

Minutes of the meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council (SKPC), 2nd October 2017

Present: Cllr K. Mogridge (KM, Chair), Cllr. R. Munroe (RM), Cllr M. McKeown (MM), Cllr. M Rigby (MR), Cllr J. Whitwell (JW) Cllr T. Berry (TB, Cotswold District Council, CDC), W. Cartwright (WC, Clerk), and 5 members of the public.

Cllr KM welcomed Cllr JW to his first meeting of the Parish Council.

1. Apologies: Cllr S. Powell (SP), Cllr R. Sleeman (RS).

2. Declaration of interest: Cllr M. McKeown and LME.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2017 were approved and signed. Proposed KM, seconded RM.

4. Clerk's report

4.1 Village lake

The Management Committee had a meeting in mid-September which was very productive and tasks had been allocated, one of which had been to contact Ben Welbourn (Cotswold Water Park Trust, CWPT) to undertake a risk assessment of the occurrence of blue green algae in the lake. BW would then contact the Environment Agency if required. The Committee were investigating future quotes for works such as making the board walk slip proof with netting/strips. It was understood that the Parish Council insurance did cover the Village Lake, and that this be further confirmed by WC. The Management Committee were uncomfortable about being the responsible organisation for closing the lake/Public Right of Way (PROW) for major emergencies but wished to instead "contact the clerk" in such circumstances. WC (clerk) to contact Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) regarding what is the procedure if for example, trees became unsafe following a storm occurred. It was agreed to remove any reference to Management Committee closure of the lake, and that the amended management plan could be adopted. Proposed MM, seconded JW. The next Management Committee meeting is to be held on October 19th.

4.2 LME cycleway: Nothing further to report.

4.3 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP): A meeting of the Working Party had occurred to consider further Cotswold District Council comments. Cllr SP is addressing these and to report back at the next PC meeting

4.4 CDC Local Plan: Nothing further to report other than the independent examination dates had now been set and publicised. Cllr TB (CDC) informed that following the full CDC meeting on 26/9/2017, the Chesterton planning application has been deferred for a maximum of 3 months.

4.5 Flooding: Nothing further to report.

4.6 Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Highways: Further complaints had been reported to Highways on the condition of the road surface of Water Lane and their response had not changed in that the current condition did not warrant immediate action.

4.7 Cotswold Water Park Trust (CWPT): WC awaiting a response from PSL on arranging a date in October for a follow-up meeting following their full summer season. Cllr KM has re-written to Peter Bungard (Chief Executive, GCC) asking that the PROW now be instigated and awaiting response.

4.8 Parish Field: Nothing further to report until contracts had been signed by the successful applicant.

4.9 Neighbourhood: Sir David John (CWPT, Chief Executive) had offered to meet representatives of the Council (20/11/2017) to discuss the issues of inadequate emptying of litter, dog bins, swimming and overflow parking issues over the summer. Cllr MR and Cllr KM offered to attend.

4.10 Broadband installation: Nothing further to report.

5.11 GCC Minerals Local Plan: Nothing further to report.

5.12 Road speed limits: Nothing further to report.

5.13 Transparency code: WC (clerk) to apply for funding for a laptop computer and software which may be on offer under the transparency code.

5.14 Second defibrillator: BT had sent a generic contract to adopt the phone box and it was agreed that this should be signed. Cllr KM agreed to investigate any associated issues such as payment of electricity.

5.15 Cotswold Community site: Nothing further to report.

5.16 Village entry signs: Given the high costs associated with gateway village signs, Cllr KM requested that Councillors make further appraisal of the number, and if necessary, the type of sign desired and defer to the next meeting.

5.17 Village noticeboard: A local parishioner (Miles Carpentry) had sanded and treated the doors of the noticeboard (cost £30). WC (clerk) to ask for a further quote on treating/weather proofing the rest of the noticeboard.

5.18 Somerford Keynes Conservation area: Cllr KM had given comments on the consultation draft on Somerford Keynes Conservation area by the deadline and asked why the Park was not included in the conservation area, given that it had been recognised as an area of importance. Following a response, it would be decided whether a Cllr KM would send a polite notice to the Locks on the issue.

5.19 Hedges: Cllr KM to include a polite reminder in the next newsletter regarding hedge cutting.

6. Planning applications

6.1 17/03430 and 17/03431/LBC (Yew Tree Farm extension): No objections

6.2 16/01110/CWMAJW (Sandpools Farm, inert recycling plant): Nothing further to report.

7. Financial Matters

7.1 Expenditure: Village noticeboard maintenance £30 Proposed MR, seconded RM.

7.2 NSI signature authorisation: It was agreed that authorised signatories be Cllr KM (chair), Cllr RM (vice chair) and WC (clerk). Proposed MR, Seconded MM.

There being no other business or questions, the meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Next monthly meeting date of the Parish Council: Monday 6th November 2017 at 7.30 pm, Village Hall.