

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 October 2022

Present:

Mark Strange (Chair)
Tony Williams
Neil Green
Phil Nickson

Karen Saunders
John O'Connell
Steve Trotter (CDC)
Stephen Andrews (CDC)

Teresa Griffin (Clerk)
Claire Muir

1. **Apologies:** Dom Morris and Christine Nugent
2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th August 2022 were approved. The September meeting was cancelled due to the death of the Queen.
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 circulated by email an update from the County Council prior to the meeting.
8. **District Councillors Report:** - A summary of meeting topics and updates circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting, with further discussion on the following -
 - At the last Overview & Scrutiny meeting the Cotswold Community Safety Partnership was discussed, and further information has been emailed to you all. Mark Strange reported an incident at Lechlade to which the Police had not visited. Further information to be forwarded to Steve Trotter.
 - Health - It is too early to provide a full report on the HOSC meeting today, but it was noted today that Gloucester and Cheltenham Hospitals are failing in safety of surgery and leadership. The Chief Executive of the Trusts was given a hard time today about why that was and what they are doing about it. They explained it doesn't mean they are unsafe, and people are going through the system, not being affected adversely and coming out with good outcomes. CDC have identified that there is a risk of things operating unsafely and various things need to be put right.
 - Planning – Department still in disarray but with the prospect that things will improve.
 - Hazel View/Top Road – In respect of CDC, Legal action may be possible once enforcement have looked at it. The alternative is to get the County Council involved, but they have said it is probably Highways that should be dealing with it, to which we could argue it is a school issue. A contact email for the Legal Advisor at GCC has now been obtained and a copy of the advice from the CDC Legal Advisor will be forwarded. The School has been copied in to all correspondence and a meeting with the Head is probably the next step. Mark Strange advised he would be happy to attend this meeting.
The Clerk advised that at the recent quarry meeting the GCC Planning Enforcement Officer mentioned that the County have a dedicated Section 106 Officer and will provide contact details. It was agreed that it would be worth involving them if their role is not purely related to minerals and waste.
 - Cotswold Canal – Water transfer scheme via canal still on the table with further consultation expected in November.
 - Footpath – We had a zoom meeting with Sustrans regarding the multi-user path (MUP). Maddy Thacker at Sustrans has taken over the project and she is also doing some work for CDC and GCC in respect of an overall cycling framework. She will be starting to look at land ownership for the MUP and proposing a brochure on the path to include map, reasons why the path is needed, progress so far, and how the public can support it. The next stage is to talk to LBY/Corylus about a detailed survey and design for the southern route, for which there may be some funding available from the Rural Enterprise Fund.
Tony Williams advised that the Fairford Clerk was going to circulate a map of the footpaths on the northern route – Steve Trotter will forward on.
 - Civility & Respect Campaign – A reminder that GAPTC are encouraging all councils to sign the pledge.

