

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 21st September 2021

Mark Strange (Chair)	John O'Connell	Karen Saunders	Teresa Griffin (Clerk)
Tony Williams	Phil Nickson	Stephen Andrews (CDC)	Andy Lee (resident & Speed Watch Co-ord.)
Jerry Stokes	Christine Nugent	Dom Morris (GCC)	

- Apologies:** None
- Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 17th August were approved.
- Disclosure of member's interests:** None
- Dispensation requests:** None
- Matters Arising:** None.
- Questions from members of the public:** Andy Lee provided an update on the Community Speed Watch Group –
 - The group consists of a hard-core of between 6 and 8 volunteers, 2 of which are ex-Police.
 - The radar gun equipment is no longer maintained by the local Constabulary and they have centralised all of the radar guns, predominantly in Gloucester, with one gun in Cirencester.
 - The Cirencester kit has been received, but it is unmaintained and the battery charger has been lost. They are now recommending to Parish Councils that they purchase their own equipment at a cost of approximately £250.
- County Councillor's Report:** Dom Morris reported –
 - In relation to the Speed Watch Group update, a motion came through the Scrutiny Committee for which GCC and the Police are committing to a partnership offering local town and parish councils a menu. This menu asks what you would like done on speed limits, traffic calming and enforcement etc. It has been signed off by the Police and about to be signed off by GCC. It includes a new automated speed watch capability which is being trialled in Quenington. This would provide automated data evidence which could feed through to targeted enforcement.
The Parish Council provided information on a new sign manufactured by Westcotec that they were interested in purchasing that records vehicle registrations in order for warning signs to be issued to repeat offenders. The sign has not been approved for use by Gloucestershire Constabulary. Dom advised contacting Paul Keasey to chase up.
 - It was announced at the recent Police Commissioner Roadshow that new volunteer 'Specials' are to be recruited.
 - Pot holes – 46 teams have been out, compared to the normal 24, to catch up on repairs.
 - I was pleased to see the repairs being carried out on Chapel Road. Tony Williams advised that it is not intended for the full works to be done and the affected resident has been unable to contact the Highways Manager. Dom to send email requesting he call tomorrow.
 - There is a scheme for a million trees to be planted in Gloucestershire so please let me know if you have anywhere suitable.
 - A £2 million Build Back Better Fund has been launched in Gloucestershire, with £40,000 allocated to each councillor. Parish and town councils are being encouraged to apply for funding to support events and initiatives.
 - I am trying to organise a flood prevention event where town and parish councils can share best practice etc.
- District Councillors Report:** -
Stephen Andrews reported -
 - Council meet tomorrow, there is only one item on the agenda.
 - Planning remains an issue, with some applications taking over 24 weeks to decide.
 - As chair of Overview and Scrutiny I have initiated a review of performance measures, including planning, and the Cabinet will participate in it.

- I have received an email response from GCC in respect of the parking issues and they want to set up a meeting to understand what our concerns are. I will talk to Jenny Collyer to see if it can be incorporated in to the next regular RAF Fairford liaison meeting.

