Minutes of the Meeting of Somerford Keynes Parish Council 6th February 2023

**7.30pm - Held In the Village Hall**

Present: Cllr J. Whitwell (JW) Cllr R. Elsey (RE), Cllr G. Valentine (GV) , Cllr A. Stradling (AS), District Cllr T. Berry (TB), Cllr M. Rigby (MR)

Also present: Clerk K. Josey (KJ), and 2 members of the public

**1.Apologies:** -Cllr L. Spivey (LS), Cllr M. Keegan (MK) Cllr M. Hastie-Oldland (M.H-O),

**2.Declaration of interest: none**

**3.Public Session – no comments received**

**4. Jo Pendlebury Lake 32**

Jo attended the meeting to inform the PC of future events at the Lake. The 113 all day events will take place on 4th June and 9th July. The ½ day triathlon will be 21st May. The Lake is also holding late swim with music on Thursday evenings during July and August with an 8-8.30pm finish time. Jo also asked the PC for consideration of a LakeFest event on 22nd July which would involve camping on the parish field and music. The PC agreed to consider this. Cllr Rigby agreed to check the Parish Field Lease regarding camping on the site.

**5. Village Lake Report and Overview from Mike Wilding**

**REPORT FOR FEB 23 MEETING:**

Not much activity in January due to weather, except for renewal of gate posts and rehanging gate. Lake froze over for the first time in a few years and water level rose to highest for some time at 87.76m above ordnance datum, as measured on our gauge. Planned to start volunteer mornings again in early March

Mike attended to give Councillors a full overview of the history of the village lake and expenditure. There was also discussion regarding the future expenditure at the lake and it was agreed that the current allocated amount is sufficient.

**6.Report from Cllr L.Spivey**

Not received

**7.Report from Cllr T.Berry**

The Cotswold District Council (CDC) prosperity fund is now available – please contact C.D.C for more details

Peer review has been completed by C.D.C and can be viewed on the C.D.C website

A staff recognition scheme is in place at C.D.C and can be completed on the C.D.C website.

Funding is available for the Coronation through National Lottery Awards – although this may take 12 weeks to process.

**8.Approval of Minutes** of the meeting held on January 9th Proposed R.E Seconded M.R

**9. Clerks Report and Matters Arising.**

**Flood Defences –** Cllr J. Whitwell and a member of the public attended a meeting with James Spicer (Environment Agency). It was unfortunate that no other councillor could attend as the meeting was rearranged at short notice. It was agreed that the E.A would be completing a plan for work to be carried out on the SK flood defences this year, in order to ensure that they are effective. These measures include clearing/digging out the ditches and the pump being relocated alongside continued monitoring. It was noted that the hedge which runs along the ditch by the bund does require maintenance. The PC will contact the landowner regarding this. It was noted that the spillway is well maintained.

This was a highly useful and positive meeting with the E.A

Parishioner A expressed disappointment that more councillors and villagers didn’t attend this meeting. Cllr Whitwell referred to the last minute change of date and that this meeting was mentioned in the previous minutes.

Parishioner B asked for the PC to try and get something done about the flooding which occurs in Water Lane on a regular basis.

**Water Lane Hedge**

A volunteer afternoon had been arranged by Cllr J. Whitwell and they worked on the maintenance of the Water Lane Green Corridor. It was a successful afternoon and hopefully more residents will join this working party. The PC would like to thank everyone involved.

**Footpath Bridge**

Cllr Whitwell had contacted Frank Dorrington Ward regarding the flooding of the stile on footpath BPK8. FDW agreed that this will be looked into when conditions are drier.

**10.Planning Items**

Updates on outstanding planning applications

Details of new planning applications

**22/04439/FUL** - Erection of first floor extension and part garage conversion (revised scheme following approved permission - 22/01276/FUL) at Garden Cottage Somerford Keynes Cirencester – no objection.

**22/04476/LBC** - Listed Building Consent for Refurbishment and renovation of Kemble Mill House including reconfiguration of the internal layout, replacement of Garden Room, removal of modern porch on southern elevation and replacement with French doors, rationalisation of the roofscape, raising of roof above the utility and range wings and construction of new glazed link to northern elevation of the range at Kemble Mill Poole Keynes Cirencester – TB to visit site

**22/04475/FUL** - Full Application for Refurbishment and renovation of Kemble Mill House including reconfiguration of the internal layout, replacement of Garden Room, removal of modern porch on southern elevation and replacement with French doors, rationalisation of the roofscape, raising of roof above the utility and range wings and construction of new

glazed link to northern elevation of the range at Kemble Mill Poole Keynes Cirencester – TB to visit site

**LME**

**22/04395/FUL**- Application for Addition of jetty at 8 Spinney Lake Lower Mill Lane Somerford Keynes Cirencester Gloucestershire – no objection

**11. Shorncote/Cullimore Site Groundwater Mitigation Scheme.**

Raised water levels in January, have highlighted the need to ensure that the mitigation Compliance requirements for the Cullimore site have been or are being implemented. Cllr Lisa Spivey is in contact with GCC Planning in regard to this issue and the PC await her response. It was agreed that the PC would ask to be kept informed.

**12.** **Correspondence.**

Thames Water Sewage – a parishioner had highlighted the Thames Water tool which has been created by Thames Water which advised on overflow discharge into the Shorncote Ditch. The PC responded directly.

The PC has received a complaint regarding a resident brushing leaves into the gutter on The Street, which can subsequently block drains. The PC will consider any action.

The PC has been informed by a parishioner of the Ordnance Survey maps which show village properties. It was highlighted that this is probably out of date and could be updated. No councillor was available to take on this job at present.

The PC noted that the pothole and road repair app was very helpful and useful. <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/your-highways-report-it/> and has been used already by residents with success.

**13**. **Financial Matters** -£13.54 admin, £235 V.Lake,Approved A.S Seconded R.E

**14. Any other business for discussion, not requiring a decision, subject to the Chairman’s approval.**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on the evening of Friday 19th May at 7.30 pm in the village hall – more details will follow.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 15th May at 7.30 pm. This will be the first meeting of the newly elected Parish Council.

The Annual Parish Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 4th March from 10.30 am - 12 noon. The initial meeting and refreshments will be at the Village Hall.

**The PC have received election dates from CDC for the Parish elections on the 4th May 2023. All residents voting in person at the May 2023 elections will be required to show an acceptable form of ID to be able to vote. There will be vacancies within the current Parish Council. Nomination papers need to be submitted to CDC’s Returning Officer from Monday 20th March ‘23 until the deadline of 4pm on Tuesday 4th April ‘23. Anyone who is interested in the role please contact the Parish Clerk (skpcclerk@gmail.com)**

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 6th March 2023 7.30pm