

KEMPSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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To all Parish Councillors

Members are reminded that the council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, religion and any disability), Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety, and Human Rights.

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 19th October 2021

Mark Strange (Chair)	John O'Connell	Steve Trotter (CDC)	Sue Griffin (Parishioner)
Tony Williams	Christine Nugent	Stephen Andrews (CDC)	
Karen Saunders	Dom Morris (GCC)	Teresa Griffin (Clerk)	

- Apologies:** None
- Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 21st September were approved.
- Disclosure of member's interests:** Tony Williams declared an interest in the grant application from Kempford Table Tennis Club and was excluded from the decision process.
- Dispensation requests:** None
- Matters Arising:** None.
- Questions from members of the public:** Sue Griffin repeated the concerns of Whelford residents about speeding through the village and also the plane spotters parking on the cycleway.
- County Councillor's Report:** Dom Morris reported –
 - Build Back Better Fund – I haven't received any applications from this Parish. Money is still available and applications can come from village organisations/groups.
 - As part of the scheme to plant a million trees, we can provide them if there is anywhere suitable in the Parish.
 - Highways – Notification of the resurfacing works on Kempford High Street has been issued. It is my understanding that the drainage works outside the Parsonage would be completed prior to resurfacing – to check with Highways.
 - Details of the Multi-Agency Flood Event should be coming from James Blockney.
 - On the Sewerage front, it was due to come before the Rivers Task Force last week but Thames Water didn't turn up, so the event was cancelled.
 - Upper Thames Gravel – the issue has not been added to the December Overview & Scrutiny Agenda as it has gone quiet. Tony Williams provided an update on the recent visit to Shorcote Quarry by invitation from Hills Aggregates.
 - In order to chase up the situation with Persimmon, please can you forward an email outlining the issues.
 - The Clerk raised the poor state of the River Coln in respect of aquatic plants downstream of Fairford, and in particular after the outlet from the sewerage treatment plant. This issue was raised at the meeting earlier today with the Lakes 103/104 developers. Dom advised that Thames Water declare that in extremist they are permitted to discharge raw sewerage for one hour in four.
 - Will chase up cleaning/emptying the drains and gulleys.
- District Councillors Report:** - Stephen Andrews reported -
 - CDC's last full council meeting was held on the 22nd September. The next one is likely to be postponed until mid-December. The main Agenda item at the last meeting was approval of maintenance expenditure on Cirencester Leisure Centre. There was a motion on the '20mph is plenty' and the point was raised that the Cotswold Community Safety Partnership should have a role in this.
 - The cabinet meeting on the 4th October looked at approving the budget for consultation, which is now out. It proposes a rise in car park charges, a lessening of free time in car parks and a rise in the District's part of the community tax.

- Canal developments for information – at a recent Cotswold Canal Partnership Board meeting it was announced that an overall water body has been set up to look at various water issues in the south, and they have said there is a water shortage in the south east. This has again raised the profile of using the Thames and Seven Canal as a method of transferring water. Part of this involves looking at taking water from the water treatment plant at Cirencester and Swindon, and the use of a gravel pit at Latton. The possible development timetable, if agreed later this year, could mean land acquisition could begin as early as 2023. These schemes make the canal option more likely than a pipe.

A Planning Contravention Notice has been served on the person at Inglesham Roundhouse and the Canal Trust relating to dumping of brick and storage of fluid cubes which may result in legal action.

- It is understood that ‘planning issues’ were raised at the recent meeting between CDC and Town and Parish Councils. There is still a backlog in dealing with applications, many of which are taking up to 20 weeks to be decided.
- The future of Coln House School playing field is still undecided. Fairford Town Council is being encouraged to come up with a formal statement of what they want.
- A meeting is to be held with Fairford Town Council over the use of CIL money. The role of District CIL money may to be discussed at Council/Cabinet meeting in December.
- There is due to be a Community Governance Review across the Cotswold District. A letter will be out soon. Some Parishes have indicated that they would like to change their boundaries, so effectively it is a parish boundary review. The aim is to do any changes that are deemed necessary in time for the May 2023 elections.

