

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.

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Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 17th August 2021

Mark Strange (Chair)
Tony Williams

John O'Connell
Phil Nickson

Karen Saunders
Stephen Andrews (CDC)

Teresa Griffin (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Christine Nugent, Jerry Stokes, Steve Trotter and Dom Morris
2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2021 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:** Dom Morris sent an update via email –
 - I have escalated the issue of highways maintenance to the Cabinet Member responsible who has asked that a highways report be drafted our Division. I am hoping this will mean we can speed up work at the Parsonage – *Clerk to check if this implies the work will be done earlier than November as previously stated.*
 - The motion from the Full Council on Speeding is coming through my Environment Scrutiny commission which offers us the opportunity to consider options to reduce Speeding in the village
 - The police commissioner road show is on Tuesday 7th Sept at RAU. I would urge a strong KTC showing to build a relationship and discuss Speeding enforcement
 - I had a long conversation with officers on gravel Extraction. They are sending me the obligations for existing quarry that Tony showed me around and starting a conversation with Highways about mitigation
 - I am asking the flood prevention team to arrange a roadshow for my TCs and PCs in Sept.
8. **District Councillors Report:** -
Stephen Andrews reported on –
 - The Conservative Group has written a reply to all Parish and Town Councils following the letter from Quenington PC concerning planning, which was supported by a large majority of other councils in the District.
 - The change of use planning application at Totterdown by the MOD was permitted with no conditions, which were requested by Kempford Parish Council. I have questioned why the application was not referred to the ward councillors but told that under the current scheme of delegation there was no need to. I will continue to follow this up and the whole issue about Parish Council's involvement in planning.
I have been discussing with senior planners the need for Parish Councils involvement, particularly concerning flooding and surface water, in respect of the base. It is possible that something may be included in the updated Local Plan even though it is not a regulatory requirement, that there is some form of informal process for the base to consult with local councils to obtain local knowledge.
 - Following on from the recent meeting on base, I picked up on how many families are likely to be coming and have started some discussions with the Forward Planning Team on what impact this may have.
 - I have started looking at the issue of cardboard collection raised by Phil Nickson as part of the recently announced Green & Clean Campaign. The current system of bags is inadequate for the volume of cardboard received due to more home deliveries. Tony Williams suggested contacting Scott Williams.
9. **Kempsford Parish Council**
 - **Review of Annual Play Inspection Reports** – Neither report identified any serious issues. The Kempford report has been forwarded to Persimmon Homes and they have requested the matters identified are rectified by their Play Equipment suppliers. The Whelford report was forwarded to members of the Village Hall Committee who will deal with any issues.
 - **Updates from meetings attended** –
 - Mark Strange reported on a meeting held at RAF Fairford to discuss the EA water discharge application. The base wants to do the right thing and get the permit as soon as possible so the works can be carried out when the weather is favourable. A couple of locations were agreed to be

monitored closely during the works and a float system, similar to what is used at Manor Farm Quarry, would be a good idea. It was suggested they liaise with Aggregate Industries so they are both aware of what water is being discharged in to the Dudgrove Brook.

- Karen Saunders reported on the recent Kempsford Village Hall Committee Meeting –
 - * Rev. Kim Brown has joined the committee.
 - * The bank balance has stayed the same.
 - * The roof is very concerning as tiles are falling off. This will be inspected by a roofing contractor.
 - * They are gathering old photographs to be displayed in the hall.
 - * A postcode has been obtained for the hall so Wi-Fi options can now be explored.
 - * The September Sunday morning cafe has been cancelled. The George is to start a weekly coffee morning. A Halloween café has been proposed and a Christmas Table Top Sale.
 - * The fete has been cancelled use to other events happening on the same day. A garden party at the Parsonage, with brass band and cream teas, is being organised.
- **Open Meeting for parishioners** – It was agreed to hold an informal ‘Open Meeting’ for parishioners as they have not had an opportunity to meet face to face with the Council since April 2019. A date in October to be confirmed and advertised in the Parish Newsletter.
- **Residents reports to Councillors** –
 - Tony Williams reported receiving a couple of complaints regarding the U2 flying low over the village and a smell of aviation fuel. A response from Squadron Leader Jayne Robertson has been received explaining why this occurs. Tony to forward to any other residents who complain.
 - Karen Saunders raised the continual problem with speeding in Whelford. Clerk to contact the Speed Watch Organiser to find out if they are now operational.

10. Planning & Licensing –

Ref	Location	Proposal	Decision
Local Plan	Swindon Borough Council	Revised draft plan	Councillors not had time to look at yet.
GCC 21/0058/CWMAJM	Manor Farm Quarry, Kempsford	Planning application to permit the development of a vehicular bridge crossing the Dudgrove Brook & removal of hedgerow	No response yet to initial comments submitted

11. Finance

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

002179	J&T Chesterman (Whelford grass July)	£120.00
002180	C Nugent (mileage exp's & card)	£59.75
002181	Westlea Landscaping (Kempsford grass July)	£114.00 inc. VAT
002182	Viking Direct (printer toner)	£41.16 inc. VAT
002183	T Griffin (wages & use of home)	£482.68
002184	HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£62.20
Receipts since last meeting:		
	Bank Interest	£ .53
2. The Finance Report was agreed and approved.

12. Clerks Report –

Fairford Town Council are organising some training for their new councillors and asked if anyone from Kempsford would be interested – nobody interested at present time.

13. Correspondence –

All correspondence received via email has been circulated.

14. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 21st September 2021.

Meeting ended at 9.10pm

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