**Minutes of the Meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council (SKPC) 6th JUNE 2022**

Cllrs Present: Cllr R.Elsy(RE)standing in as Chair, Cllr A.Stradling(AS), Cllr G.Valentine (GV),Cllr T.Berry(TB), Cllr M.Keegan (MK), Cllr M.Rigby (MR), Cllr M.Hastie-Oldland (MH)

Held in the Village Hall in person.

1. **Apologies:** - Cllr L Spivey (LS), Cllr J.Whitwell (JW), Clerk K.Josey (KJ)
2. **Declaration of interest:** GV

**3. Minutes** of the meeting held on 9th May together with the AGM were approved by RE seconded by AS, subject to the following:- TB pointed out that the previous meeting had been called an APM (Annual Parish Meeting) when in fact it had been the AGM (Annual General Meeting) KJ to correct the previous minutes. TB further pointed out that KJ should investigate through GAPTC whether we should in fact have a separate set of minutes for the AGM and another set for the monthly PC meeting. ACTION: - KJ to follow up.

**4.Clerk’s report**

**Financial Matters - Approval of Audited Accounts**

4.1 Approval of Certificate of Exemption - ‘To certify that during the financial year

2021/22, the higher of the authority’s gross income for the year or gross annual

expenditure for the year did not exceed £25,000’. Approved GV, seconded MR

4.2 Approval of Certificate of Exemption – proposed dates for publication of

Certificate of Exemption 13 June 2022 – 22 July 2022. Approved MK seconded AS

4.3 Approval of Annual Governance Statement. Approved MH, seconded GV

4.4 Approval of Annual Accounting Statement. Approved AS, seconded MK

4.5 Approval of Annual Internal Audit Report. Approved GV, seconded AS

4.6 Approval of Receipts and Payments Summary. Approved MR, seconded GV

4.7 All Accounts to be put on the PC website. KJ to action

**5. Neigh Bridge**

**5.1 -** TB confirmed that the dog bins had been moved outside the Neighbridge boundary. There was some concern expressed about the dog bags being tied to the gate in the absence of a bin with the park. This will be monitored. An ice cream van has started selling ice creams and drinks at the weekends and public holidays. The Children’s playground has been started.

**6. Parish Field/ Village Lake**

**6.1** The signage remains unmoved. KJ to follow up. MR to send MH the deeds showing the boundaries.

**6.2** Parish Field Lease **–** MR has spoken to Richard Lloyd of Tanners and the draft will now be corrected with the suggested amendments and then it can be signed by both parties.

**6.3** GV and MK met with Mike Wilding at the Village Lake and walked around. We all thought that it would be a good idea if the non- slip strips on the wooden walkway were finished and asked MW to get an estimate of what this might cost. He came back with a figure of around £1600 which was beyond budget. It was suggested that maybe there might be a cheaper alternative, for example in Wickes and that volunteers could do the work possibly over a longer time. MW to investigate.

**7. Correspondence**

**7.1** The Triathlon **-** went very well with no reports of any litter. It was well organised.

7.2 VAS Speed Scheme **–** This was discussed and everyone seemed in favour of applying. The speed limit through the village is 30mph and the camera will record speeds. KJ to fill out the application form. One of the questions on the form is whether we have any speed guns. It was generally thought that we do not and that any used in the past were hired. ACTION KJ.

**8. Matters arising**

8.1 MH asked if everyone thought the costs involved justified having two defibrillators and were they ever used. MR said that one was used a few weeks ago to treat someone who had been in the Bakers Arms. It was generally believed that they were worth having. If anyone was interested, there is a training course instructing how to use them. MR asked what the password was, but apparently you have to ring 999 to get the password. Possibly JW knows the password. KJ to check.

8.2 MH asked if there was any specific training available for a Parish Councilor. He will ask KJ how to apply.

8.3 The Queen’s Jubilee celebrations were very successful. The Village Hall was packed and there was a good turn-out all round. The Lighting of the Beacon took place at 4pm in the Village Hall car park.

**9.Planning applications**

**22/01828/TCONR** - Works to trees in conservation areas for G1 - Conifers x2 - fell at The

Dower House, Somerford Keynes Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6DN –No objection

 **LME Planning Applications**

**22/01435/FUL -** Change of use of previously consented outbuilding from ancillary to a yoga leisure facility for users at Lower Mill Estate, and associated works

Questions were asked as to whether this was primarily a yoga studio or a meeting room for up to 56 people. KJ to ask for clarification on what is the main purpose of the building and who would attend such meetings.

**22/01537/FUL** - Erection of wooden jetty associated with No. 35HM to provide access

to Howells Mere lake at Bryony 35 Howells Mere Lower Mill Lane Somerford Keynes.

 No objection

**22/01605/FUL** - Application for Variation of Conditions 2 (plans 45 and 46), 7 (Materials), 20 (Levelsupdated) and 30 (Foul water) of permission 20/00690/FUL - Variation of Conditions 2(plans), 4 (occupancy restriction), 10 (lighting), 20 (levels) and 29 (drainage) of permission - No objection

**11/03126/FUL** (Erection of 296 holiday units and lake with estate roads, parking provision,

storage barns, play space, electricity sub station (in accordance with approved outline

planning permissions)) to change of permitted unit types on plots 45 and 46 of Minety Lake

West, allow year round occupation of the units and provide additional information

regarding lighting, levels and drainage at 46 Minety Lake Lower Mill Estate Somerford

Keynes Cirencester Gloucestershire. - No objection.

**Planning Applications Update**

Tall Trees – There was no progress or decision made on this.

Land adjacent to Ashlands House – Awaiting response from Cricklade Meadows reference. TB said it was now being dealt with by Mike Napper who is the senior officer.

RE asked about the tree removal at the Bakers Arms and asked if we should continue to request that planning permission is sought. Action -TB to check.

Financial Matters

Historic Towns membership - £15. This was discussed and as the PC have never used this membership, it was decided that we should cancel it. If KJ has already applied and paid, then we should cancel it next year.

Clerk’s Salary £703.80, McAfee subscription £59.99, Printing £2.99 Approved by MR, seconded by MK

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 4th July 7.30pm