.1 Village Lake (L99)

PC has received the file of Lake 99 matters from the Brailey family, which partly helps explain what that has been agreed with Green Attitude. PC discussed possible maintenance costs for 2016-17.

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

4.3 **Neighbourhood Development Plan** Cllr RM circulated details of the meeting with CDC and added that as soon as the plan is submitted to them, they (CDC) take on all further costs.

4.4 **CDC Local Plan** is almost ready for submission. There has been consultation on CIL, (Community Levy) which will in some cases, replace Section 106 payments from developers.

4.5 **Cullimore.** See under Planning.

4.6 **Flooding** Clerk has been trying to contact to Laurence King for further information about the proposed culvert beneath Spine Road

4.7 **GCC Highways** Clerk has formally reported on-going Highways issues to Amey and has incident numbers. The Chair requested that she add several other matters to the list to be dealt with by Richard Gray (GCC Highways)
1) There was a serious collision at South Cerney crossroads last week giving rise to increased concern about the safety of the junction. SKPC to request 'STOP' signs to attempt to make drivers more aware.2) The breakup of road adjacent to Go-by-Cycle which causes localised flooding after heavy rain.

4.8 **Cotswold Water Park Trust.** The payment of the rent of the Parish Field has been made by bank transfer. Clarification of lease is still ongoing. It was noted that Keynes Country Park is now closed, following the lease reverting to the Trust on 10th

4.9 **Gigaclear** has started to install fibre Broadband in the area. Clerk has forwarded a list of those wishing to participate to KM.

4.10 **GCC Minerals Local Plan** RS has sent a précis to all Parish councillors. SP to forward to GCC on behalf of PC.

4.11 **Ashton Keynes NDP.** SP will send letter of support to AKPC

5 Planning applications

5.1 16/0099/COMPU Cullimore Drainage scheme. Compliance with condition 33

Clerk has tried to arrange a meeting with Atkins/GCC Highways without success so far. Jason Betty has asked that any comments be forwarded to him. Clerk asked to try again one more time. The Plan appears to pump water eastwards into L31 of KCP, but following infill of Lake 31, PC is worried that more water could percolate underground back to the County Ditch and exacerbate problems in the village at times of high rainfall. The council regretted that a meeting could not be arranged. However, it wishes to receive a written statement from GCC, confirming that it is confident that the proposed scheme will work.

RM to draft written request. SP also noted that the Plan did not make any reference to the 'radius' condition of the permission notice which provides reassurance to the local community with regard to acceptable water levels around the site.

5.2 **LME applications for removal of residency restrictions.** The Chair said that so many had already been removed that the agreement was purely a formality.

6. Financial Matters.

6.1 **Adoption of Financial Regulations.** RM produced a form of GAPTC Financial regulations which is appropriate to SKPC. Its acceptance was proposed by MR and seconded by RS.

6.2 **Budget** Clerk presented a statement of the present financial situation to end November and estimates to year end to enable PC to decide whether an increase in the precept is necessary. The situation is healthy and no increase is required. To be finalised in January.

7. Questions

7.1 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.

7.2 Transparency code The Clerk confirmed that all required information regarding PC meetings and finances was placed on the website (Parish Council documents page) PC to consider the remaining requirements of the transparency code.

7.3 MR said she had been asked by her neighbour whether anything could be done about the amount of **leaves** in gutters and drains. Clerk said that usually CDC cleared the leaves without any need of her intervention and, as an interim measure, most residents ensured their own patch is kept clear.

7.4 RS said that the village could have a second defibrillator for free if the electricity supply to the redundant telephone kiosk would be sufficient for the machine. Clerk to check with Joseph Walker. A case to house the defibrillator would need to be purchased. The PC has received a number of offers to refurbish the box as soon as it had been adopted.

7.5 The Chair thanked the Clerk for her service, as this was her last meeting, and invited her to attend the Annual Parish Meeting when there would be a wider audience

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55p.m.

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 9th January 2017 at 7.30p.m in the Village Hall.