

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Present:

Mark Strange (Chair)  
Tony Williams  
Neil Green  
Karen Saunders

Phil Nickson  
John O'Connell  
Christine Nugent  
Steve Trotter (CDC)

Stephen Andrews (CDC)  
Teresa Griffin (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Dom Morris
2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 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:**
  - A report on GCC News circulated by email earlier in the month.
  - An update on potholing was given today – it's going to be enlarged as a scheme, which means it may take longer but we'll get more done.
- Mark Strange said he was hoping to have seen something from the School Headmaster after advising he would email his contacts at GCC Education regarding the transfer of land. After general discussion, it was agreed that there is very little that can be done to move things forward and that the previous suggestion of Highways holding off final approval is the only bargaining tool. The Clerk was asked to contact Dom about this again.
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 -
  - Cotswold Constituency Boundary Changes will happen now.
  - Following the Public Flood Meeting, a productive meeting with the EA and RAF Fairford was held. Minutes of the previous Public Flood Meeting have been requested, partly so they can be followed up by CDC Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
  - Jane Gibney has been appointed CDC Community Support Officer and a meeting will be arranged in the New Year.
  - Details of the Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Grant Fund have been passed on to Kempsford VH. Village halls interested in applying can request grants from £7,500 to £75,000, and up to a maximum of 20 per cent of eligible project costs. Capital grants will be allocated to support infrastructure improvements, the refurbishment of facilities, such as kitchens and toilets, and measures to improve energy efficiency. The application deadline is 20 January 2023.
  - The second phase of the GCC Community Speedwatch Fund is open to the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.
  - The next Cotswold Canal Partnership Board meeting is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Other related items include –
    - Thames Water's Community Information Event at Cirencester on the 9<sup>th</sup> February, and
    - Thames Water's draft Water Resources Management Plan 2024 consultation – open until 21<sup>st</sup> March.
  - Lake 103-104 footpaths - a good meeting was held last week.
  - Mark Strange raised the issue with missed waste collection, and how frustrating it is that CDC need to rely on residents phoning to tell them when crews surely must know what has been left. The Clerk said there had been no communication direct from CDC about when missed items would be collected and advice for residents. Stephen Andrews advised that there are a number of other issues including –
    - The inability to make a 'general' complaint/report about waste through the website portal as it only deals with specific property addresses.
    - Why were they unable to collect if due to weather when over the border in Wiltshire they could?
- It was agreed Marks Strange to write to Andre Doherty and Scott Williams about the issues.
9. **Kempsford Parish Council**
  - **To discuss open spaces at Kempsford**– the Clerk wrote to Wain Homes asking if they would reconsider

transferring land ownership of the few parcels of open space at John of Gaunt to the Parish Council. The Senior Land Buyer has advised that he is happy to take the suggestion to the Board when they next meet. It was agreed to hold off contacting our Solicitor about registering the other areas in the older estate until we hear back from Wain Homes.

- **Updates from meetings attended**

- Tony, Karen and the Clerk met with Nick Read from the Environment Agency and several representatives from RAF Fairford to discuss the Dudgrove Brook and wider water drainage. It was helpful to obtain a better understanding of water flows from RAF Fairford and that there should be no changes to speed and volume resulting from the recent on-site developments. Concerns over the quarry planning application to remove the high permeability pathways were also discussed. Nick will feedback to his colleagues at the EA and also discuss with GCC Planning as lead flood authority.
- Following the regular Lake 104 footpath meeting, a Zoom meeting was held to discuss the proposed leisure facilities with all the parishes that were included in the original S106 as qualifying for a discounted membership. It was agreed that all Parishes would discuss at their next meetings and feedback comments to Fairford Clerk to collate and respond to Stephen Andrews. After discussion, it was agreed to submit the following comments –
  1. Concern that the parishes listed within the S106 will not provide a large enough catchment to meet the number required to make the centre viable.
  2. If the discounted membership is extended to other parishes it is important that a structure is in place to ensure that the original parishes are not restricted in any way.
  3. Access for local schools to use the swimming pool is very important.
  4. The proposed membership fees may be too high for some residents who would wish to use the facility.
- Karen Saunders reported on Kempsford Village Hall committee –
  - \* The December meeting did not happen
  - \* Only 3 committee members active
  - \* The Chair wishes to offload some of her responsibilities earlier than previously planned.
  - \* There are communication issues between some committee members.

- **Resident's reports to Councillors –**

- Nothing other than missed waste collections covered in District Councillors Report above.

## 10. Planning & Licensing –

Ref.	Location	Proposal/development	Decision
22/04124/FUL	Plot W.03, Coln Waters Leisure Dev.	Full application for variation of condition2 (approved drawings) to omit pitched roof of Permission ref 21/03219/FUL	No comment
	Lakes 103-104	To discuss draft proposal for Leisure Centre facilities	Covered in 'Meetings attended' above

## 11. Finance

1. The following bills paid between meetings were approved:-

002290	VOID	0.00
002291	Kempsford & Whelford PCC (Youth donation)	£556.25
002292	John O Conner (Kempsford grass November)	£234.24 inc. VAT
002293	GeoXphere (Parish Online subscription)	£54.00 inc. VAT
002294	SLCC (membership renewal)	£139.00

The following bills were approved to be paid:-

002295	Viking Direct (stamps & stationery)	£66.03 inc. VAT
002296	CDC (Newsletter printing)	£68.14
002297	John O'Conner (Kempsford grass December)	234.24 inc. VAT
002298	T Griffin (wages, inc. holiday and use of home)	£584.28
002299	HMRC (PAYE)	£87.80

Receipts since last meeting:

Bank Interest	£15.53
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2. The Finance Report was agreed and approved.

3. Kempsford Grass Cutters – the inflation increase by the current contractors was agreed to be reasonable. It was agreed to tender again at the beginning of February for the 2023 season.
4. Budget and Precept Request 2023/24 – The draft budget as circulated was agreed to be approved with the removal of the mobile sign maintenance (£500). This results in a budget total of £29,512, Precept request of £24,160 and a Band D Council Tax cost of £51.68. The council tax base has reduced significantly from 536.9 to 467.5 resulting in the majority of the Band D increase from £43.40 in 2022/23. Given the brief explanation of how the Council tax base is calculated, it is assumed that the reduction in properties (Cross Tree and Oakley Flats) together with more people claiming Local Council Tax Support is the reason.
5. Mobile Speed Sign - The sign is not working and the suppliers have advised that they could look at repairing it again, but due to its age, would not guarantee it. It was agreed that a new sign should be purchased for a cost of £2,760 plus £379 for data collection as a provision included in Ear Marked Funds. Before purchasing the Clerk was asked to check if any funding would be available through the GCC Community Speedwatch Fund.

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

13. **Correspondence** –

All correspondence received via email has been circulated.

14. **Date of next meeting** – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Meeting ended at 9:10

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