

# 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.

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Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Present:

Mark Strange (Chair)

Stephen Andrews

Neil Green

Karen Saunders

John O'Connell

Debbie Watson

Christine Nugent

GCC Cllr Dom Morris

Teresa Griffin (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Tristan Wilkinson and Helene Mansilla
2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were approved.
3. **Disclosure of member's interests:** None
4. **Dispensation requests:** None
5. **Matters Arising:**
6. **Questions from members of the public:** None present
7. **County Councillor's Report:** Dom Morris reported:-
  - Firstly, an apology for how the recent Whelford Road Closure was managed.
  - Please can the Parish Council's comments on the Manor Farm Quarry planning application be emailed to me again so I can add my support for the issues raised.
  - Hannington Road Closure – Gloucestershire Highways continue discussions with Wales and West Utilities regarding the medium-high pressure gas mains. Sadly they do not have much control over it as they do not own it and are having to procure the utility company to design something acceptable to all. It was agreed that Mark Strange will contact the Director of Gloucestershire Highways to request a meeting as they have not engaged with the Parish Council in any plans and particular to find out the position with RIAT this year.
  - Half Penny Bridge, Lechlade – More repairs are needed but the road will not need to be closed.
  - Have there been any problems with flooding? Stephen Andrews reported the usual surface water flooding on the C124, Marston Meysey and Castle Eaton.
  - Hazel View/Persimmon – unfortunately I am unable to attend tomorrow's meeting. The Clerk advised that Mark Parker and Richard Pitts at GCC have been extremely helpful in supporting the Parish Council. There has not been the same level of support from CDC. Stephen Andrews is hopeful that as the facility is part of the CDC Sports Pitch Strategy they will become more interested.
  - Daniel Tiffney, your local Highways Manager, has been promoted and will be moving to another area. He will be replaced by Ann and I would suggest asking if she could attend the next meeting to ensure a good handover.
  - Stephen Andrews mentioned the Adult Social Care Consultation started today and believes there will be lots of comments on the delivery of care, how it's provided and who to.
8. **District Councillors Report:** - Not present. Cllr Mansilla circulated a report by email prior to the meeting – see appendix A.

With regards to the Fairford Leisure Facility, we are not aware of anything happening since Cllr Mansilla met with CDC Officers, LBY and Corylus back in December. It would be helpful to know if there have been any further meetings/discussions, what the timetable is and if there are any minutes/notes from meetings held.
9. **Kempsford Parish Council**
  1. **Grant applications** – An application has been received from Kempford Youth Group. A donation of £250 was agreed. Following last month's meeting at which the grant application from Kempford School was discussed, it was agreed a donation of £600 should be made towards the transport cost of providing swimming lessons.
  2. **Sewerage and drain issues at Lancaster Road** – Some residents in Lancaster Road have reported problems with downstairs toilets and drains, but it does not appear to be for all houses in the road.

It was noted that Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown has advised that he will raise the matter with his contacts at Thames Water. It was agreed that we should raise it again at future flood meetings. Stephen Andrews advised he was promised a map of the Kempford Sewerage Works catchment area at the last Fairford Working Group meeting and he will chase this up.
  3. **Housing Needs Survey** – GRCC have reported that the quotation price has increased to £3,010.18 + VAT. This is due to changes to the number of addresses, printing costs, postage changes, and inclusion of business ad-

dresses in order to maximise responses from those who work within, but are unable to live, in Kempford. GRCC is awaiting confirmation to proceed.

It was agreed that providing a satisfactory response from CDC is received in respect of how the Bromford Re-generation Programme will be taken account of as part of the results, we should proceed.

It was noted that there has been some problems with damp in the new Bromford houses at Oakley flats. Hopefully this will be sorted as part of the snagging process.

**4. Annual Parish Meeting** - It was agreed the meeting will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**5. Updates from meetings attended and working groups –**

a) Kempford Village Hall –

- Jolan Flach has joined the committee as Vice Chair.
- The Bookings Secretary has resigned and they will be advertising for a replacement.
- A small loss was made in January after the Christmas fundraising event covered most of the recent plumbing costs. The music night in February should cover the cost of the fallen tree.
- The short mat bowls has been very popular with all ages and two sessions are now being held.
- The latest Bingo evening was very popular.
- The Waterways Recovery Group is hiring the hall for 2 weeks in August. Karen will check that the fire regulations cover sleeping in the hall.

b) Stephen Andrews and the Clerk have been involved in meetings concerning the pipe installed to connect Lake 103A to 105 without consent. A further pipe was installed to connect Lake 103A to the Courtbrook. Concerns have been raised about levels at Mallam Waters and Thornhill Waters and Stephen and the Clerk visited Mallam to look at the impact. At the recent Lakes by Yoo meeting, their Hydrologist Dr. Webster was asked to produce a report of the impact these recent pipe additions will have downstream.

What is needed is a system where all the riparian owners of the lakes agree on the management approach to the lakes and flows between them.

c) Primary Care Changes – Stephen Andrews reported that there are changes being considered to primary care which the integrated care board for Gloucestershire are starting to consult on.

d) Local Plan Update Meeting – This includes changes to policies and considers if there is sufficient allocated housing for the next 3 years, which they confirmed is okay at present.

e) Community Speed Watch – Karen Saunders and the Clerk reported on the recent problems with the ASW cameras at Whelford. Inaccuracies with the images and data were noted so they were returned to be checked. Both cameras have been upgraded to the latest version and now reinstalled. The whole process and implementation has been full of problems and a lot of work, particularly given the limited data that is sent to the Police. It was agreed to write to Chris Nelson, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire with our experience.

**6. Residents reports to Councillors –**

- John O’Connell reported a complaint regarding the Whelford road closure.

**10. Planning, Policies and Licensing –**

**1.** The Cotswold District Local Plan Update Consultation – This is open for several weeks. Stephen Andrews advised he has comment to date that all new developments should include defibrillators.

**11. Finance**

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

002396	Busy Fingers Printing (Feb Newsletter)	£90.90
002397	TEEC Ltd (website planning tracker)	£28.80 inc. VAT
002398	Information Commissioner (Data Protection Fee)	£40.00
002399	CPRE (membership renewal)	£36.00
002400	Village Hall Kempford (hall rental)	£325.00 inc. VAT
002401	T Griffin (Exp’s postage & clips for ASW cameras)	£18.35 inc. VAT
002402	T Griffin (Wages, holiday & use of home)	£681.16
002403	HMRC (PAYE)	£114.37

Receipts since last meeting

Bank Interest January 2024 £76.12

**2.** Finance Reports – The monthly Finance Report consisting of bills to be paid, receipts received, bank reconciliation and income/expenditure vs budget was received and agreed.

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

**13. Correspondence** – All correspondence received via email has been circulated. Magazines and literature distributed.

**14. Date of next meeting** – 19<sup>th</sup> March at Kempford Village Hall

Copies:- Mrs Nugent, Mr Green, Mrs Saunders, Mr Strange, Mr O’Connell, Mr Andrews, Mrs Watson CD.Cllrs, C.Cllrs.

Meeting ended at 10:10pm