**Minutes of the Meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council (SKPC) 4th October 2021**

Cllrs Present: Cllr J. Whitwell (JW, Chair), Cllr M. Rigby (MR), Cllr M. Keegan (MK), Cllr R. Elsey (RE), Cllr T. Berry (TB), CDC

Held in the Village Hall in person.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr A.Stradling (A.S), Cllr R.Sleeman (R.S), Cllr G.Valentine (G.V), Cllr L. Spivey
2. **Present:** K.Josey Clerk (KJ), 3 Parishioners
3. **Declaration of interest:** None
4. **Minutes** of meeting held 6th September were approved. Proposed MR, seconded TB.
5. **Clerk’s report**
	1. **Parish Field:** The large overhead sign at the entrance of the waterpark has now had a gate attached to it. Action**:** KJ to investigate as part of the Parish field boundary.
	2. **Village Lake:** MK completed inspection – nothing to report.
	3. **GCC Highways/ footpaths:**
		1. **Village gateway signs:** R. Gray, Highways, met with Cllr A. Stradling and Cllr M. Rigby to inspect the new signs. Highways have agreed that the installed signs do not match original request by P.C. The sign by the Sculpture Park will remain unchanged. Action:- Highways to replace 2 of the signs (near Neigh bridge & Water Lane).

**5.3.2 Footpaths:** The third gate is on site and will be fitted imminently. Action**:** RS/JW to monitor and update, as necessary. The use of CIL money was discussed to part fund this.

A parishioner had raised the subject of the overgrown state of footpath FP18 (off Spine Road). Action**:** JW has contacted Frank-Dorrington Ward who will attend site and feedback.

A parishioner had raised the subject of the broken fingerpost near Kemble Mill Action**:** JW has contacted Frank Dorrington Ward for action.

* 1. **Neigh Bridge:** –
		1. The relocation of the dog waste bin has not been actioned Action: TB apologised that he had not been able to resolve this yet but would follow up

**5.4.2** AS advised that the sign next to the Car Park Pay Machine now stated 30 minutes free parking but the one on the entrance still advises a charge for the first hour. Action**:** KJ has notified Ben Welbourn who advised it was to be replaced in due course.

* 1. **Newsletter:** This has been distributed.
1. **Other matters**
	1. **Contravention of planning Laws – LME Parking** KJ has written to LME and CDC Planning Enforcement regarding contravening of planning laws for a Staff Parking area at LME. The response stated allowance for the use of any land for any purposes for not more than 56 days in total during 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021 only. We are now past the 56-day limit. Action: KJ to chase CDC Planning. GV to monitor usage.
	2. KJ has written to Oberon Rogers (OR) regarding the ditches along Mill Lane towards LME requiring attention. OR has responded with full assurance that this work will be completed Action: KJ to monitor.

6.3 The Parish Council has received 2 offers regarding an Internal Auditor. Action: KJ to feedback.

1. **Correspondence**
	1. Overgrown brambles – Elm View Car Park. Action**:** TB to investigate who owns and is responsible for maintenance and report back.
	2. Water Lane flooding – KJ has written to Malcom Poole regarding clearing work at Mack’s Farm (as an area critical to village drainage) and has had no response as yet. Action:- KJ to monitor.

7.3 It was agreed to consult the Parishioners regarding maintenance work/costs on the hedge at Water Lane Action – KJ to send consultation letter.

7.4 Manhole Cover in Water Lane needs attention, Des Sheen has contacted Thames Water Action: KJ has contacted Thames Water and R.Gray Highways – KJ to monitor

7.5 A complaint has been made regarding the state of the cycle/footpath which runs along the Spine Road – this has been passed to Frank-Dorrington-Ward CDC.

1. **Planning applications**
2. **21/03185/FUL** - Installation of jetty and balustrade around decking area at Hoopoe Cottage 49 Clearwater Village Lower Mill Lane Somerford Keynes Cirencester – no objection
3. **21/03323/FUL** - Erection of 2 no. ancillary outbuildings at Ivydene Shorncote Somerford Keynes Cirencester Gloucestershire – KJ to register objection
4. **21/03496/FUL -** Installation of Balustrading including gate to existing timber decking at Merlin House 50 Clearwater Village Lower Mill Lane Somerford Keynes Cirencester – no objection
5. **21/03508/AGFO** - Erection of Dutch barn for storage of machinery/equipment and lean-to for animal pens at Old Manor Barn Shorncote Somerford Keynes Cirencester Gloucestershire – KJ to register concerns
6. **21/03453/FUL-** Alterations to decking and installation of hot-tub at Jackdaws 63 Mill Village Lower Mill Lane Somerford Keynes Cirencester – KJ to register objection
7. **21/03256/FUL-** External decking extension, relocation of hot tub at 18 Minety Lake Lower Mill Estate Somerford Keynes Cirencester Gloucestershire – no objection
8. **20/03885/FUL**- Application for Planning application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to vary conditions 2 and 4 of planning permission 11/03126/FUL (Erection of 296 holiday units and lake with estate roads, parking provision, storage barns, play space, electricity sub station (in accordance with approved outline planning permissions ) to change the permitted unit type and occupancy restriction on plot 43 Minety Lake West at Plot 43 Minety Lake Lower Mill Estate Somerford Keynes Gloucestershire – no objection
9. **21/03027/FUL** - Conversion and extensions of existing garage with new link, altered vehicular access and new detached garage at The Old Bakery Water Lane Somerford Keynes Cirencester. – discussion/update – no objection
10. **20/04079/FUL** – Ashlands– update – no news
11. **21/01517/FUL** - Seasonal yurt, food and beverage take-away outlet, LME – approved by planning.
12. Financial Matters

Gaptc clerk training £20.00, BF Printing £31.68

The meeting was closed at 9.12 pm.

**Date of next meeting**: Monday 1st November 2021, 7.30 pm