

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 21st June 2022

Present:

Mark Strange (Chair)
Tony Williams
Christine Nugent
Karen Saunders

Phil Nickson
John O'Connell
Neil Green
Dom Morris (GCC)

Stephen Andrews (CDC)
Teresa Griffin (Clerk)
Members of Public – Clare Muir

1. **Apologies:** Steve Trotter
2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 17th May 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:** Clare Muir, as local campaigner and member of the Lib Dem team, recently produced a Community Newsletter for Lechlade and Kempsford. Following feedback from a Kempsford resident about the proposal to make 20mph the default speed limit for villages, Clare was invited to attend the meeting to find out more about what the Parish Council has been doing to address speeding – Mark Strange advised that historically we have 3 locations where speeding is a problem – Reevey, Whelford and Top Road, Kempsford. We have a fixed VAS at Reevey and a mobile speed sign that is moved around 5 locations. A Community Speed Watch Group was set up some years ago but has not been active lately. Speed surveys were carried out in February at Whelford and Top Road, Kempsford. Both showed the average speed around 40mph or more.
We are currently looking to acquire the new Autospeedwatch camera devices, which run alongside Community Speed Watch Groups. Whelford is in the process of setting up a new group.
With regards to lorries, we are in regular contact with Aggregate Industries. There are more lorries than normal at present due to construction works at RAF Fairford.
In terms of the suggested 20mph blanket speed, this is not supported as if 30mph limits cannot be enforced what are the chances of 20mph being enforced?
Dom Morris advised that from a County Council perspective, the 20mph approach is not the best way, and that the new community safety package offers communities a choice of tools to be most effective for their issues.
7. **County Councillor's Report:** Dom Morris reported -
 - I am now Cabinet Member for Highways and Flooding.
 - Improving customer service from Highways to Town and Parish Councils is one of my key priorities.
 - Bob Passmore is successfully trialling the new speed watch camera at Quenington.
 - There has been a very unfortunate run of motor accidents in Gloucestershire recently and the County has commissioned an evidence piece to look at the high numbers.
 - A £1.5 million fund to support levelling up in Gloucestershire was announced last month.
 - There is some cycling initiatives going on but nothing related to Fairford and Lechlade.
 - Mark Strange advised that Persimmon Homes have told us that they are continually chasing GCC re the transfer of land at Hazel view. As GCC own a proportion of the sports pitch it is in their interest to ensure it is at a safe and suitable standard, which it isn't at present. Dom agreed to chase up and request a site meeting with a GCC representative.
 - Council requested Dom's support for an application to the GCC Community Speed Watch Fund for a CSW camera. He agreed to support it.
8. **District Councillors Report:** -
Stephen Andrews had provided an update by email prior to the meeting and reported on -
 - A reminder that Steve Trotter continues on the Planning Committee, and I as Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, District Representative to the Gloucestershire Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Cotswold Canal Partnership Board.

- The Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee will be discussing urgent care and acute emergency care on the 12th July. Please contact me if you have any examples.
- Overview & Scrutiny today had the Cotswold Water Park Programme presented to it, which really only talks about the western side of the park. Although the project has a mandate, that has not been approved by cabinet.
- Rob Weaver (Chief Exec) is visiting on the 6th July as part of a District wide visit to get a better picture of the individual issues facing Wards.

9. **Kempsford Parish Council**

• **Update from meetings attended –**

- Tony Williams reported on the latest Lake 103 & 104 meeting. Things are progressing well, including discussions with other interested parties. The next challenge will be holding them to providing a good Fairford Leisure Centre.
- Karen Saunders reported on the newly created Whelford Speedwatch Group – we have 15 keen volunteers and a training session has been organised for Friday.
- Karen Saunders reported on the Kempford Village Hall Meeting –
 - * There has been quite a lot of discussion on the village Facebook page, which in turn brought 4 new people to the meeting. They came on the basis of adding some extra weight to fundraising activities.
 - * They report making a profit of approximately £40 per month with current bookings. There have been no new bookings.
 - * There is going to be a separate project for the roof and they are hoping someone will take responsibility for looking at grants and other funding opportunities.
 - * They want to explore further the use of an electronic payment device.
 - * Nobody has asked permission to use the car park for distributing additional RIAT stickers.
 - * A Fete has been arranged for the 10th September.
 - * Other events include Bingo on the 9th July and film nights from the autumn. The aim is to hold some sort of event every month and to include children in these.
 - * There was a query regarding insurance for any events held on the Hazel View sports pitch. Currently there is no event cover.
 - * A booking form and charge is being introduced for hire of furniture and crockery.
 - * The neighbouring properties trees are being removed on Thursday.

• **Resident's reports to Councillors –**

- Grass cutting – they appear to have missed a week. Photos of the Middle Farm path and Cemetery Wall have been sent and strimming requested.
- Rob Mitchell is going to provide a quotation for removing the elderflower on the open space between Swynford Close and John Of Gaunt Road.

10. **Planning & Licensing –**

GCC Planning Enforcement have asked if we are now happy with Aggregate Industries to commence in Phase 3 following their comments. It was agreed that we would be happy for them to start as per the phased and controlled basis proposed, but include a note that no further deviations from the original agreed phasing timescale would be supported.

11. **Finance**

1. The following bills paid between meetings were approved:-

002252	Zurich Municipal (Insurance)	£326.89
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The following bills were approved to be paid:-

002253	John O'Conner (grass Apr/May/Jun)	£702.72 inc. VAT
002254	GAPTC (Internal Audit)	£175.00
002255	T Griffin (wages & use of home)	£592.95
002256	HMRC (PAYE)	£90.00
Receipts since last meeting: Bank Interest		£0.57

2. The Finance Report was agreed and approved.

3. The Independent Auditor's Report was reviewed with no matters arising. Recommendations were noted.

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

13. **Correspondence –**

All correspondence received via email has been circulated.

14. **Date of next meeting –** 19th July 2022

Meeting ended at 9.10pm

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