**Minutes of the Meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council (SKPC) 41st November 2021**

Cllrs Present: Cllr J. Whitwell (JW, Chair), Cllr M. Rigby (MR), Cllr M. Keegan (MK), Cllr R. Elsey (RE), Cllr A. Stradling (AS), Cllr G.Valentine (GV), Cllr T. Berry (TB), CDC (left a 8.05), Cllr L.Spivey (LS) arrived 7.45 left 9.05

Held in the Village Hall in person.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr R.Sleeman (R.S),
2. **Present:** K.Josey Clerk (KJ), 5 Parishioners
3. **Declaration of interest:** GV
4. **Minutes** of meeting held 4th October were approved. Proposed RE, seconded MR.
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**:** PC is investigating boundaries.
   2. Village Lake: GV and MK reported that work on the wildflower planting at the Village Lake will commence 8th Nov with some access restrictions. Action: KJ to inform parishioners when schedule available from VLC.
   3. **GCC Highways/ footpaths:**
      1. **Village gateway signs:** Awaiting Highways new designs.

**5.3.2 Footpaths:** The third gate is on site and will be fitted after hedge cutting is complete. Action**:** RS/JW to monitor and update, as necessary.

A parishioner had raised the subject of the overgrown state of footpath FP18 (off Spine Road). Action**:** AwaitingFrank-Dorrington Ward

A parishioner had raised the subject of the broken fingerpost near Kemble Mill Action**:** Awaiting Frank- Dorrington Ward.

**Neigh Bridge:** –

5.4.1 The relocation of the dog waste bin has not been actioned Action: TB apologized that he had not been able to resolve this yet but would follow up

**5.4.2** The new signage has been erected at the entrance.

**5.4.3** Parking issues were discussed LS put forward some of the Action Group ideas. The PC stated that free parking on the car park would help to remedy this. Action: LS to continue working on this.

**5.4.4** Cllr Stradling(AS) has noted that all the bins have been removed from Neighbridge – which has resulted in waste in plastic bags being left. Action: LS to feedback to action group.

5.4.5 TB reported on his useful meeting with the Chair of Cotswold Lakes Trust. He thought that voluntary help from villagers would be welcomed. The PC to consider exploring this further.

1. **Other matters**
   1. **Contravention of planning Laws – LME Parking** KJ has written to LME and CDC Planning Enforcement Action –CDC to monitor.
   2. KJ has written to Oberon Rogers (OR) regarding the ditches along Mill Lane towards LME requiring attention. This has not been actioned Action: KJ to speak to Oberon.

6.3 Parish Council Internal Auditor has been appointed.

1. **Correspondence**
   1. Overgrown brambles in Elm View’s car park. Action: TB contacted Bromford Housing Association and ascertained that they do own it and are planning to clear the overgrown car park when they have secured the funding.
   2. Water Lane flooding – KJ has written and spoken to the owner of Mack’s Farm about clearing the water course which runs through his property. He confirmed that he is tackling it, albeit slowly. Action: PC to monitor.

7.3 It was agreed to gain more information regarding possible work in the hedge in Water Lane. Action- KJ to contact L. Willis for tree advice.

7.4 Manhole Cover in Water Lane awaiting Highway’s repair.

7.5 White Barns – TB confirmed that CDC were taking no action.

7.6 The homeowner of the newly erected fence attended the meeting to explain their context for their decision to erect such a fence. This was much appreciated by the PC. It was agreed that there had been a breach of planning and that this is now a matter between the homeowner and CDC’s Planning Dept.

7.7 The owner of Lane End Gardens attended the meeting to explain his response to the conditions that the CDC Planning Department had imposed on his plans to erect a single storey building on this site, which had previously received no objections from the PC. These conditions included the locations of swift and bat boxes. His explanation was much appreciated by the PC.

7.8 Cllr Keegan (MK) raised the issue of Thames Water and the smell emanating for the treatment works. There is concern over the additional 2,500 houses on ‘Bathurst Development’ and the extra pressure on existing infrastructure. Cllr Spivey (LS) confirmed that a new facility is being built to accommodate this, however she was also aware of the smell after heavy rain and was talking to others about this in line with her whole flooding agenda.

