**Minutes of the Meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council (SKPC) 10th January 2022**

Cllrs Present: Cllr R.Elsy(RE) Cllr M. Keegan (MK) Cllr R.Sleeman (RS), Cllr A. Stradling (AS),

Held in the Village Hall in person.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr J.Whitwell(JW), Cllr M.Rigby(MR), Cllr G.Valentine(GV), Cllr T.Berry(TB), Cllr L.Spivey (LS)
2. **Present:** K.Josey Clerk (KJ),
3. **Declaration of interest:** none
4. **Minutes** of meeting held 6th December were approved. Proposed AS, seconded RS.
5. **Clerk’s report** 
   1. **Parish Field:** MR and MK attended a meeting with Tom Kiddey SKWP (TK) and a full report was sent to all councilors. The issue of the large metal sign was raised with TK – he advised that he would look at the sign and whether it is now defunct. Action: KJ to email TK for update.
   2. Village Lake: Full payment has been made by CDC for the Meadow and KJ has issued cheques in full payment to Cotswolds Estates.
   3. **GCC Highways/ footpaths:**
      1. **Village gateway signs:** Awaiting Highways to install new signage as per agreed designs. Action - AS has contacted R.Gray (Highways) who is chasing a date.

**5.3.2 Footpaths:** The third gate has now been fitted and is a great improvement to the old stile that has now been removed.

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

**Neigh Bridge:** –

5.4.1 The relocation of the dog waste bin has not been actioned. TB confirmed by email that CDC were meeting 7/1/22 to discuss dog bins within the area and this would be on the list. Action: TB to update.

1. **Other Matters**

6.1 OR agreed to offer LME staff for the Water Lane Hedge work. KJ has emailed O.R to arrange a site visit. Action- KJ awaiting O.R for dates.

6.2 The cycleway/footpath which runs alongside the Spine Road was never completed. This was originally agreed to continue to Neigh Bridge. It was agreed the KJ would investigate who is responsible for this. Action: KJ to contact LME/CDC regarding responsibility for this.

6.3 Cllr R.Sleeman (RS) expressed his intention to stand down as a Parish Councilor in the Spring after many years of service to Somerford Keynes.

6.4 KJ and MR had a site meeting on 17th December with R.Gray (Highways) regarding the flooding and drain issues from the church lane down to, and past, Pendle Cottage on Main Street. Investigative works are to be carried out in by Highways. Action- KJ to monitor progress.

6.5 The PC Spring Newsletter is due soon – Action KJ to inform GV and JW.

1. **Clerks Report**

7.1 The village field lease with Waterland expires in September 2022 the PC agreed to contact Jo Pendlebury for written confirmation of her desire to continue with a future lease. Once this is in writing M.R will then contact the appropriate solicitor. Action - KJ to contact J. Pendlebury.

1. **Correspondence**

8.1 The homeowner of the newly erected fence has agreed a plan with CDC Planning Dept, and this will be in progress by 8th February.

8.2 A parishioner (R.Abrahams) has been kind enough to accept the role of Flood Warden for the village.

8.3 Cllr Stradling had attended the Village Hall Meeting and the Queens Jubilee Celebrations were discussed. The PC agreed to having a joined-up village event with the Village Hall and Village Church, possibly coinciding with a Summer Fete. Action – KJ to investigate.

**9.Planning applications**

**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 – no objection

**21/04663/TCONR** - Works to trees in conservation areas for T1 - Weeping willow - re-pollard. T2 - Sycamore - cut back to boundary line up to approx. 30ft at Pendle Cottage Somerford Keynes – no objection

LME

**21/04683/FUL** - Installation of timber steps and a small jetty to provide safe access to Howells Mere lake at Swallowtail 38 Howells Mere Lower Mill Lane Somerford Keynes Cirencester – no objection

**21/04710/FUL-** Variation of condition 2 (Plans) of permission 14/05035/FUL - Erection of seven detached holiday units, erection of ancillary buildings, provision of new landscaping, amended vehicular and pedestrian access, creation of ponds and wetland areas at General Lower Mill Estate Lower Mill Lane Somerford Keynes Gloucestershire GL7 6BG – no objection

**21/04567/FUL** - Demolition of existing garage and erection of a two storey side extension with associated amendments to parking and landscape areas at 1A Spinney Lake Lower Mill Lane Somerford Keynes Cirencester Gloucestershire – no objection

**21/04734/FUL** -Variation of condition 2 (plans) re permission 20/03592/FUL - Erection of 8 detached holiday units, ancillary buildings, provision of new landscaping, vehicular access plus amendments to the waters' edge of Minety Lake at 2 Minety Lake Lower Mill Estate Somerford Keynes Cirencester – no objection

**21/04740/FUL -** To construct a jetty with access via a 7 tread step set and a 5 tread swim ladder at the rear of 14 Clearwater Village to enable lake access during the open season. The step set to be 1m wide and the jetty 3m long. at Heron View 14 Clearwater Village Lower Mill Lane Somerford Keynes - no objection

**Financial Matters**

£3115.70 VH Meadow (claimed back)

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

**Date of next meeting**: Monday 7th February 2022, 7.30 pm