

KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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To all Parish Councillors

Members are reminded that the council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, religion and any disability), Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety, and Human Rights.

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 17th January 2023

Present:

Mark Strange (Chair)
Tony Williams
Neil Green
Karen Saunders

Phil Nickson
John O'Connell
Stephen Andrews (CDC)
Teresa Griffin (Clerk)

Members of public:-
Clare Muir

1. **Apologies:** Christine Nugent and Steve Trotter
2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th December 2022 were approved.
3. **Disclosure of member's interests:** None
4. **Dispensation requests:** None
5. **Matters Arising:** None.
6. **Questions from members of the public:** None.
7. **County Councillor's Report:** The GCC News Updates were circulated prior to the meeting.
 - At the top of my in-tray is rural road safety and there will need to be some changes. You will have all seen the recent accident statistics.
 - A Climate National Survey for young people was carried out recently.
 - I am very interested in your thoughts on water levels and flooding. Tony Williams advised that water management as a whole is a problem and not just flooding in the winter. It was agreed that the previously extracted quarry voids are currently providing flood storage and concerns remain about the future when these are restored. The Dudgrove Brook is full to capacity and now back flowing along the flood relief ditch, which will be under more pressure if the Quarries current planning application is approved. There are also issues around the old Kempsford Quarry site.
Action: Dom to introduce James Blockley at GCC and Clerk to copy both in to any correspondence with the EA.
Mark Strange reported that a resident at Reevey was concerned about flooding. Water traditionally comes across the fields at the back but had reached her garden.
There were also a few issues with the sewers backing up in Kempsford. Thames water has visited and it is understood the problem was resolved.
 - A pilot to deal with some of the broader quarry issues is being carried out in the North Cotswolds.
 - Some Road Safety measures will be taking place around the base.
8. **District Councillors Report:** - A summary of meeting topics and updates circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting, with further discussion on the following -
 - Cabinet Meeting – Although a decision was made on the lease of land at Station Road, Kemble, it is going to be called in for review due to information that wasn't supplied.
 - Council Meeting tomorrow-
 - We will be looking at the Peer Review which was critical of the council's leadership and management.
 - The programme of meetings during the election period will be amended so that meetings can be held.
 - Amendment to Constitution – It is intended to limit public questions to those that are present. This has been questioned to whether it is legally sound.
 - Planning – The application for The Wern should be discussed in respect of the impact it may have on the wider area. The Clerk advised that the application came in after the Agenda was prepared and it was agreed that councillors will look at the application and circulate comments by email for an initial response to be drafted.
9. **Kempsford Parish Council**
 - **Date for Annual Parish Meeting** – 4th April 2022 at 7.45pm
 - **Review of grass-cutting tender document** – It was agreed to use the previous document with dates amended. The churchyards to be added to the map. To be advertised from the end of the month in the Parish Newsletter, website and Facebook pages for Kempsford, Fairford and Lechlade.

- **Community Speed Watch Camera draft DPIA and Camera Operating Policy** – As part of the application process for obtaining CSW cameras at Whelford we are required to have these policies in place. Draft documents have been prepared using templates from ASW. Final amendments to the documents will be made once it is clearer on how the data is received and handled. The Whelford CSW Group has only been able to carry out one session since the New Year due to the weather.
There has been no reply from GCC CSW Fund on whether an additional application can be made to replace the broken mobile VAS sign. It was agreed to submit an application for consideration.
- **Top Road Land Transfer** – Persimmon are keen to proceed with the paperwork side of the land transfer without resolving the outstanding issues with the car park and sports pitch. This appears to be driven by the anticipation of getting the Highways side of things, including road adoption, signed off in May. A detailed response has been drafted including photographs of the issues and it was agreed this should be sent to the Regional Manager or higher at Persimmon, together with their solicitors. There is a need for someone at GCC Education Department to recognise that the pitch is unusable for the school. Dom to email the Director at GCC to request assistance on the highways side of things.
- **Updates from meetings attended**
 - Karen Saunders reported on last week’s Kempsford Village Hall committee meeting –
 - * I have asked which members intend standing again at the AGM. They are currently looking for a new Chair and Vice-chair. The Booking Secretary’s wife has offered to assist with the bookings.
 - * Mark Strange will be asked to amend the bookings email forwarding.
 - * The cleaner has agreed to take on the Health and Safety Role in terms of routine checks.
 - * A leak in the roof was identified during the last Café. The roofers were called and dealt with the problem which was caused by lose slates.
- **Resident’s reports to Councillors** –
 - Neil Green asked about the emergency closure of the Hannington Road, is it a temporary measure as it is not signed properly? Tony Williams reported that he has emailed Highways to advise them that motorists are ignoring the signs. He will email again.

10. Planning & Licensing –

Ref.	Location	Proposal/development	Decision
22/04346/FUL	11 Newfound Reach (Plot W15), Coln Waters Leisure Dev., Lechlade	Full application for relocation of drive/car parking area	No comment

11. Finance

1. The following bills were approved to be paid:-

002300	Viking Direct (replacement for canx. Chq. 002295)	£66.03 inc. VAT
002301	R Caswell (maintenance 1 Jan 22 – 31 Dec 22)	£277.50
002302	SSE (power Dunfield defib/Reevey sign)	£5.13 inc. VAT
002303	T Griffin (wages and use of home)	£369.93
002304	HMRC (PAYE)	£34.40
Receipts since last meeting:		
	Bank Interest	£28.62
2. The Finance Report was agreed and approved.
3. Council resolved to appoint GAPTC as Independent Auditors for the financial year ending 31st March 2023.

12. **Clerks Report** – Phil Nickson had requested CDC be chased up to get the roads and pavements swept of leaves as they are a hazard for road users. An email response has been received advising the request has been forwarded to the Street Cleaning Team.

13. Correspondence –

All correspondence received via email has been circulated.

14. Date of next meeting – 21st February 2023

Meeting ended at 9:00

Copies:- Mrs Nugent, Mr Green, Mrs Saunders, Mr Williams, Mr Nickson, Mr Strange, Mr O’Connell, CD.Cllrs, C.Cllrs.