

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Present:

Mark Strange (Chair)  
Christine Nugent  
Neil Green  
Phil Nickson

John O'Connell  
Tony Williams  
Stephen Andrews (CDC)  
Steve Trotter (CDC)

Dom Morris (GCC)  
Teresa Griffin (Clerk)  
Claire Muir

Mark Strange began the meeting by saying how sad and shocked we all were to hear of the passing of Ray Theodoulou, our previous County Councillor. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

1. **Apologies:** Karen Saunders
2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 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 reported -
  - Mark Parker from GCC called the Clerk earlier today to discuss the issues around the Persimmon/Top Road land transfer. It was suggested an expert opinion on the sports pitch would be helpful. He will talk to the Grounds Maintenance Team at GCC and the Clerk has contacted the Grounds Management Association as suggested by GPFA. It was agreed that once a professional opinion has been obtained, an onsite meeting with all parties to the Section 106 Agreement be arranged.
  - Concern about the amount of sewerage being discharged into the River Coln has been raised by Whelford resident. This concern is shared and after being elected we set up a Rivers Task Group and summoned the 3 water companies that supply our region to a meeting and 2 out of the 3 didn't turn up. GCC has written to them to say they are not happy but this is a national legislation and enforcement issue. Any way of raising awareness by the parishes, towns and community is a good thing. Steve Trotter advised that Thames Water were one of the objectors to the recent planning application at The Wern, Lechlade.
  - With regards to the new planning applications for Manor Farm Quarry, I will fully support your views. It is still my intention to roll out work on the impact quarry clustering has for this area, as trialled in the north Cotswolds. Parish councillors agreed to carry out their own traffic survey of lorries at Washpool Lane.
  - Winter Preparedness Plans – The new budget has provided a Winter Preparedness Co-ordinator who will work with Parish and Town Council to bring some clarity to primary and secondary gritting routes and how else we can work together to make things better.
  - Hannington road repairs – Tony Williams asked if a date has been set for the repairs to the culvert. Dom to chase up with Highways.
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 Council Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> March a new 10 year contract for Leisure and Culture was recommended.
  - UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund – We are looking to see if any funding is available for the multi-user path from this or the additional CIL money available from CDC.
  - Lakes 103-104/multi-user paths - Lakes By Yoo have been asked to provide some construction cost for the Longdoles Lane section of the southern route. Progress is being made on the paths around Lakes 103-104. There is a sticking point with the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and it is hoped this can be overcome. Fairford and Lechlade councillors have begun talking to landowners on the northern route.
  - Planning – there will be a review after the elections on how the Preview Committee works for planning applications as everyone agrees it is not working. 80% of applications referred by councillors to the Planning Committee are stopped at this Preview Committee.
  - Planning Enforcement consists of one Officer and a consultant so progress is slow. Approximately a 1000 cases that were over a year old have been taken off the list, enabling the more current cases to be dealt with.

