

Minutes of the meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council (SKPC), 6th April 2020

Present: Cllr R. Sleeman (RS, Chairman), Cllr R. Elsey (Vice chair, RE), Cllr. M. Keegan (MK), Cllr M. Rigby (MR), Cllr A. Stradling (AS), Cllr G. Valentine, Cllr J. Whitwell (JW), W. Cartwright (WC, clerk) and 0 members of the public.

Held by Zoom conference due to the Coronavirus

1. Apologies: Cllr S. Parsons (SP) (Gloucestershire County Council, GCC), Cllr T. Berry (TB, Cotswold District Council (CDC)

2. Declaration of interest: None

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March were approved. Proposed JW, seconded GV.

4. Clerk's report

4.1 Keynes Country Park (KCP): Nothing further to report.

4.2 Village lake: Mike Wilding (Village lake Management Committee, VLMC) had provided a financial report and all activities suspended due to coronavirus pandemic. Action: WC to maintain links with VLMC.

4.3 LME cycleway: Nothing further to report. Action: WC to maintain contact with LME and awareness.

4.4 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP): Ron Munroe and Sarah Powell had distributed an NDP update, and thanks were given for their continued work on the NDP. Action: SKPC to keep parishioners aware of the outcome.

4.5 Flooding: Nothing further to report. Action: WC to maintain links to with Shaun Shackleford (Environment Agency) on any developments regarding flooding at Neighbridge.

4.6 GCC Highways:

Village signs: MR and RS reported on two signs which were knocked down (Northend crossroads and Chestnut junction) and would provide WC with further detail/photos by e-mail. Action: WC to contact Highways.

Village gateways signs: Nothing further to report. Action: AS to keep aware of progress.

Erosion of double yellow lines: Work had been completed and WC to contacted Richard Gray (RG, Highways) to give thanks.

Spine Road flooding: Nothing further to report.

Footpaths: Nothing further to report. Action: RS to contact Mike Barton (MB, GCC, Footpaths) and raise all identified issues.

Cycleway: Nothing further to report.

"The Street" footpath damage: Nothing further to report. Action: WC to maintain awareness of timescales and continue to stress the urgency of repair.

4.7 Parish Field: Nothing further to report.

4.8 Neighbridge: Nothing further to report.

4.9 Road speed limits: Nothing further to report

4.10 Second defibrillator: Nothing further to report

4.11 Cotswold Community site: Nothing further to report.

4.12 Trees/hedges/verges: Nothing further to report.

4.13 Training courses: Nothing further to report.

4.14 Gathering and understanding parishioners' views: Nothing further to report.

4.15 Other matters:

Village website: WC indicated that Peter Watkins (PW) had informed her of a software error in the website which meant documents currently could not be uploaded. As a result, PW indicated that he was now investigating new software. RS had also contacted PW regarding the difficulties. Christine Luff had offered an interim solution via an LME/Somerford Community webpage. It was discussed whether a grant could be sought from Scottish and Southern Energy Networks on funding any solution. Action: RS to further contact PW.

Mobile library, VE Day celebrations, Baker's Arms: All suspended due to coronavirus.

6. Planning matters:

19/02114/LBC;19/02113/LBC/19/02113/FUL (Yew Tree Farm driveway): Approved, but with a condition on turning

19/04270/FUL - Erection of 2 open market dwellings and 3 affordable dwellings and associated works at land to the south east of Ashland House, The Street Somerford Keynes. Nothing further to report.

20/00907/FUL Full Application for Addition of jetty at LME: No objection
20/00690/FUL – LME occupancy and lighting/ levels: Holding objection from PC submitted.

7. Financial Matters:

7.1 Expenditure: Village lake expenses £103.65, £120.19: Proposed JW, Seconded AS

7.2 Internal Auditor: Roger Duckett was approved for auditing the 19/20 accounts.

8. AOB/Questions: None

Next monthly meeting date of the Parish Council: Monday 11th May, 7.30 pm, Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.