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- **Review of Contracts for Clerk and Maintenance Position** – Both contracts were discussed with no changes required.
- **Updates from meetings attended** –
 - Tony Williams reported on the AI Quarry Liaison meeting. It is pleasing to see the water in ‘swan lake’ has virtually disappeared. The number of lorry movements was not included within the Quarry Manager’s Report and this information has now been received. This will be forwarded to all councillors. Note, the numbers are based on one way visits.
A letter has been drafted to MOD Safeguarding asking for a formal response to the proposal of a footpath alongside Site 16. Stephen Andrews advised that there is a planned change of use for Site 16 so their previous explosive safeguarding concerns and Inhabited Building Distance rules may not apply.
With regards to the planning application for a new bridge over the Dudgrove Brook which the Parish Council had objected to, the Planning Officer is confident that he can provide information to satisfy our concerns and that the objection can be withdrawn.
 - Mark Strange attended a meeting yesterday of Civic Leaders at RAF Fairford, which included a tour of the base.
The empty houses are used for airmen during events/exercises. Brize Norton personnel will have vacated the other houses by the end of September, but these are not up to USAF standard.
 - Karen Saunders reported on the recent Kempsford Village Hall Committee Meeting –
 - * The regular monthly café will restart in October and a Halloween Café is planned for the end of October. There is concern about the Post Office operating from the kitchen during the café due to space. As he requires access to the phone socket it is difficult to move him.
 - * An Advent Christmas Market is planned for the end of November and they are hoping to include a volunteer entertainer.
 - * A Well Being Co-Ordinator, Mary Ann, attended the meeting and she will attend the October Café to talk to people about new activities/groups with the focus on loneliness.
 - * Roof repairs were discussed and two quotes for current repairs have been received. One quote for reroofing the whole hall was received totalling £40,000. Both contractors estimate a 5y year life left in the current roof. Quotes for weatherboard and guttering are being sought.
 - * Committee meetings will return to Wednesdays and a week earlier to plan for the cafes.
 - John O’Connell attended the Police Commission Roadshow and has circulated notes by email. Crime Commission Chris Nelson reports directly to the Home Secretary and has a budget of approximately £170 million. One of their biggest concerns is the change in crime and it is stretching their resources. 160 specials are to be recruited.
 - Tony Williams and the Clerk attended a site visit from Sustrans in relation to the multi-user path proposal. It was a useful walk and it will be interesting to see their feasibility study.
 - Phil Nickson and John O’Connell attended a meeting with Persimmons. The gravel they have put down in the car park is a unsuitable and a mess. Mark Strange to email Chris Smythe.
- **Open Meeting for parishioners** – This will be an informal meeting with refreshments. There will be an opportunity for people to post comments and thoughts on a scribble board.
- **Residents reports to Councillors** –
 - Tony Williams reported a complaint from a resident at Mount Pleasant and it was agreed that it was a neighbourly dispute and not something for the Parish Council.
 - The Clerk reported a call from a Reevey resident concerned about their child having to walk to the Dunfield junction to pick up the school bus. They were advised to contact the school in the first instance, followed by Gloucestershire County Council if no result. No further correspondence has been received.
 - A resident on Top Road, Kempsford has requested that something be put in the next Parish Newsletter asking residents that park on the road to be considerate to their neighbours.
 - Mark Strange has been contacted by the Vicar. She is arranging a meeting in the Village Hall on the 11th October to outline rules of the graveyard. They are trying to discourage plastic and other items

being put on graves and plan to provide bulbs as an alternative. It was agreed that if they wished to submit a grant application for a contribution towards the cost of the bulbs it would be considered.

10. **Planning & Licensing –**

Ref	Location	Proposal	Decision
21/03262/FUL	2 Huntsmans Causeway, Coln Waters	Full application for erection of decked walkway and deck area (retrospective)	No comment
21/03473/FUL	The Hay Loft, Dunfield	Full application for single storey garage extension and conversion. Addition of built link, re-cladding and air-source heat pump to main dwelling. Conversion of car port to shed,	Councillors to circulate any comments by email as only arrived today
CDC 21/03219/FUL	Plot W.03, Coln Waters Leisure Development	Full application for change of unit design, siting and landscaping	No comment
CDC 21/03277/FUL	Coln Waters Leisure Development	Full application for variation of conditions 3 (drawings), 7 (landscaping), 9 (temporary fencing) and 10 (biodiversity) of permission 21/03217/FUL to allow for decking extension with swimming pool, amendments to fenestration, building footprint & associated works	No comment
GCC 21/0052/CWMAJM	Manor Farm Quarry, Kempsford	Erection and use of wheel wash and weighbridge	No objection

11. **Finance**

1. The following bills paid between meetings were approved:-

002185 The Play Inspection Co. (2 x annual play inspections) £162.00 inc. VAT

The following bills were approved to be paid:-

002186 Westlea Landscaping (Kempsford grass August) £114.00 inc. VAT

002187 J&T Chesterman (Whelford grass August) £120.00

002188 VOID

002189 T Griffin (wages, holiday & use of home) £566.65

002190 HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE) £83.60

Receipts since last meeting:

Bank Interest £ .51

Notification of balancing precept received today £6,070.00

2. The Finance Report was agreed and approved.

3. John O'Connell asked if new flood bags should be purchased. It was agreed to wait until after the Flood Event being organised by Dom Morris.

12. **Clerks Report –**

Richard Arquati from RIAT has asked how useful the Residents Newsletter they produce for the Air Show is. It was agreed that it is very important as not all residents use/have access to technology/social media.

13. **Correspondence –**

All correspondence received via email has been circulated.

14. **Date of next meeting –** Tuesday 19th October 2021.

Meeting ended at 9.25pm

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