

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 18th January 2022

Mark Strange (Chair)

John O'Connell

Steve Trotter (CDC)

Tony Williams

Phil Nickson

Stephen Andrews (CDC)

Karen Saunders

Jerry Stokes

Teresa Griffin (Clerk)- Virtual

1. **Apologies:** Christine Nugent and Dom Morris.
2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 21st December 2021 were approved.
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:** Dom Morris emailed a written report on the following prior to the meeting-
 1. A budget for a greener, healthier, more prosperous Gloucestershire
 2. Gloucestershire County Council Road safety policy: Actions
 3. Council to provide £3.7m to support most vulnerable in the county
 4. Further £4.8 million for care sector to prevent Covid spread this winter
 5. More funding available to help communities recover from pandemic
 6. New intellectual property information service launched by Gloucestershire Libraries
 7. Gloucestershire leaders join forces to fight climate change
8. **District Councillors Report:** -

Stephen Andrews reported –

 - Council Meeting due tomorrow with the following included on the Agenda –
 - External Audit Contract
 - Gambling Act 2005 – Review of the Statement of Principles
 - Draft Schedule of Meeting for the forthcoming year.
 - Armed Forces Covenant Re-Endorsement
 - The next meeting will be on the 16th February and will be approving the Budget.
 - The last Cabinet Meeting was held on January 10th which included –
 - Budget Consultation Feedback
 - Parish and Town Council Election Costs. An incremental approach was approved and details have been circulated to Town and Parish Councils.
 - Review of Parking Charges and Season Tickets. Parking charges will increase and free-time is being discontinued.
 - External Audit Contract
 - Review of Council Tax Discounts
 - Approval of the Approach to Litter Bin Placement and Renewal Programme in Cotswold District. The aim is to reduce, in consultation with Town and Parish Councils, the overall number by approximately 25%.
 - Broadband Delivery Update. £500,000 has been set aside by the previous Administration for GCC to assist those who were hard to get broadband to and those who have been left behind. A project that can deliver this is still being looked for which may be made easier by the removal of European Laws.
 - Use of the Internet and Social Media for Investigations and Enforcement Policy
 - Planning – There are three outstanding planning enforcement cases for areas in Kempsford.

Steve Trotter provided an update on the proposed multi-use path between Lechlade and Fairford. The Feasibility Study Report was circulated in December. A zoom meeting has been scheduled for the 24th January to discuss route options, costs and how to proceed. The estimated costs included in the report are considered very high. Funding options need to be investigated, and the current position appears much more favourable than in 2013. Mark Strange suggested that it may be helpful to form a volunteer group (similar to the Canal Trust). Stephen Andrews advised that the Report mentioned Sustrans volunteer groups.

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- **Update on Hazel View and Land Transfer** – The update today from Persimmon’s confirmed progress is being made on approval of the Highways Agreement. Once this is complete, the land transfer can proceed. John O’Connell had spoken to three aggregate companies about the type of stone which would be recommended for use in a light to moderate use public car park. A harder more expensive stone would be suggested, which is what has been used by some residents when replacing the original stone on their driveways. Jerry Stokes advised that the soft stone which has been used and crushed, would more than likely need to be removed before any new stone is laid to prevent problems with drainage.
- **To discuss grass-cutting contract for 2022** – It was agreed that the preferred option is to continue with the existing contractor, providing they submit a renewed quotation based on the more frequent cutting and height required. They will also be asked to quote for the Hazel View community facilities/sports pitch.
- **To consider comments on Sustrans Multi-use Path Feasibility Study** -.Covered off in Cotswold District Councillors Report above.
- **Updates from meetings attended** –
 - Karen Saunders reported on the Kempstord Village Hall meeting –
 - There has been a delay in replacing the guttering due to a shortage of black guttering.
 - The Treasurer reported the bank balance and is confident that it is a good position.
 - There were differing views on what to use the land at the back of the hall for.
 - They asked if the Parish Council has any plans to commemorate the Jubilee?
 - The Beer Festival is to go ahead.
 - A new committee member was welcomed
 - A local cleaner has been appointed and will be trained up this month.
- **Residents reports to Councillors** – None.

10. Planning & Licensing –

Ref	Location	Proposal	Decision
21/0098/CWS 73M	Manor Farm Quarry, Kempstord	Variation of condition 10 (drainage measure) relating to planning consent 19/0059/CWMAJM	Request a meeting with AI and their hydrologist prior to commenting
22/00115/SCR	RAF Fairford	Screening Opinion for Rapid Airfield Damage Recovery (RADR) facilities	No comment
ACP-2021-078	RAF Fairford	Airspace change proposal	No comment

11. Finance

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

002216	Westlea Landscaping (Kempstord grass December)	£114.00 inc. VAT
002217	SSE (Power Dunfield defib/Reeve speed sign)	£5.13 inc. VAT
002218	GRCC (membership renewal)	£25.00
002219	Viking Payments (printer toner)	£55.76 inc. VAT
002220	T Griffin (wages, inc. holiday & use of home)	£490.81
002221	HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	64.60

Receipts since last meeting:

Bank Interest	£ .54
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2. The Finance Report was agreed and approved.
3. Budget and Precept request for 2022/23 – Council approved the budget and Precept request of £23,300 for the year 2022/23. There will be 20p reduction for Band D properties.
4. It was agreed to request a replacement dog waste bin for the Whelford Road following disappearance of the previous one.

12. Clerks Report –

An email has been sent to Jenny Collyer at RAF Fairford asking if there has been any response to the footpath proposals following a call from the landowners.

13. Correspondence –

All correspondence received via email has been circulated.

14. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 15th February 2022.

Meeting ended at 9.10pm

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