

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 15th November 2022

Present:

Mark Strange (Chair)

Tony Williams

Neil Green

Karen Saunders

John O'Connell

Christine Nugent

Phil Nickson

Stephen Andrews (CDC)

Teresa Griffin (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Dom Morris
2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th October 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 circulated by email an update from the County Council prior to the meeting. An update on other areas he has been working on – the Road Safety Project and improvements to the highways side of mineral planning process was given via the Clerk.
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 -
 - Budget Consultation – is open until the 9th December. It is possible to see other responses online.
 - The Rural England Prosperity Fund is now at the 'intent' stage. Within this, funding is available for new cycle parking and Hannah Fountain has asked if the Parish has any suggestions.
 - Elections – voter ID will be required. This will result in additional costs for an advertising campaign and additional people at election stations.
 - Tomorrow's Council meeting includes a motion to provide Public Access Defibrillators at all new development sites.
 - The Dudgrove Brook was raised at the recent Flood Meeting and you may wish to let Fairford and Lechlade know you are looking in to it.
Tony Williams advised that the brook was very high today with water flowing across the footpath in to the quarry void. The Clerk confirmed this and that the quarry pumps were still operating.
Nick Read from the EA is happy to attend a meeting on site and it was agreed to invite DIO.
 - Planning – remains difficult due to understaffing and Planning Enforcement is not properly manned.
9. **Kempsford Parish Council**
 - **To consider grants/donations –**
 1. Church Noticeboard – Council approved a grant of £282.50 + VAT to purchase the noticeboard.
 2. Youth Group – A donation of £556.25 was approved.
 - **Open spaces at John of Gaunt, Wakefield Close & end of Holford Crescent –**
 - A copy of the Land Registry Title & Plan has been obtained for the areas at John of Gaunt. It was agreed to write to land owner requesting transfer of title to the Parish Council.
 - The areas of open space within the older estate are not registered with Land Registry. It was agreed to discuss registering them to the Parish Council with our solicitor.
 - **Updates from meetings attended**
 - Karen Saunders reported on the recent Kempsford Village Hall meeting –
 - * The Treasurer attended the last meeting and provided an update on funds.
 - * There are concerns over future bookings as only a couple of regular users. Committee to look for new groups and what other village halls charge.
 - * The committee continue to discuss decorating the tree on Cross Tree green with a provisional switch on date of 30th November.
 - * A couple of ceiling light panels in the hall have been broken.
 - * A fire inspection was undertaken and advised that users not be allowed tea lights/incense sticks.
 - Lakes 103/104 – Tony Williams & the Clerk attended the recent meeting which was primarily focused

on the Leisure Centre. A description of the facilities outlined in the original S106 was discussed, together with the now proposed facilities. A Leisure Property Services company has been contracted to review the population, neighbouring facilities and viability of proposals. Based on this review, a provisional membership size of 1,000 is proposed with different layers of membership. It is looking like an individual monthly membership would cost around £63 and a monthly family membership of £90. A separate 'pay as you go' swimming membership with restricted times/seasonality is also proposed. Fairford Town Council has suggested meeting with the other parishes outlined in the S106 to discuss and this was agreed as a good next step.

- Mark Strange and Stephen Andrews met with the Head of Kempsford School to discuss the sports facilities at Hazel View. The Head agreed to send an email to the County Education Department but this has not yet been seen. Mark reported that one of the school governor vacancies has been filled and an expression of interest from someone else received.
- John O'Connell and Stephen Andrews attended the recent Flood Meeting with Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown. Questions and comments re flood issues and the current quarry application, together with sewer issues at The Parsonage were raised. Contacts at the Environment Agency and Thames Water were provided to follow up.
- Neil Green visited Dursley Youth Group to see how the company 'The Door' operate and the youth group spoke very highly of the company. Neil has gathered information on youth within Kempsford Parish that are of the ages that could attend Fairford Youth group. There are 29 children in Kempsford and Whelford that catch the school bus, plus 3 that travel by other means. Of these, 17 would be eligible. It is difficult to assess who would attend as dependent on day of the week held and other commitments.
- **Resident's reports to Councillors –**
 - Phil Nickson reported that after complaints of mud on road from the Oakley development this was cleared quickly, and in general there is a good relationship between neighbours and contractors.
 - Highways has painted around holes on the road up to Hannington Bridge and it is hoped these have been filled.
 - Karen Saunders reported that a resident had fell over and twisted her ankle due to the pot holes in the road outside Whelford Village Hall. The holes have been painted by highways.
 - Karen Saunders advised that the Whelford Speed Watch Group is continuing to carry out 2 sessions a week on average, but due to reducing daylight hours it is more difficult. A new process of obtaining an incident number prior to sessions has been implemented which is very complicated if it works. This has been reported to the Community Speed Watch Officer at Gloucestershire Police.
 - John O'Connell reported that a Kempsford resident had become aware of the proposed concrete batching facility at Manor Farm Quarry and had expressed her objection.
 - Neil Green reported a number of people in fluorescent jackets in the field formally proposed for planning by Pye Homes. No further information known.

10. Planning & Licensing –

Ref.	Location	Proposal/development	Decision
	Fairford	Neighbourhood Plan: Regulation 16 Consultation	Councillors to read plan and consider policies in context of it being our nearest market town/provider of services
22/02175/FUL	20 Newfound Reach, Coln Park	Change of unit design for, and siting of, Plot W.22	Concern remains over encroachment in to Country Park. Site meeting to be arranged
22/03770/OUT	Land West of Hatherop Road, Fairford	Outline planning application (all matters reserved except means of access) for residential development up to 87 dwellings including the creation of new vehicular access, public open space, landscape planting, surface water attenuation & associated infrastructure	Councillors to look at and circulate comments by email
22/03445/FUL	10 Newfound Reach, Coln Park	Installation of decking	No Comment

11. Finance

1. The following bills paid between meetings were approved:-
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| 002281 | The Royal British Legion (donation) | £100.00 |
| 002282 | 1 st Kempsford Rainbows (donation) | £200.00 |
| 002283 | Fairford Town Council (skatepark donation) | £100.00 |
2. The following bills were approved to be paid:-
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| 002284 | J&T Chesterman (Whelford grass Sep/Oct) | £260.00 |
| 002285 | CDC (Newsletter printing) | £103.84 |
| 002286 | John O’Conner (Kempsford grass October) | 234.24 inc. VAT |
| 002287 | T Griffin (Exp’s– hedgehog signs, ties & land registry search) | £47.26 inc. VAT |
| 002288 | T Griffin (wages, inc. pay increase backpay) | £703.23 |
| 002289 | HMRC (PAYE) | £123.79 |
- Receipts since last meeting:
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| Bank Interest | £7.53 |
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3. The Finance Report was agreed and approved.
4. Budget 2023/24 – councillors discussed items and provisions to be included. Clerk to draft budget for December meeting.

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

13. **Correspondence** –

All correspondence received via email has been circulated.

14. **Date of next meeting** – 20th December 2022

Meeting ended at 10.12

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