## 9. **Kempsford Parish Council**

- **Kempsford Permit Parking Scheme Review** – Tony Williams advised that it is really important that Dunfield residents are involved and has spoken to a couple of residents who have circulated it on the village WhatsApp Group chat. Mixed views have been received on the need for restrictions. They would be fully consulted if formal changes are proposed. Mark Strange will mention the scheme is being reviewed at the Annual Parish Meeting and encourage comments. It was agreed to respond to Daniel Tiffney at GCC Highways as follows –
  - The general view is that restrictions do need to remain in place at Whelford and Dunfield due to the regular problem with plane spotters. We would also like to see further restrictions on Washpool Lane due to the difficulties with quarry lorries.
  - If changes to speed limits can be included as part of any revised Traffic Order we do have some suggestions we would like to put forward.
  - Prior to going into any more detail we think it would be sensible to wait and hear from RAF Fairford and the MOD on their views.
  - Most importantly, any restrictions put in place must be enforceable
- **To review Community Emergency Plan** – This is normally reviewed in March but it was agreed to change that to the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May as there may be changes to the councillor information following elections, and the community will be asked for more volunteers at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- **Affordable Housing Survey** – Barbara Pond from GRCC has sent through an example of recent survey questions as an example. Survey questions can be tailored to the Parish. She has agreed to come out and meet with the Parish Council and/or the community to discuss further. It was agreed that she should be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting.
- **Updates from meetings attended**
  - Mark Strange reported on the Kempsford Village Hall Committee Meeting –
    - \* Andy Gray is going to take over as Treasurer once the books have been audited at the end of the financial year.
    - \* They are short of committee members and seeking a new Chair. Mark offered to help by chairing meetings for them if necessary.
    - \* The Beer Festival and other events were discussed.
  - Mark Strange attended a meeting at Cotswold District Council to discuss the budget and on-going finances. A lot of revenue from District is being passed to County to deal with looking after people, requiring large sums to be used from reserves. Stephen Andrews that as a result the District will be seeking to see if Parishes can take on, or pay for things considered appropriate at a parish level. What that is, we do not know yet. There were no specific examples given.
  - The Lakes 103 and 104 Meeting was covered off in District Councillor's Report above. The only other item to report is that work on the tented structure which will form the Visitor Centre at the Country Park is due to start next week and will hopefully be open in May.
- **Resident's reports to Councillors** –
  - Phil Nickson reported that he had spoken to the Castle Eaton about the recent graffiti. They have cleaned their up again and Phil believes if we do the same the offenders will get bored with it.
  - Neil Green reported that residents have been talking to him about the expected Pye Homes application and he has been encouraging them to express their views on the Pye Homes consultation page.

## 10. **Planning & Licensing –**

- 23/00600/FUL Full application for installation of ground mounted solar panels at Stable Cottage, High Street, Kempsford. Decision: **No Objection**
- 23/0004/CWMAJW Temporary use of an alternative agricultural access point onto Whelford Road for infill vehicles to exit from Manor Farm Quarry. Decision: **Response to be compiled after quarry visit and liaison meeting tomorrow.**
- 23/0007/CWMAJW Installation of a Ready-mix Concrete Production Plant with ancillary infrastructure at Manor Farm Quarry, Kempsford. Decision: **Response to be compiled after quarry visit and liaison meeting tomorrow.**
- C/23/00348/PRMV Application for variation of a Premises Licence at Lakes By Yoo, Claydon Pike, Lechlade. Decision: **No objection.**
- Cotswold District Local Plan 2011 – 2031 Partial Update – **Councillors to look at in more detail.**

## 11. Finance

1. The following bills paid between meetings were approved:-
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| 002311 | Viking Direct (stationery invoice less credit note) | £0.08 inc. VAT |
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The following bills were approved to be paid:-

002312	Whelford Village Hall Trust (Hall rental for 3 meetings)	£60.00
002313	Village Hall Kempsford (donation for Coronation Event)	£150.00
002314	CDC (Newsletter printing)	£65.57
002315	CPRE (membership renewal)	£36.00
002316	John O'Conner (Kempsford grass March)	£257.90 inc. VAT
002317	TEEC Limited (website hosting & domain)	£155.99 inc. VAT
002318	T Griffin (wages, holiday and use of home)	£581.06
002319	HMRC (PAYE)	£87.20

Receipts since last meeting:

Bank Interest	£30.62
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2. The Finance Report was agreed and approved.
3. The Church Warden would like to proceed with the previously approved purchase of a noticeboard. He is just waiting for confirmation of what title should be on the header.
4. Christine Nugent inspected the books and financial records on the 16<sup>th</sup> March and found everything in good order.

12. **Clerks Report** – Speed watch activities at Whelford have resumed and GCC have been chased up to find out when the ASW cameras will arrive now the locations have been approved by Gloucestershire Police. An email was received today saying they plan to deliver one tomorrow.

- **Correspondence** – All correspondence received via email has been circulated.

13. **Date of next meeting** – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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