**Minutes of the Meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council (SKPC) 9th May 2022**

Cllrs Present:Cllr J.Whitwell(JW), Cllr R.Elsy(RE), Cllr A.Stradling(AS), Cllr G.Valentine (GV),Cllr T.Berry(TB),

Held in the Village Hall in person.

1. **Apologies:** - Cllr L Spivey (LS), Cllr M.Keegan (MK), Cllr M.Rigby(MR)
2. **Apologies given regarding late submission of the Agenda to PC and Parishioners –** Councillors voted to take the decision to go ahead.
3. **Present:** Clerk K.Josey (KJ) Mark Hastie-Oldland (MH) and one parishioner
4. **Declaration of interest:** GV
5. **Minutes** of meeting held 4th April were approved. Proposed AS, Seconded, GV.
6. **Clerk’s report**

**6.1** KJ had requested confirmation of Councillor duties in April’s Meeting – Cllr John Whitwell (JW) stated he would be happy for another councillor to step forward and take on the role of Chair. The offer was not taken up.

**6.2** The PC have co-opted a new Councillor and we welcome Mark Hastie-Oldland

**6.3 Parish Field:** The new lease is progressing. Action: Cllr Rigby to update on her return.

**6.4 GCC Highways/ footpaths:**

**6.4.1** There has been no update regarding the re-direction of Footpath 18. We were assured that the proposed change would be sent to the PC for comment. Action: KJ and TB to contact Frank Dorrington-Ward.

6.4.2.Drainage from Church Lane to the Baker’s Arms awaiting Highways update.

**7 Matters Arising**

7.1 The re-laying of Water Lane Hedge has been completed and the Parish Council thank Oberon Rogers and staff at LME.

7.2 KJ has put in temporary road closure request for Water Lane on Saturday 4th June but has not yet received confirmation from GCC. Action- KJ to chase GCC

7.3 The litter around Neigh Bridge dog bin is becoming increasingly worse and this appears to be compounded since the removal of all waste bins from Neigh Bridge by Cotswold Lake Trust. The Councillors agreed to contact Cotswold Lake Trust to request a large bin is reinstated. Action – KJ to write to Cotswold Lakes Trust.

7.4 A parishioner asked the Parish Council if it could confirm that it owns the short path at the end of the Parish Field, which links the corner of Spratsgate Lane to Keynes Park, in order to determine if the old wooden sign is on Parish land. MH suggested paying the fee for the Land Registry to establish this fact. Action- PC to investigate

**8 Correspondence**

8.1 The PC has not received a planning application regarding the work taking place in the garden of the Baker’s Arms, which is in the conservation area.

8.2 The PC received a suggestion that a third defibrillator might be needed in the village. The PC did not think this was cost effective and that two defibrillators are sufficient for the size of the village.

8.3 A parishioner contacted the PC regarding the rights of way on Footpath 12 through Shorncote. The landowner, MK, will clarify.

8.4 There will be a triathlon taking place on Sunday 15th May which will pass through the village at approx 8.30 am. The P.C has also received notifications of 2 future events which have taken place for several years. These will be on 5th June and 10th July. The organiser will be contacting households in the near future.

8.5 Cllr Tony Berry (TB) informed the Councillors of a new project targeting speeding within villages. He forwarded the details and the PC will consider this further.

**9.Planning applications**

**22/01276/FUL**- Full Application for Erection of first floor extension and part garage conversion at Garden Cottage Somerford Keynes Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6DN – no objection

**22/01533/TCONR** - Works to trees in conservation areas for Tree 1 - Conifer adjacent to the SW Corner of the Old School House. The tree is in very close proximity to the property and has low amenity value. Roots have severely damaged property drainage pipes and soakaway, and risk building foundation. Tree would cause significant damage to the property if it were to come down in a storm. Tree to be removed, and replaced with a smaller, UK-native

deciduous tree, which will act as a greater carbon sink. Removing will open views of

historic school room window, returning visual appearance to a more historic manner. No objection.

Tree 2 - Conifer on SW corner of drive. Tree roots have caused extensive damage to

soakaway and associated pipeworks, as well as undermining historic dry-stone wall. Tree

to be removed and replaced with a smaller, UK-native, deciduous tree, which will act as a

greater carbon sink. – no objection

Tree 3 - Conifer on NW corner of drive. Tree to be removed. at The Old School House – no objection

**22/01277/CLOPUD** - Erection of a single storey rear extension at Thameside House Mill Lane Somerford Keynes – no objection

**LME**

**22/00578/FUL** - Variation of conditions 2 (Approved plans) and 3 (Occupancy) of

permission 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 to change the permitted unit type and

occupancy restriction on plot 59 Minety Lake South West at 59 Minety Lake Lower Mill – no objection

**22/00636/FUL**- Application for Installation of a mixed hedge in the front garden of the property at 77Howells Mere Lower Mill Lane Somerford Keynes Cirencester Gloucestershire – no objection

Financial Matters

Defib pads £58.50, Clerk extra hours £58.65, proposed AS, Seconded GV.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 6th June 7.30pm