

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council (SKPC), 6th March 2017

Present: Cllr S.Powell (SP, Chair), Cllr Karen Mogridge (KM), Cllr M. Rigby (MR), Cllr R. Sleeman (RS); Cllr T Berry (TB, Cotswold District Council, CDC), Cllr S Parsons (SPa, Gloucestershire County Council, GCC) W. Cartwright (WC, Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllr M. McKeown (MM), Cllr R. Munroe (RM).

2. Declaration of interest: None.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2017 were approved and signed. Proposed RS, seconded KM.

4. Clerk's report

4.1 Village lake (Lake 99):

Cllr SP and Cllr KM agreed to begin the process of setting up an independent Management Committee. At the recent meeting with LME (01/03/2017), Jason Braid (JB, LME) had kindly offered to arrange cutting the grass every two weeks on a good will and community spirit basis which was highly appreciated by SKPC. Cllr KM and Cllr RS are to arrange a meeting with Tom Maddox (Green Attitude) regarding the recently received request for payment, outstanding quotes for work and future working arrangements.

4.2 LME cycleway:

WC and Cllr RS had a highly constructive meeting with JB (LME), John Johnson (JJ, LME) and Ben Welbourn (BW, Cotswold Water Park Trust, CWPT) who indicated that, due to the nesting season, work on the cycle path would need to be started in the autumn with all highly keen to progress the project. Currently, slightly amended entrance plans to Neighbridge were with Sophia Price (CDC) and Cllr SP to contact her to ascertain progress.

4.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP): Cllr SP had circulated a document to councillors which had addressed non-CDC comments on the draft NDP. A similar document addressing CDC comments hoped to be circulated in the next week. If agreed, the draft NDP would be amended accordingly.

4.4 CDC Local Plan: No further action to report.

4.5 Flooding:

WC reported on her recent telephone conversation with Laurence King (LK, flood defence manager, CDC) to clarify his current position on the Water Lane culvert. It was agreed that WC should approach the land owner to request that the downstream ditches are cleared of silt and debris. Secondly, WC to obtain further information of the structural integrity and recent maintenance work of the culvert from GCC Highways and, if required, set up a meeting with Richard Gray (GCC Highways). Cllr SPa (GCC) indicated that the culvert had been recently jet cleaned and that RG (GCC Highways) had also indicated that the need for clearance of ditches. Following contact with the land owner, WC to update the SKPC, LK (CDC) and RG (GCC Highways) on the current situation.

4.6 GCC Highways:

WC had contacted Amey on all previous issues identified at the last SKPC meeting. Jenny Swaffer had provided a new list of highway issues, which WC will now report. Margaret Timbrell who was present at the meeting indicated she would deal with the fallen tree on the public footpath.

4.7 Cotswold Water Park Trust (CWPT):

Cllr SP had contacted CWPT for an update on the new professional organisation to take over the lease of Keynes County Park and this has yet to be agreed. Cllr SP had written to Peter Bungard (Chief Executive, GCC) to reactivate the modification order of the definitive map and formalise the current footpath access, which is also awaiting the decision of the new operator.

It was agreed that a six-month notice of termination be served to Matthew Millett (Managing Director, CWPT) to be in line with the usual renewal date at the end of September. Proposed MR, seconded RS.

4.8 Broadband installation:

Cllr KM indicated that there had been an upgrade to the exchange in South Cerney that might result in an improved service the village. Cllr TB (CDC) and Cllr MM to liaise and contact Gigaclear and BT Open Reach to ascertain what, if any, future possibilities there are for the village to upgrade service.

4.9 GCC Minerals Local Plan: No action to report.

4.10 Ashton Keynes NDP: SP to send letter of support to AKPC.

4.11 Road speed limits:

WC had contacted Juliet Layton (JL, CDC) on the current situation of making the whole length of the Spine Road adhere to a cohesive speed limit. A note from JL had been circulated to SKPC on the CDC response to a motion that had been passed in September 2016. It was agreed that SPa (GCC) and Cllr RS try arrange a meeting with Wiltshire and GCC Highways to discuss the on-going issues.

4.12 Transparency code:

WC had spoken to Anita Sach (AS, Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils, GAPTC) on compliance of the transparency code. Following a quick scanning of the website, AS felt it was extremely professional and complied, making only minor comments which WC had been passed to Peter Watkins. AS also indicated that the transparency fund can provide money for a laptop (and software) for the clerk, associated running costs with the website and suggested we check our needs and apply as necessary.

4.13 Second defibrillator: No action to report.

4.14 Cotswold Community site: WC had contacted Rob Garnham (Planning Consultant for Cotswold Community) to ascertain position with the live planning applications for Cotswold Community.

5. Planning applications

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

A formal response had been made by GWP (Cullimore consultants) to Richard Mitchener (RM, Atkins consultant to GCC) which was publicly available on the GCC website. Alan Steeves-Booker (ASB) gave an overview of his concerns of the response and it was agreed that these be passed these directly to RM (Atkins) to consider with any other comments from the SKPC. It was also agreed that Cllr SP write to Jason Betty (GCC Planning Officer) and, in layman's terms, set out that if increased water flow does enter the county ditch, that a remedial solution is put in place. Cllr SPa (GCC) reiterated his support that this should go back to Planning Committee if there were any concerns by the SKPC and potential to cause additional flow into the county ditch.

5.2 16/0110/CWMAJW Sandpools Farm: No further action to report.

5.3 16/05165/OUT Severalls Field: No further action to report.

5.4 16/0061/CWMAJM, 16/0062/CWMAJM, 16/0094/CWMAJM Dryleaze Farm Quarry, Dryleaze Farm Quarry (Northern Extension); Changes to various compliance conditions; No objections or comments.

5.5 17/00389/TCONR; 17/0038/Ful; 17/00347/Ful; 17/00328/Ful; 17/00439/TCONR:

There were no objections to any of the planning applications other than to suggest that the work to erect a fence proposed by LME in Minety Lane be done during a period which will not disturb nightingale nesting.

6. Financial Matters

6.1 Expenditure

Payment for heating (£8), Clerk's salary (£409.26), GAPTC membership (134.64), Historic Town Forum membership (£15) were agreed en bloc. Proposed KM, seconded RS.

7. Election of Councillor

A notice of vacancy had been issued by the CDC with a closing date of the 16th March. This had been publicised on the village notice board, website and to e-mails where available. A SKPC representative was now required for the village hall, and it was agreed that Cllr RM would take on this role until the next annual PC meeting.

8. Annual PC meeting

Given the Easter holidays, it was suggested that the annual PC meeting be held on Friday 28th April (alternative possible date 5th May) and that the annual village clean be held on Saturday 1st April. It was agreed that Cllr SP write a short newsletter to advertise these events as finalised.

9. Questions/comments

There were concerns regarding the newly introduced Neighbbridge car parking fees and WC to contact Ben Welbourn (CWPT) to discuss the resulting increased risk of parking in the village or on verges. WC to report the fly-tipping of tyres half way down Minety Lane.

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

Next monthly meeting date of the Parish Council: Monday 3rd April 2017 at 7.30 pm, Village Hall.