

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 19th January 2021

Meeting held remotely using video and telephone software.

Present:

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

1. **Apologies:** None
 2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15th December 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 –
 - The public consultation on the County Council's budget is available on the website. The key elements being Vulnerable Children, Adult Care and Roads. An increase of just under 5% is proposed.
 - There are currently around 800 children in care within the County and the average cost per child is £100,000. Phil Nickson asked if a breakdown of the costs is available. - Ray to enquire.
 - The County Council has opened a new special school for children in Gloucester. This is a route the Council has been on before for example with Coln House School in Fairford.
 - The regular bulletin on the Covid situation can be received by emailing Sophie Benfield.
 - It was reported in the Wilts and Glos Standard that the Hyperion Home in Fairford is reopening in a few days. I have been advised it will be next week.
 - Details of the impact of Ash dieback on the Counties roads has been circulated, together with an opportunity to obtain new trees for replanting.
 - Phil Nickson asked if road sweeping has stopped as the pavements are really slippery with leaves. Stephen Andrews to enquire at CDC.
 8. **District Councillors Report:** - Stephen Andrews reported –
 - Election May 2021 – There is speculation in press about possible move to Sep/Oct. Formal position is that work continues to assume an election in May.
 - Budget Draft - The Consultation has been completed. Outcome taken to confirm the CDC Administration Programme. Next draft version of the Budget will be considered together with the Corporate Plan by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on the 2nd Feb.
 - COVID-19 Lockdown – I am interested in any issues with local support to the vulnerable. CDC Business Support Grants are available. The Vaccine Roll Out continues.
 - Water Park – CD Councillors will be receiving a briefing tomorrow on the new SSSI designation and its impact on planning. Planned Multi Agency meeting to discuss anti-social behaviour issues [28th Jan 21].
 - Flooding - Following recent flood concerns a reminder to check the status of Kempsford Emergency Plan?
 - Public Open Space in New Developments - Use of management companies for Councils. Not an issue in Kempsford – but
 - Planning -
 - Coln Park Applications – New information has been received which is understood to be in line with what has been discussed.
 - Coln House School – Believe Fairford is considering commenting that the land used for additional classrooms at the back would be better kept for infrastructure, to be used by the community.
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- Steve Trotter reported –
- I will be organising a meeting to discuss the multi-user path.
 - I am concerned over changes in procedures for planning which means councillors have to submit reasons to

the Chair of the Planning Committee. This seems to be a way of restricting the number of applications brought to planning committee.

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- **Allotments** – Following recent comments on social media about allotments, Council agreed that at the present time there is no land available to provide allotments. Tony Williams advised that he had contacted local landowners. The council had also requested allotments be provided as part of any planning applications for housing development, as was the case with the recent Pye Homes application. Council will continue to look for any future opportunities within the Parish. The only formal requests recently were from people outside of the Parish.
- **Request for new dog waste bin** – A request has been received for a new dog waste bin at the Kempford end of the cycle path to Whelford. The Clerk was asked to contact CDC to confirm collection and obtain cost for a new bin should it be approved.
- **Updates from meetings attended** –
 - Highways Meeting – Tony Williams, Jerry Stokes and the Clerk met with our new Highways Manager Daniel Tiffney in December. The problem on Top Road corner with the Dunfield junction was discussed. Daniel will look at ways of changing the layout. It was also agreed that a larger ‘bend’ sign is required on the approach close to the Hazel View entrance. Councillors agreed to look at purchasing a speed activated sign similar to that at Reevey.
The failure of GCC to provide the pedestrian crossing by the school as mentioned in the S106 for Hazel View was discussed, together with possible improvements to the safety railings and the need for a dropped kerb. It was agreed that a meeting with the School would be helpful.
Daniel was shown the problem of flooding at Broadway House and agreed to look at installing two drains either side of the driveway.
 - Mark Strange reported on the recent Village Hall meeting. Stephen Andrews was invited to attend to talk about fundraising and the previous planning permission granted on a much larger plan. Further enquiries are needed to see if what work has been done could be viewed as part of the original larger scale plan, and if the existing permission is sufficient for further proposed works.
- **Residents reports to Councillors** –
 - Residents have asked about the activity on Dudgrove Lane in respect of Lakes by Yoo. Amazon is filming in one of the lodges and this has resulted in traffic hold-ups. The Clerk has emailed Coln Park to advise that advance notice to the residents of Dudgrove would have been appreciated.
 - A resident had offered a laptop to the School as he understood there was a need. However, nobody got back in touch so it was donated elsewhere.
 - Mark Strange reported that Will Griffin is litter picking as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award.

10. **Planning** –

- Coln Park objections – notification of new information for the recent Coln Park applications to which objections were made has been received today. These will be circulated to councillors.

11. **Finance**

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

002133	SSE (power defib & speed sign)	£9.09 + VAT
002134	GRCC (membership renewal)	£25.00
002135	T Griffin (wages & use of home)	£442.86
002136	HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£54.00

Receipts since last meeting:

Bank Interest	£ .46
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2. The Finance Report having been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting was agreed and approved.
3. Council resolved to appoint GAPTC as Independent Auditors for the financial year ending 31st March 2021.

12. **Clerks Report** –

- Aggregate Industries were contact during the flooding over Christmas to question whether they should be discharging in to the Dudgrove Brook when the river was out of bank. Karl Friston advised that they are under pressure from RAF Fairford to reduce the open water.
- A number of grass cutting tenders have been received. These will be circulated by email this week.

13. **Correspondence** –

All correspondence received via email has been circulated.

For Discussion

- Email re Young Gloucestershire – This would be better directed to Rosemary Andrews.
- Letter re requesting 20mph zones – It was agreed that efforts should be concentrated on trying to get motorists to stick to the current 30mph limits first.

- Natural England's re-designation of the SSSI within the Cotswold Water Park – Coln Park are engaging with other landowners to find out how they feel about the designation and it's restrictions and have asked if the Parish Council wish to be involved in this dialogue. It was agreed that it is up to individual landowners to take matters up with Natural England.
- Wiltshire Local Plan Review – noted.
- Alison Ward was thanked for all her work as councillor following her resignation. CDC to be notified.

14. **Date of next meeting** – 16th February 2021, to be held remotely.

Meeting ended at 9pm

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