



Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Kemble & Ewen Parish Council held on Friday 13th January 2006 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall.

Present: Councillor David Ball, Vice Chairman Councillor S. Sorabjee
Councillor C. Brann Councillor L. Hetherington
Councillor G. Moreman Councillor G Collins
Councillor J Courts Councillor M Bainbridge

In attendance: John Birch, District Councillor Isobel Yates, Clerk Member of the public

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence. Apologies were accepted from Cllr R Pettit (prior engagement). Cllr D Ball chaired the meeting in his absence.

2. Receipt of Declarations of Interest. DB declared an interest in item 5: Community Centre & JC in item 6: Community Fund Awards.

3. Approval and Signing of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting. The meeting agreed the addition of an action point on RP under item 6: Report on the Community Centre proposals - to request confirmation in writing from Kemble Farms that the current scheme was the only option available. The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 2nd December 2005 were then approved, and signed by the Chairman.

4. Report on matters arising from the minutes - items not on the agenda.

May05/12	Done.
July05/15	Station fencing – carried forward. RP.
Sept05/11	Done.
Oct05/5	Meeting with Wessex Trains/First Great Western re parking issues – c/f RP.
Oct05/6	Done.
Dec05/2	Price of speed monitors. LH to follow up with John Whittaker/ contact Sue Hill who may have information.
Dec05/3	Sharing costs of monitors with Coates PC – carried forward. RP.
Dec05/4	Done.
Dec05/5	LH reported that School bus stop had moved to main road, but by road side, not in lay-by. The meeting agreed that Alex Cars should be thanked for moving the stop but asked if 2 drop offs could be made, one at the school & the other in the lay-by on the main road for safety reasons. LH to follow up.
Dec05/6	Lorries through Ewen - done. SS spoken to Hills, Nurdens & Henry Cole.
Dec05/7	Done.
Dec05/8	Letters on windscreens in Station Rd – GM reported that had started to use these & that some residents were putting own letters out. Police also involved & had moved some vehicles on for parking too close to junctions.
Dec05/9	Windmill Road – LH reported that GCC had offered only plastic posts for the verge. These were not acceptable to the meeting. John Birch suggested contacting the Countryside Officer at CDC to find out what he would recommend for a village in a Conservation Area. LH to follow up.
Jan06/1	It was also agreed that LH & GM speak to residents in Windmill Road (verge side) to discuss problem parking & possibly having parking lay-byes.

LH reported that Martin Summerill had requested more details about the proposed barrier for West Lane near The Oaks.

Jan06/2 DB to provide details of barrier's location & dimensions to GCC.

5. Report on the Community Centre proposals.

Following discussion, the meeting agreed that Kemble Farms' offer should be confirmed in writing, clarifying that the current scheme was the only option available & that the site for the proposed hall & associated parking was on a freehold basis. It was also agreed that RP should ask again if the remainder of the playing field could be made freehold, to address ongoing concerns from some residents. However, it was accepted by the meeting that the terms were up to Kemble Farms to set & were being offered on a goodwill basis.

CB raised questions about the funding of the new Centre & also suggested that any Youth Club proposal should involve discussions with young people at an early stage about what they wanted. It was agreed that this could be done within the Parish Plan exercise.

The meeting discussed the draft Community Centre questionnaire at some length. It was finally agreed that it would be more appropriate, in view of the timescales involved, for feedback on the scheme to be sought as a key part of the Parish Plan survey, which would hopefully be going out next month, & not via a separate questionnaire. The Parish Plan was taken as the next item.

Jan06/3 DB to speak to RP about undertaking public consultation on the Community Centre proposals via the Parish Plan exercise.

8. Parish Plan. MB reported that he was meeting Melanie Tarrant, GRCC, on 17th January to put together the application to DEFRA for grant aid, deadline 24th January. He explained that both demonstrating community input in the survey work & achieving a 60-90% response rate to the survey were vital in gaining funding. The grant could be used to fund the survey work/focus groups, interpret the findings & develop the final Plan. The meeting unanimously approved a minimum commitment of £250 to the project to meet DEFRA's requirement that 25% match funding was available.

Re the Working Group, CB & LH volunteered to take part under MB's chairmanship. It was suggested that other members could be recruited via: adverts in the next newsletter, poster in the shop, Newshound, fliers for School parents, contact with village groups & direct approaches to several individuals. MB to clarify this following his meeting with GRCC.

6. Community Fund Winner/s.

Following lengthy discussion, the meeting agreed that the following grants be awarded:

Kemble Brownies	to set up a second pack	£200
Kemble Playgroup	for new equipment for the home corner/new building project	£400

Jan06/4 IY to write to all applicants notifying them of the decision & mentioning the £100 still available in the Ward Projects Fund.

7. PLANNING. The Committee's Report was noted.

9. PUBLIC RECESS.

A Ewen resident raised concerns about the speed of traffic between Kemble & Ewen & asked if some form of road narrowing at the bridge could be done. She also commented on the lack of a continuous pavement between the two villages. After discussion it was agreed that painting the road at the bridge to visually narrow the carriageway was the best option GCC were likely to accept.

Jan06/5 LH to put suggestion on road narrowing to John Whittaker, GCC.

She asked if more signs for The Wild Duck could be installed to help passing motorists.

Jan06/6 SS to speak to Mr Mussell at The Wild Duck.

