

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 15th September 2020
Meeting held remotely using video and telephone software.

Present:

Tony Williams (Chair)	Jerry Stokes	Phil Nickson	Teresa Griffin (Clerk)
Mark Strange	Christine Nugent	Stephen Andrews (CDC)	

1. **Apologies:** Ray Theodoulou, Karen Saunders & Alison Ward.
2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th August 2020 were approved. The Chairman to sign hard copy when delivered.
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:** Not present.
8. **District Councillors Report:** -
Stephen Andrews reported –
 - **Government consultation on Planning** – This is looking at the amount of housing, which is proposing a 180% increase for CDC compared to Swindon, where no further housing is required. Documents are being prepared to lobby our MP and NALC to make sure it is considered fair because of the AONB. This is likely to mean the pressure will be on areas outside of this.
 - **Cabinet Meeting** – Cabinet looked at the revised budget and calculated a further one million pounds is required to pay for Covid. It failed to take in to account that approximately £300K was taken as a grant by the leisure centre companies rather than a loan to them, and the cost of two senior officers leaving which was also around £300K. One could argue therefore, that they would not have been a million pounds short had those decisions not been taken.
 - **Climate Emergency Strategy** – This has now been published It doesn't really take in to consideration that the Cotswold's is a rural district but will be debated at the next full council meeting.
 - **Local Government Re-organisation** – The Cotswold's had pushed for a link with Cheltenham and Stroud but in the end the proposal did not get through Stroud Council. The opposition view of Cotswold was that it was too early to start this until the legislation had been seen.
 - **Council Meeting** – The Agenda for the next meeting has now been published. The District Corporate Strategy forms a large part of this although the papers for this have not yet been published.
 - **Climate Change Planning Workshop** – A whole day workshop is not proving very popular. I will be attending and am happy to represent the interests of Kempford should nobody else be able to attend. Tony Williams did email recommending the workshop be split in to smaller sessions. Stephen advised that at present there is no plans to change how it is organised
 - **Litter Picking** – Normally this is the week when many parishes organise litter picks. Some are still organising them which was causing problems for CDC on how to distribute equipment, but now the numbers are reduced it seems okay. Phil Nickson advised that as RIAT had not taken place he didn't feel it necessary to organise one for the Parish.
 - **Questions** –
 - Tony Williams asked if the offices are open to obtain garden waste sacks? Stephen will find out.
 - Mark Strange asked if the Base exercise is nearly finished – Stephen advised that his understanding is that it is likely to continue. Phil Nickson reported that the mobile signal has been deteriorating since the exercise started. Is this connected? Stephen advised that as far as he is aware it is not related. Coln Park has been given permission for a new mast.
 - **Whelford defibrillator** – This has been beeping away, although safe to use. The cabinet did have some water

in it, so may need to be sheltered.

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- **Update on new website** – All of the legal documents required to be published are now on but it needs tidying up, defibrillators and locations adding, together with more photographs. Stephen advised that his telephone number is incorrect. Council approved what has been added to date.
- **Updates from meetings attended** –
 - Tony Williams apologised that he was unable to attend the meeting earlier today regarding the Hills Quarry, but does intend attending the public exhibition on the 22nd September.
 - Mark Strange reported on the recent Village Hall Committee Meeting. They are planning on reopening the hall on the 1st October, but yet to hear if this will include the monthly café. There is money in the bank to cover outstanding bills. They have been reminded about the LBY grant. Money from the CDC grant for curtains has still not been received. The Bookings Secretary vacancy has been filled. One member has left the committee but another has joined. The committee is organising for someone to look at the tree that has been of concern to neighbours. Stephen Andrews advised that now we have a Vicar she has made room for the Youth Group equipment that didn't fit in the cupboard.
- **Review of Contracts for Clerk and Maintenance Position** - Both contracts were discussed with no changes required. Tony Williams to write to the Clerk confirming the recently announced new pay scales from NALC. The hourly rate for SCP21 will rise to £13.78 from £13.41 and is to be applied from 1 April 2020. Richard Caswell has advised that he is looking to retire in May 2021 and it was agreed to advertise for a replacement later in the year.
- **Residents reports to Councillors** –
 - Tony Williams reported that a resident around the John of Gaunt area had complained about the grass-cutters dropping grass in one area.
 - Tony Williams has been asked about allotments again. It was agreed that he should ask Bob Spackman if he has any land available.
 - An email was received today complaining about dog fouling and usage of the facilities at Hazel View given the Covid restrictions. It was agreed to obtain some of the new dog fouling signs from CDC and the issue concerning facilities has been forwarded to Persimmon Homes.

10. **Planning –**

Ref.	Location	Development	Decision
20/02739/FUL	17 Longcross Causeway, Coln Park	Full application for replacement of windows and external doors	No comment

- Phil Nickson reported that he was surprised at how quickly one of the recent planning applications had been granted permission, yet others seemed very slow. He also asked if notices are still required to be displayed publically around the property. Stephen Andrews advised that it is his understanding they are.

11. **Finance**

- The following bills paid between meetings were approved:-

002107	TEEC Ltd (new website hosting & domain)	£155.99 inc. VAT
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- The following bills were approved to be paid:-

002108	J&T Chesterman (Aug grass-cutting)	£520.00
002109	Viking (Toner & Paper)	£88.48 inc. VAT
002110	T Griffin (wages & use of home)	£524.85
002111	HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£74.40
- The Finance Report having been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting was agreed and approved.

12. **Clerks Report** – nothing to report

13. **Correspondence** –

- All correspondence received via email has been circulated.
- CDC Fly tipping and dog fouling leaflets – it was agreed to include some of the information in the next Parish Newsletters.

14. **Date of next meeting** – 20th October 2020, venue to be confirmed.

Meeting ended at 8.43pm

Copies:- Mrs Nugent, Mr Stokes, Ms Ward, Mrs Saunders, Mr Williams, Mr Nickson, Mr Strange, CD.Cllrs, C.Cllrs.