

## Minutes of the meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council (SKPC), 5th February 2018

Present: Cllr K. Mogridge (KM, Chair), Cllr R. Munroe (RM), Cllr M. McKeown (MM), Cllr S. Powell (SP), Cllr M Rigby (MR), Cllr R. Sleeman (RS), Cllr J. Whitwell (JW), Cllr T. Berry (TB, Cotswold District Council, CDC), W. Cartwright (WC, Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

**1. Apologies:** Cllr S. Parsons (SPa, Gloucestershire County Council, GCC)

**2. Declaration of interest:** Cllr MM and Lower Mill Estate (LME).

**3. Minutes** of the meeting held on 8th<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were approved and signed. Proposed RM, seconded JW.

### **4. Clerk's report**

**4.1 Cotswold Water Park Trust (CWPT):** Cllr RS updated the Parish Council on the current situation following contact with Jaci Harris (JH, GCC) to confirm the decision made by the Parish Council (January 2018 meeting) to initiate the dedicated path application (without the 10-day closure compromise). He had asked for her written confirmation that this was the best approach following her previous advice. This had resulted in Nigel Riglar (NR, Commissioning Director: Communities and Infrastructure, GCC) contacting Cllr RS to indicate that GCC were postponing taking further action whilst contacting the Cotswold Water Park Trust (CWPT). SKPC were now awaiting a response from NR (GCC) to be given within 10 days. It wished to be stated that the SKPC view had been clear, as well as Cllr MM presenting a detailed written communication on options for managing numbers of visitors entering the park. SKPC wished it to be recorded that there was dissatisfaction on how this was now being handled in terms of communication. Action: Cllr KM to write to other Parish Councils (South Cerney, Minety, Poole Keynes, Ashton Keynes, Kemble) to inform of the current situation once a clear position had been given by GCC.

### **4.2 Village lake**

The Management Committee had continued to make good progress - a tree condition survey had been undertaken, a volunteer morning organised for 3<sup>rd</sup> March and 106 grant funding was being sought for biodiversity work. Previous 106 funding had been granted for tree landscaping, the information sign and the boardwalk. The next Management Group Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

**4.3 LME cycleway:** WC (clerk) had contacted Mike Viney (LME) to ascertain current progress of LME cycle path application which he informed had expired and was being re-submitted. Action: WC (clerk) to follow up in March.

**4.4 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP):** Cllr RM reported that considerable progress had been made with the NDP following comments by CDC to ensure consistency with the local plan, but still maintained the fundamental visions of the original document. Action: Cllr SP to circulate a revised draft to SKPC Working Party for comment (within next 10 days) with a sub-group meeting to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> February.

**4.5 CDC Local Plan:** TB (CDC) indicated that CDC local plan was making significant progress and that the Chesterton planning application had been passed. The Inspector had raised no significant issues other than it was unlikely that Chesterton would be able to deliver more than 1,800 houses (out of 2,350) in the current plan.

**4.6 Flooding:** Cllr JW had previously informed the EA of large branches that had fallen into the Thames as he is concerned that this could cause local flooding at Neighbridge (incident number allocated), which Cllr RM indicated had been cleared.

**4.7 Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Highways:** Alan Steeves-Booker (AB) had informed the SPKC of flooding at the Chestnut junction which he himself had tended to by clearing a blocked culvert in the short-term. He had also contact Richard Gray (GCC Highways) who had met him and confirmed that additional work would be undertaken in the new financial year to rectify the problem in the long-term. At the same time, RG (GCC Highways) noted the poor quality of the re-instatement work by Gigaclear which would need additional work. RG (GCC Highways) proposed checking the whole route around Somerford Keynes for any necessary improvements. Action: WC (clerk) to keep aware of future progress on agreed action.

There was concern raised about clearing under road gullies following the leaf sweeping, in particular, a blocked drain opposite the Baker's Arms. In addition, flooding on the Spine Road between Mill Lane and Spratesgate Lane in heavy rainfall was of concern and the Red Sign on access to LME was still absent at Chestnuts junction. Action: All three incidents had been previously reported. WC (clerk) to re-contact Highways and ask for follow-up action, and Mike Viney regarding LME sign.

Following complaints of the condition of public footpath alongside Kennel bungalow, Cllr KM had contacted the responsible landowner to request that some remedial measures be undertaken e.g. infill with gravel/cover with bark chippings. The landowner immediately contacted GCC who confirmed their responsibility. Action: Cllr KM to contact GCC to clarify and request for appropriate action.

**4.8 Parish Field:** Jo Pendleberry (JP, Waterland) had provided the actual number of days usage linked to each of the major events. The Cotswold Range had approached SKPC regarding the sale or lease of the Parish Field, and

the interest was noted for the future when the lease is up for renewal. Action: Cllr MR to write a letter to The Cotswold Range to be sent via WC (clerk). WC (clerk) confirmed that hardcopies of signed legal documents had been received and JP had reimbursed solicitor costs.

**4.9 Neighbridge:** Nothing further to report. Action: All to continue to monitor the situation.

**4.10 Broadband installation:** Cllr TB raised the date of the public meeting with the wireless broadband provider Voneus on 16<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 pm, Kemble Village Hall.

**4.11 GCC Minerals Local Plan:** Nothing further to report.

**4.12 Road speed limits:** Nothing further to report, Cllr SPa (GCC) to continue work on adopting a consistent speed limit on the Spine Road. Action: SPa (GCC) to keep SKPC aware of progress.

**4.13 Transparency code:** A cheque of £550 had been received for a laptop computer with software. Action: Cllr MM to advise WC (clerk) on best purchase options.

**4.14 Second defibrillator:** The telephone kiosk adoption contract had been received from BT, and Cllr JW indicated removal of the phone had occurred. Action: Cllr KM to apply for a grant. TB (CDC) to forward an application.

**4.15 Cotswold Community site:** Nothing further to report.

**4.17 Village noticeboard:** Miles Carpentry had been approached on treating/weather proofing the rest of the noticeboard which would be weather dependent. Action: WC (clerk) to organise preferably before end of March.

**4.18 Somerford Keynes Conservation area:** Action: Cllr KM to write to CDC regarding the new Somerford Keynes Conservation area to confirm the PC had received no comments directly from any landowners.

#### **4.19 Miscellaneous:**

Alan Steeves-Booker (AB) had informed the SPKC of a car rally (Devises Motor club) which had taken place in Shorcote causing considerable disturbance, as well as dangerous driving. He had contacted the club directly by letter and received a letter of apology and that a future ban was being placed on the Shorcote route. He had also sought advice from the local police. It was agreed that no further action by the SKPC be needed at this stage, and that thanks be acknowledged to AB for all his efforts in contacting the relevant organisations and authorities.

WC (clerk) made Councillors aware of the emerging General Data Protection Regulations and that any advice needed would be sought from Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils (GAPTC) who were having a training session on April 26<sup>th</sup> April. Action: Cllr KM to investigate GAPTC training and future attendance.

CDC had contacted SKPC to inform of potential training on planning processes. Action: WC to confirm that SKPC is interested and maintain awareness of future date.

The A417 missing link consultation is now open should any views wish to be raised via the public link.

**6. Planning matters:** 17/05054/FUL (LME); 17/05194/FUL (Land parcel, Mill Lane); 18/00017/FUL (Waterland shed); 18/00181/FUL (LME); 17/04960/FUL (LME), 16/0061/CWMAJM (Drylease Farm Quarry): No objections.

**7. Financial Matters:** None

#### **8. Questions/AOB**

Village Spring clean: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April

AGM: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

**Next monthly meeting date of the Parish Council:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30 pm, Village Hall.