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Dear Maurice

RE: Water Park – The Way Forward

Thank you for your letter on behalf of South Cerney, Ashton Keynes and Somerford Keynes Parish Councils.

As you will have noticed we are currently seeking views on the Society through a public consultation process, I will ensure that your concerns and comments are included within the responses we have received in addition to those we may have received via the questionnaire.

As part of the process we have announced a public meeting to be held at the Gateway Centre on the **20th October at 6:30pm**. At that meeting we aim to give some feedback on the public consultation process and go through our proposals on how we propose to re-structure and improve the organisation in the light of what has recently happened.

We would like to see a good turnout at that meeting and would be appreciative if you could help publicise the meeting to your parishioners.

The detailed scheme is due to be presented at the Society's AGM which is planned to take place on the 3rd November 2010. At that meeting members of the Society will have the final say in any proposed changes.

The draft proposals we have produced have been given the in principle support by the three key organisations; The Board of the Society, The Joint Committee and the Board of the charity, the Cotswold Water Park Trust. Given that the proposals have now been given initial support I think it would be a good time to circulate our outline proposals to a wider audience.

Currently we have three companies within the overall organisational structure:

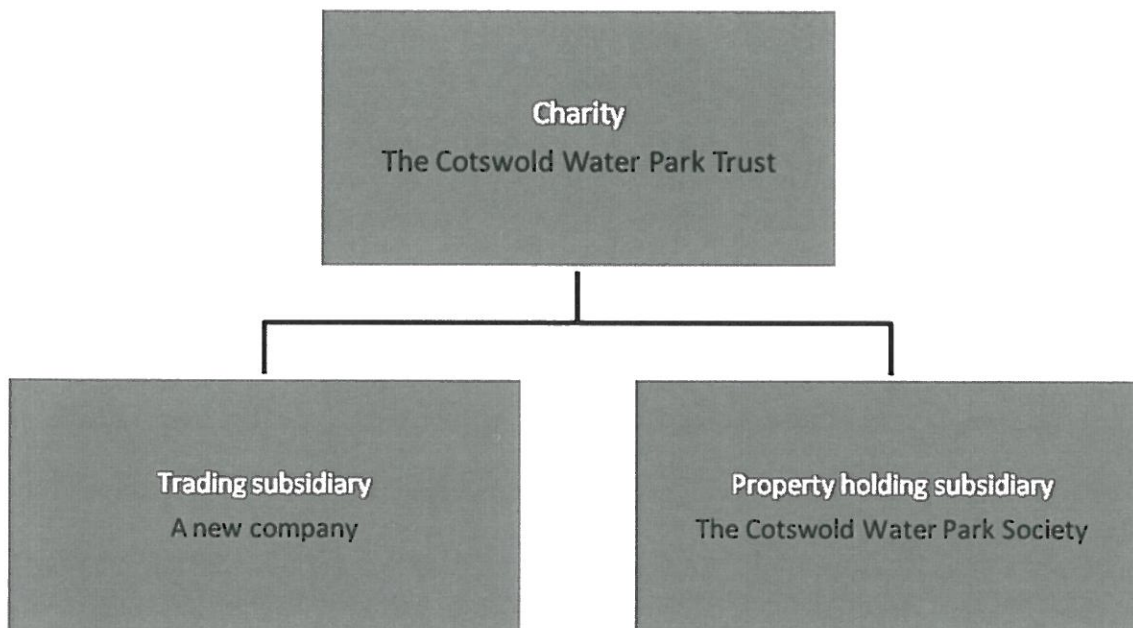
1. The Cotswold Water Park Society – the original Industrial and Provident Society set up in 1996.
2. The Cotswold Water Park Trust – the registered charity which became operational in 2007.
3. Cotswold Water Park Estates and Rangers Ltd – now a wholly owned subsidiary of the Society.

In essence what we are seeking to do is:

1. Empower the Trust to take over delivery of all the activities currently undertaken by the Society.
2. Reduce the Society's role to that of a landholding company subservient to the Trust (it will effectively disappear in the new structure).
3. Dissolve CWP Estates and Ranger Services Ltd.
4. Create a new trading arm for the Trust in line with standard charitable practice.



In effect the new organisation could look like this:



The restructure will aim to improve the way the organisation is both governed and regulated and to build up a wider membership which can be more actively involved with our work.

A much more detailed document is being worked upon as we speak to include more information on how the governance and membership of the new organisation will work in the future. We will be presenting this detailed proposal at the public meeting for discussion and comment.

If you would like a meeting with myself and/or Tasha outside the public meeting please let us know and we will come back to you with some suitable dates.

Yours sincerely

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Cotswold Water Park Society

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