

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 held Tuesday 21st January 2020

Present:

Tony Williams (Chair)	Mark Strange	CD Cllr Stephen Andrews
Phil Nickson	Sue Griffin	CD Cllr Steve Trotter
Alison Ward	Christine Nugent	Teresa Griffin (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Jerry Stokes and Ray Theodoulou
2. **Minutes:** Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 17th December 2019 were approved and signed by the Chair.
3. **Disclosure of member's interests:** None declared.
4. **Dispensation requests:** None
5. **Matters Arising:** None.
6. **Questions from members of the public:** None present.
7. **County Councillor's Report:** Not present.
8. **District Councillors Report:** -
Stephen Andrews reported-
 - Does Kempsford Parish Council attend the meetings of the Upper Thames Catchment? No notification of the meeting has been received. Clerk to check with Fairford/Lechlade Clerks.
 - GCC are currently consulting on their Local Transport Plan.
 - CDC's Budget consultation is nearing the end. It is only a very high level view of the budget, for example it mentions that the Health and Wellbeing category will receive £50,000 but fails to mention that £1.2 million is being put aside for the Cotswold Leisure Centre. As a result the Overview & Scrutiny Committee are asking questions.
Changes to the waste collection service have been advertised. As part of this garden waste will change to fortnightly collection and the cost is also increasing.
Parking charges will also increase.
 - A full council meeting is to be held tomorrow. Agenda items include –

a) Additional money for Cirencester Rugby Club Car Park	f) Mental Health
b) Local Council Tax Support Scheme	g) Domestic violence, and
c) Schedule of meetings	h) Ward Boundaries
d) Cirencester very light railway	
 - Fairford Sports Centre – The local action group have submitted questions and these have now been answered. They will now put together a Business Case to be submitted to the School.
 - Natural England held drop in events for the proposed SSSI re-designation.
 - The Canal Trust is planning an event at Inglesham Lock on the 8th May.
9. **Kempsford Parish Council**
 - Parish Plan – It was agreed to use the Annual Parish Meeting as a start for recruiting interest and volunteers to begin the process. Copies of the Plan undertaken in 2012 to be circulated to Councillors in order for questions to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.
 - **Canal Information Board at Kempsford** – Mark Strange circulated a revised draft of the board. It was agreed that contact details for the Parish Council should be removed. It has been suggested that A2 size may not be big enough and Mark will obtain quotes for both A2 and A1 size.
 - **Updates from meetings attended** –
 - Mark Strange reported on the recent Kempsford Village Hall Meeting. A new resident to Kempsford has joined the committee and there are lots of events planned.
 - Sue and Teresa Griffin attended the Natural England drop-in event regarding re-designation of the SSSI within the Cotswold Water Park. It was interesting to hear the comments from Bowmoor Sailing Club who were also present. The balance between leisure, tourism and other users of the Water Park need to be considered in addition to bio-diversity protection. Sue Griffin raised the issue of sewerage flowing in to the River Coln at Fairford and was told that the appearance of bubbles is a result of resident's dishwashers and laundry outlets getting in to the system. Clerk to draft a response. Stephen Andrews requested any photographic evidence of the discharge in to the Coln be sent to the Environment Agency

and the Environmental Officer at CDC. He will follow it up.

- Tony Williams reported that he and the Clerk attended a meeting at RAF Fairford, together with the Chair of Marston Meysey Parish Meeting, to discuss noise impacts to local residents. Complaints from Marston Meysey related to the B52's as they park at their end of the runway, and the out of hours noise. We were taken around the base and shown the area where the B52's park, which is the only area equipped to take these planes. Lt. Col Knothe also explained that the decision to run engines/take off out of hours is not a decision taken by them, but an order that requires permission from the MOD. The aircraft are involved in missions and not just exercises. It was agreed that it would be helpful if representatives could attend the Marston Meysey Annual Parish Meeting to explain to residents, as was done at Kempsford last year. Current policy prevents the community being advised of when out of hours activity will take place, as has previously been done. Jenny Collyer said they are keen for residents to follow details of missions once carried out through social media to help understand the reason for the activity.

Concerns over driving incidents were also raised following a number of recent incidents here and at RAF Croughton.

- **Residents reports to Councillors –**

- An anonymous complaint was received from a resident complaining about an untidy garden of a property in Kempsford. It was also sent to CDC and Stephen Andrews will follow up.
- An email was received asking if the council would consider adopting a more pollinator friendly approach to maintaining the green spaces in the Parish by not mowing and allowing more wild flowers. This was discussed and it was agreed that the areas we are responsible for are not suitable to be left and that although the policy is supported it is more appropriate for other areas such as roadside verges.

10. **Planning –**

- a) Ref. 19/04552/FUL Full application for dormer windows and ancillary accommodation to detached Garage building at Brockhill House, Whelford. Decision: No Comment
- b) Coln Park A letter objecting to planning application ref. 18/05002/FUL and outlining general concerns about changing conditions which impact on bio-diversity within the site was agreed. Letter to be sent by email to Mike Napper, Planning Officer.
- c) Bromford Regeneration It was reported that Oakley Flats are now empty. The Clerk was asked to contact Bromford Housing for an update.

11. **Finance**

- The following bills were approved to be paid :-

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount £</u>
002059	GRCC (membership renewal)	£25.00
002060	SSE (power for defib and speed sign)	£11.83 inc. VAT
002061	T Griffin (wages & use of home)	£335.65
002062	HMRC (PAYE)	£37.40
002063	Information Commissioner (Data protection fee)	£40.00

- The Finance Report was circulated and agreed.
- Christine Nugent reported that she undertook an in-house check of the financial documents on the 13th January 2020 and reported all in good order.
- Council authorised the purchase of a replacement noticeboard for outside The George as the existing one is rotting and leaking. An aluminium powder-coated replacement will cost £360 + VAT, including delivery. Christine Nugent will advise the Landlord.
- Sue Griffin suggested a lime tree be purchased and planted on the Dunfield triangle – approved.

12. **Clerks Report –**

- Damaged drains on High Street – Email received today to say repairs will be carried out shortly.
- Top Road corner improvements - advised works may drag in to next financial year

13. **Correspondence**

- Minerals Local Plan for Gloucestershire Inspector's Report - Noted.
- Cotswold District Council Budget Consultation - Noted.
- Publications and correspondence circulated to Councillors.

14. **Date of next meeting**

18th February 2020 at Kempsford Village Hall

Meeting ended at 9.12pm

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