

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 17th November 2020

Meeting held remotely using video and telephone software.

Present:

Tony Williams (Chair)	Karen Saunders	Steve Trotter (CDC)
Mark Strange	Christine Nugent	Ray Theodoulou (GCC)
Alison Ward	Stephen Andrews (CDC)	Teresa Griffin (Clerk)

- Apologies:** Jerry Stokes
- Minutes:** Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20th October 2020 were approved. The Chairman to sign hard copy when delivered.
- Disclosure of member's interests:** None
- Dispensation requests:** None
- Matters Arising:** None.
- Questions from members of the public:** None
- County Councillor's Report:** Ray Theodoulou reported –
 - The Council has produced an update on its accounts, which is not good. We have received £31 million in grants from Government to cope with Covid but spent £35 million.
 - The cost of children's care continues to rise, with 780 children in care. The cost of each child is estimated at £100,000 per annum.
 - Adult social care is still within budget but proving extremely challenging with the care needed to keep people in their individual homes. The guidance from Government on visiting people in care homes has recently changed.
 - The new Local Highways Manager has offered to talk to the resident on Chapel Road with drainage issues.
 - I have been allocated a small amount of money for youth activities. If anyone has any suitable projects, please get in touch. It will be on a first come, first served basis.
 - The situation with leaves on pavements in Quenington is awful, is it the same for Kempford? Tony Williams advised that they are and need sweeping urgently.
- District Councillors Report:** -
Stephen Andrews reported –
 - The saga about planning policy and number for the Cotswolds' continues. It does appear to be accepted that numbers need to change and we are working together with our MP on this.
 - The District Budget Consultation is now out.
 - Regarding the Covid situation, it is important that measures are in place should the situation get worse. The surgery may consider volunteers for prescription distribution.
 - The Community Wellbeing programme report has been distributed and organisations have been asked to join a meeting on the 3rd December.
 - The Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust has announced they plan to withdraw their support to smaller wildlife reserves, including the ERPA Reserve at Lechlade. At the moment there is no indication that they wish to give up on Whelford Pools Nature Reserve.
 - In Fairford there is an increasing interest in trying to reduce the speed limits either side of Fairford.
 - The plans by CDC to transfer to non-cash payment for parking charges may now not be implemented until the end of next year. It is expected to be confirmed at the council meeting tomorrow. A large proportion of the Agenda is looking at delegation of powers and other methods of doing things as a result of the Covid situation.
 - There has been a further 'smaller' meeting to look at the problems with parking, anti-social behavior and other problems across the Cotswold Water Park. They are proposing another multi-agency meeting in January.
- Kempsford Parish Council**
 - Parish Grant applications** – Council approved the grant application from 1st Kempford Rainbows for £200.

- **Multi-use pathway proposal between Fairford and Lechlade** – Following the circulation of a report from Steve Trotter on the background to previous attempts to look at this, a meeting is being suggested to re-visit the idea. Tony Williams confirmed that Kempsford would be very interested in participating and the Clerk was asked to email Lechlade Clerk. Ray Theodoulou advised that the County Council will be receiving money from central Government to promote cycling and footpaths and he will find out more about the criteria.
- **Updates from meetings attended** –
 - Mark Strange attended the Upper Thames Protection Society AGM. They are working with FWAG to get riparian owners to clear the Thames upstream of Lechlade for kayaks, paddle borders etc.
 - Mark Strange reported on the Village Hall Committee Meeting. Another committee member has stood down and they are again looking for more members. The hall has had to shut again due to the lockdown. The Post Office will not be operating this week due to the roadworks. It was suggested the committee start to investigate removal of the play equipment behind the hall.
 - The Quarry Liaison meeting held yesterday didn't provide any clear answers on infill, French drains or footpaths. It was agreed that the Clerk should email the Planning Officer to reiterate our concerns following the lack of progress reported at the meeting.
- **Residents reports to Councillors** –
 - Tony Williams reported receiving a complaint about the amount and type of play equipment in the new children's playground at Hazel View. Contact details for Persimmon Homes have been passed to the resident.
 - A resident had reported overflowing bins at Hazel View to CDC. The responsibility for emptying the bins still lies with Persimmon Homes at present and contact details has been provided.

10. **Planning –**

Ref.	Location	Proposal	Decision
20/01062/FUL Appeal Ref. APP/F1610/W/20/3 259960	Land at Wayside, Totterdown Lane, Fairford	Erection of 7 no. dwellings together with associated access, parking & landscaping	No comment
20/03411/NONMA T	Coln Park, Lechlade	Non-material amendment to 17/04567/FUL for changes to Plot 7.01	No comment
20/03217/FUL	Coln Park, Lechlade	Full application for erection of 1 holiday cabin at Plot W.20	Objection due to positioning & height
20/03410/FUL	Coln Park, Lechlade	Full application for erection of additional decking areas at Plot 7.01	No comment
20/03519/FUL	Coln Park, Lechlade	Full application for erection of 1 holiday home at Plot W.19	Objection due to positioning & height
20/03063/FUL	Coln Park, Lechlade	Full application for erection of 1 holiday home at Plot W.07	No comment

11. **Finance**

- The following bills were approved to be paid:-

002119	PKF Littlejohn LLP (external audit)	£200.00 + VAT
002120	J&T Chesterman (Oct. grass-cutting & Whelford annual bill)	£1,210.00
002121	CDC (Newsletter printing Nov)	£76.80
002122	GPFA (membership renewal)	£50.00
002123	Kempsford Brownies (donation)	£200.00
002124	1 st Kempsford Rainbows (donation)	£200.00
002125	T Griffin (wages & use of home)	£420.90
002126	HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£48.40
Receipts since last meeting:		
	Bank Interest	£ .45
- The Finance Report having been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting was agreed and approved.
- The External Auditors report for the year ended 31st March 2020 has been received with no matters arising. The conclusion of the Audit has now been advertised.

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

13. **Correspondence** –

- All correspondence received via email has been circulated.

15. **Date of next meeting** – 15th December 2020, to be held remotely.

Meeting ended at 9.10pm

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