7.9 A parishioner attending the meeting raised a concern about the Spillway from the River Thames which is now overgrown with vegetation which prevents it being a safety valve in the event of a high-water level in the river. Action: PC to investigate.

1. **Planning applications**

**20/04079/FUL** - Erection of 4 dwellings, new road access, footpath, and associated landscaping including public open space and an attenuation / soak away pond (resubmission of 19/04270/FUL) at Land To The South East Of Ashland House Somerford Keynes Gloucestershire – with planning

**21/03323/FUL -** Retrospective installation of 1 timber outbuilding and installation of 1 additional timber outbuilding at Ivydene Shorncote Somerford Keynes Cirencester Gloucestershire – **PC objection – Action KJ**

**21/02380/FUL -** Application for Refurbishment and reconfiguration. Install french doors, erect external staircase, re-tile roof, install rooflights and replace gable end window at The Cottage Kemble Mill Poole Keynes Cirencester Gloucestershire – no objection

**21/03847/TCONR -** Works to trees in conservation areas for Horse Chestnut - Pollard the tree. Yew tree - Trim, formally cut the Yew with a hedge cutter because it's maintained in a formal rounded shape at Yew Tree Cottage Somerford Keynes Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6DW – no objection

**21/03783/FUL -**Erection of external first floor rear balcony, and replacement ground and first floor rear sliding patio doors at Heron View 14 Clearwater Village Lower Mill Lane Somerford Keynes Cirencester – no objection

**21/02705/FUL -** The erection of 17 detached holiday units within Minety Lake South West (also referred to as Barberry Lake); the erection of three detached holiday units within Lakeshore Reserve West; amendments to the water's edge of Minety Lake South West; ancillary buildings, provision for new landscaping and revised ecological areas, visitor parking and vehicular access at Minety Lake South West Lower Mill Estate Somerford Keynes Gloucestershire – no objection

**21/03783/FUL -** Erection of external first floor rear balcony and replacement ground and first floor rear sliding patio doors at Heron View 14 Clearwater Village Lower Mill Lane Somerford Keynes Cirencester – no objection

**21/04044/FUL -** Variation of condition 9 (seasonal occupation) of permission 19/04112/FUL - Variation of condition 10 (seasonal occupation) of permission 19/02392/FUL to allow all year round holiday use at 3 Clearwater Village Lower Mill Lane Somerford Keynes Cirencester Gloucestershire – no objection

**21/04047/FUL -** Application for Variation of condition 4 (occupancy restriction) re permission 20/00690/FUL - Variation of conditions 2 (plans), 4 (occupancy restriction), 10 (lighting), 20 (levels) and 29 (drainage) of permission 11/03126/FUL (Erection of 296 holiday units and lake with estate roads, parking provision, storage barns, play space, electricity substation (in accordance with approved outline planning permissions)) to change of permitted unit types on plots 45 and 46 of Minety Lake West, allow year round occupation of the units and provide additional information regarding lighting, levels and drainage at 116 Howells Mere Lower Mill Estate Somerford Keynes Cirencester Gloucestershire – no objection

**21/04046/FUL -** Application for Variation of condition 9 of permission 16/02241/FUL - Revised site layout for permitted plots 29-46 and layout and design details for Plots 47-86 together with communal barns, refuse stores, access road and two foot bridges (Variation of condition 20 of 07/01037/FUL to allow for the holiday occupancy to allow Howells Mere Plot 54 to be used as a holiday home all year round at Campion House 54 Howells Mere Lower Mill Lane Somerford Keynes Cirencester – no objection

**21/04045/FUL** - Full Application for Variation of condition 20 re permission 20/01229/FUL - Variation of Condition 20 of 19/04110/FUL (Variation of Condition 20 of planning application 19/02393/FUL to allow all year round holiday use of Clearwater Plot 68) to allow all year round holiday use of Clearwater Plot 58 at The Lily Pad 70 Clearwater Village Lower Mill Lane Somerford Keynes Cirencester – no objection

**20/04079/FUL -**  awaiting the decision of CDC’s Planning Department.

1. Financial Matters

Gaptc clerk training £20.00

The meeting was closed at 9.35 pm.

**Date of next meeting**: Monday 6th December 2021, 7.30 pm