

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 18th August 2020
Meeting held remotely using video and telephone software.

Present:

Tony Williams (Chair)	Jerry Stokes	CD Cllr Stephen Andrews	Parishioners:-
Mark Strange	Karen Saunders	Teresa Griffin (Clerk)	Sue Griffin

- Apologies:** Christine Nugent, Ray Theodoulou, Steve Trotter, Alison Ward, Phil Nickson.
- Minutes:** Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 21st July 2020 were approved. The Chairman to sign hard copy when delivered.
- Disclosure of member's interests:** Mark Strange declared a pecuniary interest in Planning Item 20/02425/FUL.
- Dispensation requests:** None
- Matters Arising:** None.
- Questions from members of the public:** None
- County Councillor's Report:** Not present.
- District Councillors Report:** -
Stephen Andrews reported –
 - Car Parking** – Motion to not raise parking lost by one vote. As a consequence Car Parking set to rise 30% from September. Remains a matter of public debate.
 - Pavement Licenses** – process now agreed.
 - Barn Theatre Grant/Loan/Use by CDC** – Agreed by CDC, although some questions have been raised since the decision with answers to those questions being prepared.
 - Ecological Emergency.** Declared by Council.
 - Monitoring Officer.** Bhavna Patel has retired as Monitoring Officer and has been replaced on an interim basis by Patrick Arran. He is based in Swansea, and is also Interim Monitoring Officer for Stroud District Council. This is important to Town/Parish Council's as he is also the Monitoring Officer for all such councils across the District. (T: 01285-623219 E: patrick.arran@cotswold.gov.uk)
 - Cotswold Water Park Multi-Agency Meeting** (29th July). May be raised either here or as you also attended it later in the meeting.
 - Leisure Centres.** Agreement on the reopening of Leisure Centres reached on the basis of a substantial grant being made to SLM Ltd. The opposition proposal for support to be given in the form of a loan and for the unique position of Tetbury and Fairford to be acknowledged was defeated by the CDC administration.
 - Fairford to Lechlade Cycle Path** – Steve Trotter continues to be interest in exploring this further and will be in touch to look at any previous documents
 - Recycling of shredded paper** – Tony Williams queried why shredded paper is currently not accepted for recycling. Stephen Andrews was unaware of this and will look in to.
- Kempsford Parish Council**
 - To discuss grass cutting contracts for 2021** – The current grass-cutting contractors are scaling back next year and wish to give up the Kempsford grass cutting. They would like to continue grass-cutting at Whelford and this was agreed. Action: Tender documents to be reviewed with the inclusion of Hazel View sports field to be considered and advertised.
 - Updates from meetings attended** –
 - Mark Strange did not attend the most recent Village Hall Committee meeting but did provide an update. The Committee has decided to put back reopening of the hall to October. They received a £10,000 grant and were looking to purchase sanitising equipment and install broadband. None of this has happened yet, presumably due to the holiday season. Kate Collins is standing down as Bookings Secretary and as none of the other committee members are willing to take it on it will be advertised in the Parish News.

They are also looking for an external company to provide cleaning services. Karen Saunders advised that the Pilates teacher is temporarily moving to Hannington and there is a concern that she may not return. Stephen Andrews expressed an interest in attending the next meeting on the 9th September.

- Teresa Griffin and Stephen Andrews attended the Cotswold Water Park Multi-Agency Meeting. The meeting was very much focused on problems in the Western side of the Water Park despite similar issues, including arson, occurring this side. They are looking at whether certain areas can be declared as areas where specific activities cannot take place for Police purposes, although the problem could remain due to the lack of Police resources. There needs to be a better balance in providing areas where people can barbeque and swim for example, both for locals and visitors. For this side of the Water Park the problem is likely to increase when Lakes by Yoo complete their development of hotel rooms. It is hoped that the issues raised will be looked in to further, including parking restrictions. A further meeting is to be arranged.
- Tony Williams reported that Ray at Down Ampney is arranging a meeting with Hills, the company extracting gravel at Latton, that wish to extend in to the old Down Ampney airfield.
- Stephen Andrews asked if there are any plans for a RAF Fairford Community Meeting. Tony Williams to contact Jenny Collyer.
- **Residents reports to Councillors –**
 - Sue Griffin
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10. **Planning –**

Ref.	Location	Development	Decision
20/02425/FUL	4 Wakefield Close, Kempford	Full application for erection of single storey side and rear extension	No comment
20/02240/FUL	West Cottage, Whelford	Full application for erection of single storey side extension	No comment
20/02413/FUL	Coln Waters Leisure Development	Full application for change of unit type at plot 7.02	No comment
20/02508/FUL	Manor Cottage, High Street, Kempford	Full application for proposed porch, replacement of window with French doors on front elevation and replacement of garage doors	No comment
16/0083/CW MAJM	Whetstone Bridge Quarry	Variation of conditions	Tony Williams to contact Marston Meysey Parish Meeting & Clerk to speak to Jason Betty for further info.

11. **Finance**

The following bills were approved to be paid:-

002100	J&T Chesterman (July grass-cutting)	£520.00
002101	The Play Inspection Co. Ltd (2 x annual inspections)	£162.00 inc. VAT
002102	R Caswell (maintenance Jan-Jun)	£115.00
002103	CDC (Newsletter printing)	£75.16
002104	T Griffin (tree)	£42.90
002105	T Griffin (wages, including 10 hrs holiday & use of home)	£489.00
002106	HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£65.40

1. The Finance Report having been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting was agreed and approved.
2. The AGAR and other information have been sent to the external auditors.
3. Christine Nugent inspected the books and bank reconciliations on the 5th August 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 –** 15th September 2020 at Whelford Village Hall if available and circumstances allow.

Meeting ended at 8.35pm

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