

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 15th February 2022

Mark Strange (Chair)

John O'Connell

Stephen Andrews (CDC)

Tony Williams

Christine Nugent

Teresa Griffin (Clerk)

Karen Saunders

Jerry Stokes

1. **Apologies:** Steve Trotter and Phil Nickson
2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 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:** Dom Morris reported –
 - I support your request for the traffic/speed survey strips at Top Road to be moved and will email Dan at Highways.
 - Tomorrow is budget day at the full County Council meeting. There should be £300,000 included for the Auto Speed Watch project.
 - The M5 junction consultation continues.
 - The Highway Champion work continues and I'm still learning about pot holes.
 - I will chase Dan to organise a meeting with you.
 - Has the increased activity at the base caused any issues? Mark Strange advised that there have been no issues with aircraft noise/take-offs, but there have been a complaint regarding plane spotters and parking. Issues with the whining noise and construction works continue. It was agreed to request that the Community Liaison Meetings be resumed.
 - It is important to keep the initiative going with Persimmon regarding Hazel View. Clerk to chase.
 - Any plans for Queen's Jubilee? Mark Strange advised that he believes the Church, Village Hall and School are planning to organise something.
 - RIAT Briefing 4th May – Parish Council will attend.
8. **District Councillors Report:** -
Stephen Andrews reported –
 - Camden and Vale by-election was a Conservative win, meaning that there will be no change to the composition of committees (until May 2022).
 - We have a Council Meeting tomorrow, which is considering the medium-term financial strategy, budget 2022/23 and setting the Council Tax. The key point within that is the council's proposal to borrow approximately £86 million without making it clear what it is for.
The review of some community governance areas is also on the agenda.
 - The last Cabinet Meeting was on the 7th February at which the following was discussed –
 - Medium Term Financial Strategy and Budget 2022/23
 - Discretionary Rate Relief
 - Discretionary Council Tax Appeal
 - COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund
 - Planned expenditure of the Homelessness Prevention Grant
 - Freedom of Information Act Requests Update
 - The Cotswold District Local Plan Review Consultation is underway.
 - The Government has a consultation out on bio-diversity net gain.
 - Vodafone will be switching off 3G by the end of 2023.
 - Footpaths – Progress is being made with the Sustrans Study and Lakes 103/104 footpaths.
 - There is likely to be a Canal Event at Inglesham Lock on the 23rd July to promote this end of the canal.
 - Planning –
 - There are still a few outstanding enforcements for the Parish.
 - The Planning Department is still experiencing very heavy caseloads and staff shortage.

- Lechlade Speedwatch is being brought to the Police, and whilst they cannot recommend any particular device, they can pass on details.
- The PCC, or assistant, is due to attend the Overview & Scrutiny meeting on the 1st March to give details of their new plans for rural areas.

9. **Kempsford Parish Council**

- The following documents were reviewed and agreed no changes necessary:
 - Information Audit,
 - Privacy Notice for staff, councillors & role holders,
 - General Privacy Notice,
 - System of internal control and Risk Assessment Schedule
- **Resignation of Councillor** – Jerry Stokes submitted his resignation and was thanked for all his work over the many years.
- **Update from meetings attended** –
 - Last week's Village Hall meeting was cancelled and re-arranged for tomorrow. Karen Saunders advised that they are setting up a separate committee to organise the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and invited a Parish Councillor to volunteer. The other focus is on plans for the garden/open space behind the hall.
 - RIAT Meeting – Mark Strange and Tony Williams met with RIAT organisers. They are very keen to make it happen and it will be slightly different to previous years. As the accommodation around the bowling alley is in use they cannot put up the flight crews, they plan to use South Cerney, Rendcombe College and Hatherop Castle School. The condition of the C124 was pointed out to them. They are aware that many new residents will have moved to the area and as will not have experience the Air Tattoo weekend. They confirmed the Resident's Newsletter will be produced as normal. The planes will be more spread out this year and a shuttle bus will be required due to the distance.
 - Aggregate Industries Hydrology Meeting – Council discussed the proposal to remove the high-conductivity pathways and asked the Clerk to draft a response outlining the following –
 - * The case for change has not been made.
 - * Due to the surrounding changes in other areas within the Dudgrove Brook catchment, such as increased concrete and new hanger at RAF Fairford plus the existing ditch network being used for a flood relief ditch, there is a need for a Cumulative Environmental Impact Assessment.
 - Lake 104 Development – One of the key aims is for a bridleway from Keble Fields side of the Lake through to the Leisure Centre and on to the Whelford Road. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 22nd February.
- **Resident's reports to Councillors** – Jerry Stokes reported that the residents of Chapel Close were not very happy with the works to the tree at the entrance. The size has not been substantially reduced.

10. **Planning & Licensing** –

- Cotswold District Council Local Plan Partial Update Consultation – Responses are requested by completion of a questionnaire. The Clerk asked Stephen Andrews if there is a separate document listing the questions so that councilors can discuss. Stephen to look in to.

11. **Finance**

- The following bills were approved to be paid:-

002222	CDC (Newsletter printing Feb)	£77.76
002223	Cotswold Tree Care (Wakefield Close Tree)	£750.00
002224	Information Commissioner (Data Prot.Fee)	£40.00
002225	John O'Conner GM (Grass January)	£114.00 inc. VAT
002226	T Griffin (wages & use of home)	£440.39
002227	HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£51.80
	Receipts since last meeting: Bank Interest	£0.50
- The Finance Report was agreed and approved.
- Council resolved to appoint GAPTC as Independent Auditors for the financial year ending 31st March 2022.

12. **Clerks Report** –

Annual Parish Meeting – It was agreed to hold the meeting on the 5th April.

13. **Correspondence** –

All correspondence received via email has been circulated.

14. **Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 15th March 2022.

Meeting ended at 9.10pm

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