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- **Review of Contracts for Clerk and Maintenance Position** – Both contracts were discussed with no changes required.
Workplace Pension – The Clerk’s earnings do not qualify for automatic enrolment in a pension scheme but as an employee they can request to join a scheme. The Clerk was asked if she wished to do this and declined the offer.
- **To consider grants/donations** - Applications were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors were reminded that grants payable under Section 137 expenditure is limited to the government set limit per electorate, currently £8.82. With 885 electorates in February 2022 a maximum total of less than £7,805.70 would be permitted. Council approved a grant of £200 to Kempford Rainbows, a pledge of £100 towards Fairford’s Skate Park project and a donation to the Royal British Legion of £100.
- **Open spaces at John of John of Gaunt** – Before proceeding with the removal of tree stumps/roots it was agreed to investigate claiming the land together with the other couple of open space areas.
Tony Williams reported overgrowing ivy from one resident adjacent to the footpath and it was agreed the standard letter requesting it be cut back should be sent and to any other neighbouring properties that have overgrown vegetation.
- **Enforcement action regarding Hazel View community facilities** – Covered in District Councillors Report, Item 8 above.
- **Updates from meetings attended**
 - Karen Saunders reported on the recent Kempford Village Hall meeting. Things are not good, with only 3 people attending the meeting. The Chair has resigned giving 6 months’ notice. The Safeguarding member has also resigned.
£193 was raised at the last Bingo evening and many of the costs will be covered for the next one, which is on the 19th November.
A family games evening is proposed for the 17th December.
The email requesting potential sites for EV charging locations was circulated to committee members. There is concern regarding the liability aspect. It was agreed that we respond stating a potential site has been identified but more information would be required.
 - Weymouth Trust –The school role numbers are down resulting in the loss of one teacher. There are 3 School Governor vacancies.
 - RAF Fairford – Mark Strange attended a recent social event on base. The Colonel’s boss from RAF Croughton was present to meet people.
 - Neil Green attended the Youth Meeting hosted by Fairford Town Council. They currently have a temporary 6 monthly arrangement with ‘The Door’ from Stroud. It caters for school children years 7-9 (although they still accept year 10’s) and is held once a week at the Community Centre. The Door work in conjunction with Cotswold Counselling, which is also used by Farmor’s School.
Farmor’s School would be willing to provide a mini-bus and driver for any children from neighbouring villages wishing to attend.
Fairford Town Council is interested in whether neighbouring parishes would be willing to contribute towards funding it. To provide just the Youth Centre it costs £24,700 per year, and for the fully enhanced community youth work model with its own youth worker and more it would cost £40,000 per year, which it’s the preferred option. They currently have a shortfall of £15,000 and it is hoped that further funding may be available. They are not expecting neighbouring parishes to make up the difference, but are interested in whether more children would like to attend and if the parishes would support it. Neil agreed to talk to students from Kempford and Whelford to see if they are interested and will be visiting ‘The Door’ at Stroud in the first week of November.
 - Aggregate Industries Liaison Meeting - Full minutes will be circulated shortly. They will be submitting a planning application shortly to create a small ready-mix concrete plant on site which will result in an extra 10 vehicle movements a day. Dates for the temporary closure of the footpath to enable bridge repairs to be carried out have been received today and will be advertised.
- **Resident’s reports to Councillors** –
 - A Whelford resident had complained about bonfires in the village. She was advised that it is a matter for Cotswold District Council.
 - There appears to be an increase in hedgehogs in the village and crossing the High Street. It was agreed to purchase a few signs to raise awareness for motorists.

10. **Planning & Licensing –**

Ref.	Location	Proposal/development	Decision
22/03313/FUL	Lakes 103, 103a and 104, London Road, Fairford	Full application for Variation of conditions to amend the layout of the approved holiday home development & amendments to conditions to incorporate previously approved details & subsequent planning applications	The plans & drawings are not very clear on the planning portal. It was agreed to be discussed at the next meeting with Lakes by Yoo.

11. **Finance**

1. The following bills paid between meetings were approved:-

002269	CDC (Newsletter printing)	£63.96
002270	John O’Conner (GM) Ltd – August & Sept	£468.48 inc. VAT
002271	Viking Direct (toner & ink)	£70.13
002272	T Griffin (wages & use of home)	£575.70
002273	HMRC (PAYE)	£85.80

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

002274	Wayne Smith Cotswold Trees (elderflower)	£320
002275	SSE (power Dunfield defib/Reeveve sign)	£5.13 inc. VAT
002276	CDC (Newsletter printing)	£65.54
002277	GPFA (membership renewal)	£50.00
002278	C Nugent (mileage expenses)	£56.25
002279	T Griffin (wages & use of home)	£301.30
002280	HMRC (PAYE)	£17.00
Receipts since last meeting:		
	Bank Interest	£2.80
	CDC Precept (2 nd instalment)	£5,825.00

3. The Finance Report was agreed and approved.

4. Christine Nugent inspected the books and financial records on the 13th October and found everything in good order.

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

13. **Correspondence** –

All correspondence received via email has been circulated.

14. **Date of next meeting** – 15th November 2022

Meeting ended at 9.38pm

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