Steve Trotter reported -

- A new SHLAA Consultation is coming out in the next 2 weeks.
- Sustrans Feasibility Report on multi-user path – Following the site visit in September, the report is expected mid-November.

9. **Kempsford Parish Council**

- **Parish Grant applications** – Applications were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors were reminded that grants payable under Section 137 expenditure is limited to the government set limit per electorate, currently £8.41. With 1027 electorates in February 2021 a maximum total of less than £8,637.07 would be permitted. Council approved a grant of £200 to Kempsford Brownies, £250 to the Table Tennis Club and a donation to the Royal British Legion of £100.
- **Updates from meetings attended** –
 - Mark Strange attended the meeting between CDC and Town and Parish Councils as discussed in Item 8 above. Down Ampney are in the process of doing a NDP and confirmed that CDC would be very supportive if this is a route we wish to go down.
 - Mark Strange attended the village meeting to discuss the churchyards. Very few people present. It was suggested a noticeboard could be put up by the churchyard.
 - Little reported at the Weymouth Trust meeting as the Head Teacher not present. All trustee positions have now been filled.
 - A positive meeting was held today with Lakes by Yoo as they have now become partners in the lake 103/104 development. They recognise the need to relook at some of the hydrology reports, given the time since planning permission was granted. They are also keen to look at getting the closed footpaths reopened, and the future alignment of them.
 - Karen Saunders reported on the Kempsford Village Hall meeting –
 - * The Parish Council complaints following the last hall hire are being addressed.
 - * The cleaners have been sacked.
 - * The fascia and guttering downpipes are going to be sorted. The roof is still a concern and possible grants for insulation of it are being looked at.
 - * The café has restarted, and was very busy.
 - * The small meeting room and storage area in the toilets is to be sorted. They are looking at getting the grass cut behind the hall and use it as a community garden.
 - * One user has left because the floor is cold.
 - * An electrical survey is being carried out.
 - * They are appealing for new members as some expected to leave at the end of the year and AGM. They have asked what would happen if not enough members can be found – this has been looked at before by the Parish Council and the Clerk was asked to find the information.
 - Tony Williams and John O’Connell attended a meeting on the base to meet the 9th Bomber Wing.
- **Residents reports to Councillors** – None.

10. **Planning & Licensing –**

Ref	Location	Proposal	Decision
21/03501/FUL	The Gables, Whelford	Full application for erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of loft to additional accommodation, including extension of existing front gables and additional dormer windows and associated work	No comment
17/05047/FUL	Coln Country Park, Claydon Pike, Lechlade	Full application for construction of a temporary Country Park Visitor Centre and a permanent Visitor Centre	Initial comment requesting further information to be submitted to be put on the planning portal

11. **Finance**

1. The following bills were approved to be paid:-

002191	CDC (Newsletter printing x 3)	£229.20
002192	Westlea Landscaping (Kempsford grass September)	£114.00 inc. VAT
002193	SSE (Power Dunfield defib & Reevey speed sign)	£5.13 inc. VAT
002194	Viking (stationery)	£16.24 inc. VAT
002195	J&T Chesterman (Whelford grass September)	£120.00
002196	Glos. Playing Fields Assoc. (membership renewal)	£50.00
002197	T Griffin (wages & use of home)	£370.18
002198	HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£34.20
Receipts since last meeting:		
	Bank Interest	£ .52
	CDC Precept (2 nd instalment)	£6,070.00

2. The Finance Report was agreed and approved.

12. **Clerks Report –**

- The speed enforcement camera van was out in Whelford on Sunday 17th October and Monday 18th October.
- A resident of Chapel Close has complained that non-residents of the Close have been parking there restricting access for residents. She has requested a notice be put in the next Parish Newsletter.

13. **Correspondence –**

All correspondence received via email has been circulated.

14. **Date of next meeting –** Tuesday 16th November 2021.

Meeting ended at 9.45pm

Copies:- Mrs Nugent, Mr Stokes, Mrs Saunders, Mr Williams, Mr Nickson, Mr Strange, CD.Cllrs, C.Cllrs.