

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 21st December 2021

Tony Williams (Chair)

John O'Connell

Dom Morris (GCC)

Karen Saunders

Stephen Andrews (CDC)

Teresa Griffin (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Mark Strange, Jerry Stokes, Christine Nugent and Phil Nickson.
2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 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 reported –
 - Hazel View – I share your frustration and have made a complaint to the Deputy Chief Executive/Head of Democratic Services at GCC. Hopefully this will push things forward. I have also emailed the GCC Legal department and they responded to say they have been chasing Persimmon's Solicitors, and that they have not heard from their client since the 29th October. I would suggest that the Parish Council, District Council and County Council all write to them formally to chase. It would also be helpful to have a spreadsheet detailing everything that has been promised with the current status.
 - Double yellow lines in Kempsford – I have contacted Dan at Highways to say it is perfectly reasonable for residents to be able to apply for permits. The yellow lines will not be removed and Dan will add to the tracker.
 - Condition of C124 – It was agreed to raise this at the next Cross Boundary Group meeting in January.
 - The following updates have been emailed to the Clerk for circulation:-
 - Tackling Domestic Abuse in Gloucestershire
 - M5 Junction 10 Consultation
 - Reaffirming the Armed Forces Covenant in Gloucestershire
 - Trees – If an TC/PCs or members of the public wish to obtain trees please contact GCC
 - Avian Flu – Avian Flu Exclusion Zone has been established in Kempsford Parish
8. **District Councillors Report:** -
Stephen Andrews reported -
 - Council Meeting –
 - There is a need for councils to have already agreed that Covid can be a legitimate reason for meeting absence. This would be allowable under the Local Government Act 1972.
 - A Treasury Mid-Term Report was presented which showed a profit.
 - Angela Claridge was appointed Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer.
 - The draft schedule of meeting was withdrawn.
 - The E-petition facility will be brought on to the front page of website to make it more visible.
 - A motion to lobby for virtual and hybrid council meetings was approved.
 - There was some debate on whether the AONB is to be transferred as a National Park.
 - The next meeting is the 19th January 2022.
 - Cabinet Meeting of 6th December –
 - The Parish Election Charges proposal was posted as a cabinet paper and I reminded them of the need for any decision to be scrutinised. Following difficult questions at cabinet, 2 zoom meetings were arranged to consult with town and parish councils before their meeting on the 10th January.
 - The Local Plan and CIL Governance will go out for consultation at the end of January.
 - Parking enforcement is to be brought back in-house.
 - The future use of Trinity Road building is confirmed for CDC with spare areas being pushed for use by other agencies.
 - RAF Fairford – Remotely piloted aircraft is likely to attract interest from spotters. I have a red line diagram of the area previously discussed as a potential car park, which will be forwarded to Glos. Highways for initial

assessment of visibility splays.

- The Totterdown Lane water situation is reaching a conclusion.
- The Sustrans study of proposed Fairford to Lechlade multi-user path has been circulated.
- Planning Enforcement – Some of the cases across the Ward have not been actioned since 2018. I will provide an update on cases within Kempsford Parish. Planning applications are still taking in excess of 20 weeks.
- The Canal Trust is keeping an eye on Wiltshire Strategic Planning Meetings as the Roundhouse Farm Quarry has been called in.

9. **Kempsford Parish Council**

- **Parish Election Charges** – Tony and Mark are hoping to attend one of the Zoom meetings tomorrow to find out more about this. Currently, the draft budget has provided for half of the estimated cost to be ear-marked for the financial year 2022/23.
- **Flood Plan and recruitment of Flood Wardens** – Tony and John attended the recent event. It is proposed to use the Bledington template, making alterations as necessary. The Clerk has circulated a draft notice for publication in the New Year, requesting information from householders who have experienced flooding and anyone interested in becoming a Flood Warden. This was approved.
- **Updates from meetings attended** –
 - Karen Saunders reported on the Kempsford Village Hall meeting –
 - * Two people who attend the Café have expressed an interest in joining the Committee.
 - * It was noted that no financial report is included at most meetings, or circulated with the minutes.
 - Mark Strange and the Clerk attended the meeting with Lakes by Yoo to discuss the development at Lake 104. There is no further information on the benefits of the Leisure Centre for the local communities and Stephen Andrews advised that membership and access would need to be approved by CDC. The group walked around the lake on the line used by most people, not the definitive path. The general consensus was that this route provides more enjoyable walk and at the next meeting it is hoped that an agreement can be made on alterations to the Public Rights of Way. Lakes by Yoo has looked in to the sewerage plan proposed in the planning permission. Thames Water has assured them that the development has been taken in to consideration when the expansion of facilities for the neighbouring housing development took place. The next meeting is on the 8th February.
 - Tony advised that the Cross Boundary Group is planning on meeting in January for an update on gravel/roads.
- **Residents reports to Councillors** –
 - Karen Saunders reported that a resident has queried whether the footpath close to the Mill in Whelford that leads through to Church Farm is blocked. Clerk to ask Frank Dorrington for its official status.

10. **Planning & Licensing –**

Ref	Location	Proposal	Decision
21/03483/FUL	Plot W.19 Coln Park	New information	No comment
21/04520/FUL	4 Lancaster Road, Kempsford	Full application for two storey side extension and single storey rear extension	No comment
21/04223/FUL	2 Haywards, Ham Lane, Kempsford	Full application for single storey side & rear extensions	No comment
21/04189/FUL	16 Broadway Close, Kempsford	Full application for conversion of garage loft space to study & front link extension from house to garage	No comment
ACP-2021-078	RAF Fairford	Airspace change proposal	No comment at this stage

11. **Finance**

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

002206	CDC (Newsletter printing x 2)	£172.93
002207	Village Hall Kempsford (hall rental 2021/22)	£300.00 inc. VAT
002208	SLCC (membership renewal)	£134.00
002209	GeoXphere Ltd (Parish Online subscription)	£48.00 inc. VAT
002210	Westlea Landscaping (Kempsford grass November)	£114.00 inc. VAT
002211	1 st Kempsford Rainbows (S.137 donation)	£200.00
002212	Viking Payments (Stamps)	£71.74
002213	R Caswell (Maintenance 2021)	£265.00

002214	T Griffin (wages & use of home)	£474.14
002215	HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£60.20

Receipts since last meeting:

Bank Interest	£ .52
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2. The Finance Report was agreed and approved.
3. Draft budget and Precept request for 2022/23 – The calculations and information had been circulated prior to the meeting. There were no amendments suggested. It was agreed to wait until after the meeting with CDC regarding election costs before finalising and approving at the next meeting.
4. Christine Nugent inspected the books and financial records on the 25th November 2021 and reported all in good order.

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

13. **Correspondence** –

All correspondence received via email has been circulated.

14. **Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 18th January 2022.

Meeting ended at 10pm

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