**Minutes of the Meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council (SKPC) 4th July 2022**

Cllrs Present: Cllr J.Whitwell (JW), Cllr R. Elsey (RE), Cllr A. Stradling(AS),Cllr T. Berry(TB), Cllr M. Keegan (MK), Cllr M. Rigby (MR), Cllr M. Hastie-Oldland (MH)

Present: K.Josey Clerk (KJ) and 2 parishioners

Held in the Village Hall in person.

1. **Apologies:** - Cllr L Spivey (LS), Cllr G. Valentine (GV)
2. **Declaration of interest:** none

**3. Minutes** of the meeting held on 6th June approved MR seconded AS

**4.Clerk’s report re-election of officers**

* Chair John Whitwell, proposed MK, seconded AS and elected unanimously
* Vice-chair: Richard Elsey, proposed MK, seconded AS
* Newsletter:  John Whitwell
* Footpaths: John Whitwell
* Flooding, ditches, verges: Michele Rigby     (Elected *en bloc* Proposed MH- O
* Emergency Plan: Graham Valentine seconded RE)
* Village lake representatives: Mandy Keegan and Graham Valentine
* Village hall representative: Angela Stradling
* Telephone box defibrillator representative: John Whitwell
* Parish Field: Mandy Keegan and Richard Elsey
* Clerk payroll: Mandy Keegan
* Website: Mike McKeown, Annie McKeown
* Tree Warden: Lisa Willis
* Snow Warden: Andrew Timbrell
* Neighbourhood Development Plan: Mark Hastie-Oldland
* Community Energy representative: Mark Hastie-Oldland
* Tackling the long-term issue of fly-tipping: Mark Hastie-Oldland
* Flood Warden: Rob Abrahams

**5. Village Lake/Parish Field**

 5.1 The PC are awaiting quotes from Mike Wilding regarding the non-slip strips for the boardwalk at the Village Lake.

5.2 The new lease has been signed and returned to Tanners solicitors for Waterland signatures. Cllr. Rigby (MR) suggested that the new lease details (start/expiry dates) are noted in the clerk’s diary. **Action** -KJ to diarise

5.3 The wooden sign on the Parish Field has not been removed. **Action** – KJ to write to T.Kiddey (Cotswold Country Park and Beach manager) explaining that if no action is seen by 19th August the PC will arrange to remove the sign at CCPB’s expense.

**6. Correspondence**

6.1 The Triathlon had previously been reported and going well – however there had been a complaint raised after the previous PC meeting which highlighted an issue with a warden not allowing road access to vehicles. KJ has contacted Graeme Hardie( the event organizer) who had offered a full and comprehensive explanation of how this would be addressed and rectified for future events.

6.2 VAS Speed Scheme **–** This was discussed and everyone was in favour of applying. The speed limit through the village is 30mph and the camera will record speeds. KJ confirmed that the PC does have a speed gun. **Action** - KJ to fill out the application form.

6.3 KJ has received emails regarding the new boundary fencing – this has been erected by the landowner to secure their perimeter.

**7. Matters arising**

7.1 Roger Sleeman attended and thanked the PC for his nomination and subsequent award of a BEM. Roger had been nominated for his outstanding contribution to the village and Parish Council. Roger also thanked the village and its parishioners for their hard work alongside his own.

7.2 Cllr Hastie-Oldland raised strong concerns regarding the numerous occasions of fly-tipping on the Ewen Road and along the road to Spratsgate Lane. Cllr. Berry (TB) confirmed that CDC are looking into measures. It was agreed that Cllr Berry (TB) would arrange for Kevin Lea (CDC) to come and meet the PC to look at what further measures could be implemented. **Action** – TB to organise with Kevin.

7.3 Cllr Stradling (AS) raised the issue of the overgrown footpath. She very kindly agreed to strim this to keep the footpath in good order. **Action** - AS

**8.Planning applications**

**22/01515/FUL** - Replace main entrance gates and field gate at Kemble Mill Poole

Keynes Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6ED – no objection

**22/01322/FUL** - Erection of temporary sheltered seating area in rear pub garden. Other

works to include the erection of restaurant service station, children's play equipment and associated paving and landscaping. Replace derelict sheds with wooden storeroom (partially retrospective) at The Bakers Arms Somerford Keynes Cirencester Action – KJ to submit comments regarding impact on neighbours.

**LME**

**22/01884/FUL** - Additional temporary 5 year siting of new and existing cabins (for

office, ancillary administration and welfare uses and containers (for material and

equipment storage), parking, manoeuvring and related infrastructure (retrospective) at

Lake 63 Somerford Keynes Gloucestershire – no objection

**22/01883/FUL** - Removal of condition 21 (Occupancy of holiday units) of permission

06/01595/FUL - (Revised site plan for Howell's Mere and detail design for 46 holiday

homes, communal barns, 1 barn with indoor tennis court, refuse stores, access road and

foot bridges) to allow for year round occupancy at Plot HM22 at Cranesbill Island 22

Howells Mere Lower Mill Lane Somerford Keynes Cirencester – no objection

**22/01748/FUL** - Full Application for Enclosure of ground floor undercroft area, erection of Jetty and associated works at Grassmere 10 Howells Mere Lower Mill Lane Somerford Keynes – no objection

**22/00647/FUL** - Additional allotments and compost bays, relocation of poly tunnels,

lean to greenhouse to cabin, overflow staff car parking and landscaping at Land North

East Of Spinney Lake Lower Mill Lane Somerford Keynes Gloucestershire – **ADDITIONAL DETAILS RECEIVED TO APPLICATION** – Action- KJ to reiterate parking considerations to planning

**Planning Applications Update**

Tall Trees – There was no progress or decision made on this.

Land adjacent to Ashlands House – there has been no update from CDC Planning. The question arose as to whether the PC could do more than it has done so far. It was generally felt that the PC and Cllr Berry (TB) have done all they can for now.

Financial Matters

Audit £50.00, Jubilee children’s events £70.44 proposed JW seconded RE

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 1st August 7.30pm