

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Meeting held remotely using video and telephone software.

### Present:

Tony Williams (Chair)	Karen Saunders	Steve Trotter (CDC)	Teresa Griffin (Clerk)
Mark Strange	Christine Nugent	Stephen Andrews (CDC)	
Jerry Stokes	Phil Nickson	Ray Theodoulou (GCC)	

1. **Apologies:** Alison Ward
2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were approved. The Chairman to sign hard copy when delivered.
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:** Ray Theodoulou reported –
  - Cabinet meets later this week and will present its regular update on this year's finances which will show a £4.5 million overspend. The Council has free reserves of £18 million. The current overspend is largely related to Covid despite receiving £51 million from central Government.
  - The Capital Programme is a bit behind. It was scheduled for £135 million and is expected to be behind by about £5 million. £10 million is expected back from the Disposal Programme.
  - The draft medium term financial plan for 2021/22 depends on the Government settlement, which we won't know until early – mid January. On what we know so far, it looks like the budget will be around £480 million, an increase of 4.75% overall. This is made up of 1.99% council tax and 2.76% adult care levy which will raise £8.6 million. The big takers for this increase are Adult Care which is expected to rise by 2.9% and Children's Care which will rise by 20%. The average annual cost for a child in care is £90,000.
  - As you are aware Kempford School still has a Governor's vacancy. Tony Williams advised that he has had a chat with the Chair. It has also been advertised in the Newsletter.
  - Information on support for families to put food on the table for children has been circulated. Please pass on this information.
8. **District Councillors Report:** - Stephen Andrews reported –
  - Planning Policy
    - Ongoing lobbying in order to continue to pressurise MP to pressurise his Government colleagues
    - Planning Training delivered and feedback sought. Nobody from Kempford PC attended.
  - Election Count Review
    - A review has been conducted on the way in which Parish/District/Parliamentary elections would take place.
    - Recommendations will be taken forward in two phases with limited effect on the next elections (May 21).
    - Papers available as part of the Cabinet Papers from last week.
  - Budget Draft
    - Current forecast underspend of £400K
    - The draft "outline" budget has had its first review by Overview & Scrutiny
    - Next considered by Cabinet in January
    - Key proposals probably best briefed after that meeting
  - Joint Tourism Service Review
    - A review involving how the many and varied Tourism partners would work together on promoting tourism has been undertaken
    - The main review as it affects Cotswold District was still to be determined

- Discussion has included promotion of “less popular” locations such as Fairford and Lechlade and I would therefore expect us to be involved in that.
- COVID-19 Lockdown Preparedness
  - I would be interested to hear if there are any issues.
- Community Wellbeing Programme
  - Workshop completed
  - Next steps being considered at a meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020.
- Community Support Projects Grant transitioning to Spacehive
  - Deadline for old scheme 12<sup>th</sup> February. If you are aware of any projects to be considered, for example by the Village Halls, if they submit them by the 12<sup>th</sup> February they will be considered under the old rules.
  - Launch of new scheme March 2021
- Roadwatch
  - Speed limits on A417 – remains an issue
- Conservation Area Appraisal
  - Fairford pushing for CDC to support statutory requirement for an appraisal
  - No CDC plans to undertake at present

Steve Trotter reported –

- I have been looking at the possibility of resurrecting the Lechlade to Fairford multi-user path using the old railway line. The old papers and reports have been looked at. It is approximately 4.5 – 5 miles between the two towns. There is some Government funding available and it is estimated it would cost £1.5 – 2 million. A meeting will be held in January and if it seems feasible, discussions could start with landowners.

## 9. **Kempsford Parish Council**

- **Grass cutting tender advertisement** – Council agreed the tender document that had been circulated prior to the meeting. It will be advertised in the New Year through the website, Kempsford Facebook page and Parish Newsletter. There have also been a few emails from contractors offering their services so they will be contacted too.
- **Updates from meetings attended** –
  - Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Meeting – Future of Whelford Pools and Roundhouse Lake to remain with GWT. ERPA Reserve – dependent upon further discussion with CWPT and owner. Solution may involve Lechlade Town Council. Bryworth Lane. GWT to provide further details to Lechlade Town Council.
  - Lakes by Yoo meeting – Tony Williams and the Clerk attended a meeting to determine the new footpath route around Kingfisher Lake, which is proposed to be opened in the spring. Following this, a Zoom meeting was held to discuss planting and landscape changes that could be made to make the planning applications for units W.19 – W.21 more acceptable. New drawings have been provided and council has agreed in principle that the objections could be withdrawn if the applications are updated, together with fencing of the conservation lake being included as a condition of any permission granted.
  - Mark Strange reported on the Village Hall Committee Meeting. They currently have approximately £8,750 in the bank and monthly outgoings fluctuate from month to month. They are concerned about the heating bills as events have to be held with the doors open due to Covid measures. They are proposing to look at grants for insulation. New committee members are being sought.
  - As a follow up to the Quarry Liaison meeting, Stephen Andrews advised that he has reminded them of the letter sent from the Parish Council back in January concerning footpaths etc. The response seemed to ignore this. A report has been forward from Linda Townsend on information to discharge planning condition 22. The Parish Council has yet to consider this. Stephen Andrews advised that the report does not include any checks on the quality of the drains or methodology in monitoring them in the future.
- **Residents reports to Councillors** –
  - There have been complaints from Hazel View residents concerning overflowing litter bins by the MUGA. It has been suggested that complaints be sent to Persimmon direct.
  - Complaints were received regarding the bird management company driving along the public footpath at the quarry. This has been reported to GCC and Aggregate Industries.
  - Mark Strange has been asked if the plan to turn off some of the street lights overnight was implemented. The Clerk confirmed it was and will find the map out detailing which ones have been changed.
- **Update from RAF Fairford** – It has been announced that the decision to close RAF Mildenhall has been reversed and RAF Fairford will continue as a forward base. Stephen Andrews advised that the base is still going to expand a little and further works will take place to consolidate the facilities they do have. A small increase in American Service Personnel is expected. They have purchased some land north of the base at

Totterdown which includes the end lake. The reason for the purchase was given as for control of birds.

10. **Planning –**

Ref.	Location	Proposal	Decision
20/03762/FUL	Cross Tree House, High St. Kempford	Full application for erection of carport	No comment
20/04002/FUL	Pentre Stable Cottage, High St., Kempford	Full application for variation of condition 2 (approved drawings), relating to approval 15/01920/FUL	No comment
20/04117/FUL	Marley Lake, Coln Park, Lechlade	Full application to vary conditions 2,5,7 &9 of planning permission 20/01456/FUL to enable the substitution of plans to amend the design & layout of the hotel pods	No Comment

11. **Finance**

1. The following bills were approved to be paid:-

002127	GeoXphere (Parish Online subs)	£35.00 + VAT
002128	SLCC (membership renewal)	£112.00
002129	CDC (Newsletter printing Dec/Jan)	£60.42
002130	C Nugent (mileage expenses & cards)	£62.50
002131	T Griffin (wages & use of home)	£462.17
002132	HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£58.80

Receipts since last meeting:

Bank Interest	£ .43
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2. The Finance Report having been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting was agreed and approved.

3. Draft Budget for 2021/22 – The draft budget and precept calculations had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Council approved the budget and precept request of £24,280. This will result in a decrease of 30p cost for a Band D property.

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

13. **Correspondence** –

All correspondence received via email has been circulated.

14. **Date of next meeting** – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021, to be held remotely.

Meeting ended at 8.55pm

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