10. FINANCE.

10.1 The financial report was noted. The Clerk advised the Council that Abbey had written on 29th December to RP declining to process the application to move the Council's accounts to them. Further information was awaited from the Branch's enquiries into the reasons for this.

10.2 Payment of accounts. The payment of accounts was agreed unanimously by the meeting:

10.2.1	I Yates salary & £8.509/hr x 5hrs/wk x 6 wks	£255.27	786	LGA 1972 s112
	+ Christmas gifts for June & Brian	£4.00		LGA 1972 s137
10.2.2	J Telling @£5.05/hr x 4hrs/wk x 6wks	£121.20	787	LGA 1972 s112
10.2.3	B Robbins @£6.50/hr x 1hr/wk x 6wks	£39.00	788	LGA 1972 s112
10.2.4	Kemble Playgroup – Community Fund	£400	789	LG(MP)A 1976 s19
10.2.5	Mrs CV Jones (Kemble Brownies) – Community Fund	£200	790	LG(MP)A 1976 s19

It was agreed that a sum of up to £20 should be made available for new bushes/grass for West Hay Green.

10.3 Business Plan 2006-2007. A number of minor amendments to the text were agreed, & noted by GC. The budget for the Best Kept Village competitions was revised to £500. The meeting approved the Plan, subject to these revisions.

Jan06/7 GC to circulate copies of the adopted Business Plan 2006-2007.

10.4 Approval of the Precept for 2006-2007. It was proposed by GC & seconded by SS that the Precept be set at £18,000 for the financial year 2006-2007. This was unanimously approved by the meeting.

Jan06/8 IY to submit the agreed Precept request to CDC.

11. KAP. SS reported that the picnic area had been levelled & seeded by Kemble Farms. KAP were now awaiting the installation of the picnic benches by Wickstead.

SS asked for comments on the proposed sign for the Play Area, to restrict its use to 13 year olds & under. The meeting was happy with the suggested wording & asked if the shape had been decided.

Jan06/9 SS to ask KAP to confirm the final details of the Play Area sign.

12. AOB.

12.1 GM asked everyone to think about a name for the Station Rd site & let RP have their ideas.

12.2 LH reported a suggestion received from a resident about twinning, possibly with a Third World country. It was agreed that this could be considered during the Parish Plan process.

12.3 MB reported that he had attended the Calor IT Final, with Kemble getting an honourable last place.

12.4 MB told the meeting that he had submitted an application for the Mitsubishi Village Fete of the Year.

12.5 JC advised the Council that the Chair of Kemble Playgroup had received some personal, unwelcome comments from some members of the Village Hall Management Committee following the Playgroup's decision to move to the School site in the future. The meeting expressed concern that this had happened & suggested that the Playgroup Committee write to the VHMC, explaining clearly its reasons for the move.

SIGNED

DATED

The meeting closed at 10.50pm.

The next meeting will be on Friday 24th. February 2006 in the Village Hall.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 13/1/06:

ITEM	ACTION	BY
July05/15	Chase response from Network Rail re station fencing grant.	RP
Oct05/5	Arrange to meet Wessex Trains/ First Great Western re parking issues.	RP/JB
Dec05/2	Obtain price of mobile speed monitors from JW /speak to Sue Hill (770796).	LH
Dec05/3	Talk to Coates PC about sharing costs of speed monitors.	RP
Dec05/5	Ask Alex Cars to drop school children off in lay-by on main road/ outside school	LH
Dec05/9	Ask for advice on posts for Windmill Rd verge from Countryside Officer, CDC .	LH
Jan06/1	Speak to Windmill Rd residents (verge side) about problem parking/use of parking lav-bves.	LH/ GM
Jan06/2	Provide details of The Oaks barrier to GCC	DB
Jan06/3	Speak to RP about using the Parish Plan survey for Community Centre consultation.	DB
Jan06/4	Write to all Community Centre applicants/advise about Ward Project Fund	IY
Jan06/5	Put proposal for road narrowing at Parkers Bridge in Ewen to John Whittaker.	LH
Jan06/6	Ask The Wild Duck to apply for more directional signs.	SS
Jan06/7	Circulate copies of the adopted Business Plan 2006-2007.	GC
Jan06/8	Submit Precept request to CDC.	IY
Jan06/9	Confirm details of Play Area sign with KAP	SS

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Notes on discussion held with John Birch, District Councillor, on 13th January 2006.

- JB confirmed that whilst the Tetbury Rd was closed from 23rd Jan to 10th Feb, through traffic south of Didmarton would be diverted via Stroud; at Tetbury traffic would be routed via Malmesbury but inevitably some local traffic would use Windmill Rd. Chris Franklin, GCC Highways, had promised to keep a close watch on the situation. JB suggested Supt. John Henry at Cirencester be approached to provide morning & evening patrols to help school children dropped off by the bus to cross the main road. IY to speak to Cirencester Police.
- Station Rd site. JB visiting contractors on site with CDC Planners on Monday 16th January to look at: contractors' on-site parking facility; to clarify the situation re the wall on the eastern side of the entrance; to establish if the landscaping plan had been followed.
- DB asked for JB's response to the withdrawal of the NHS Home Safety Check Scheme's funding by CDC. He responded that he had seen the report & very few local people received any benefit from the scheme.
- JB confirmed that the new Leisure Centre was due to open in the third week of March.