



Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Kemble & Ewen Parish Council held on Friday 14th July 2006 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall.

Present: Councillor R Pettit, Chairman
Councillor J Courts
Councillor C Brann
Councillor S. Sorabjee
Councillor G. Moreman

In attendance: John Birch, District Councillor
Member of the public
Isobel Yates, Clerk
Tom Sheppard, The Standard

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence. Apologies were accepted from Councillors George Collins, Laura Hetherington, David Ball & Mark Bainbridge.

2. Receipt of Declarations of Interest. JC declared interests in item 11.2: Donation to Kemble Playgroup & item 11.3: Schedule of accounts for payment. GM declared interests in item 6.3: Approval for a plaque, item 9: Kemble Airfield & item 5.2: Access from Station Road. Clarification of personal interest was given by the Chairman.

3. Approval and Signing of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings. The Minutes of both the meeting held on Friday 19th May & the Special Meeting held on 21st June were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

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

Jan06/2 DB to provide details of The Oaks barrier to GCC –carried forward.
Feb06/5 Increase on Gardenia invoice confirmed correct.
Mar06/1 RP to remind John Birch to chase outstanding payment due from Redcliffe Homes with CDC Planning (s.106 agreement).
Mar06/2 Brush cutter with DB for maintenance check.
May06/1 Station fencing in place but query on value for money – IY to speak to contractor.
May06/5 Retrospective planning consents – RP dealing with John Birch as an ongoing matter; Brookside, Ewen current case in point (ref. notes of discussion with JB during Public Recess).
May06/6 No response from Nigel Adams, CDC to 2 letters on Members' Allowances. RP to raise with JB.
May06/7 Work on War Memorial – GC. Carried forward.

5. Highways:

5.1. Report on the meeting held with Dan Robertson, GCC. The meeting considered LH's report (attached). A number of points were raised:

- Point 2. School Road. The use of amber warning lights activated at the start & end of the school day was suggested.
- Point 6. Ewen – removal of centre markings. RP expressed concerns about this on safety grounds.
- Point 10. Vehicle activated signs. The meeting was very keen for this to go ahead as soon as possible & agreed that Shaun Parsons should be asked for his help in pushing this along.
- Point 12. Not a priority parish. The meeting noted that only recently a serious accident had happened.
- Junction of Windmill Road/Main road. The meeting agreed that double white lines were needed to stop vehicles from turning left before checking the way was clear. In addition, the installation of 'Stop' & 'Children Crossing' signs was required at the junction.

July06/1 IY to invite Shaun Parsons to the next meeting.

July06/2 SS to find out more details of the recent serious accident in the village & let LH know.

July06/3 LH to raise requirements for Windmill Rd/Main road junction with Dan Robertson.

5.2. Emergency Vehicle Access to Abbots Way bungalows. It was confirmed that the minimum width required by the Fire Service for access from Station Road to the bungalows was not being met. It was agreed that John Birch would raise this with Marcus Kitchen, CDC as a matter of urgency.

6. KAP.

6.1. Regular Patrols at the Play Park. Following discussion of the problems of vandalism, it was agreed by the meeting that KAP's involvement of PCSO Clive Wilkes was the most effective way of dealing with this. It was noted that a recent police response had been less than helpful but that Kate Lawlor had subsequently arranged 2 visits by PCSO Clive Wilkes to talk to the vandals & their families. It was felt that a police presence was required on a regular basis & that the council would continue to press for this. It was also considered that patrols by councillors would not carry the necessary authority. The Chairman thanked Brian Robbins for all his hard work in keeping the playground tidy & for flagging up issues as they arose so that action could be taken. He also thanked him for raising this suggestion.

6.2. Use of Planning Gain money. The Chairman confirmed that the £15,000 due from Redcliffe Homes was to be used for youth facilities. It was noted that further discussion with local youngsters was in hand to clearly identify how best to use the funds.

6.3. Plaque to mark the donation from KAS. The Chairman thanked KAS on behalf of the Parish Council for the generous donation towards the skate ramp extension. SS also thanked Glen Moreman on behalf of KAP for putting their scheme forward to receive the money. It was agreed that a plaque would be put in a suitable place on the equipment in due course.

6.4. Mobile Skate Unit visits. It was noted that a tarmac area was required for the evening visits by the unit from 7-9.30pm on 26th July & on 2nd /9th/16th/23rd/30th August (original email from Helen Jones attached for information – forwarded to PC on 2nd July). The units are aimed at 13-18 year olds.

July06/4 GM to speak to Barry Parsons about the use of the School playground.

6.5. Cycle track proposal. SS presented the proposal which included ramps for younger & older children, at an estimated cost of £16,599. It was agreed by the meeting that further discussions were needed both with Kemble Farms to establish where the track could be put & with the youngsters to clarify their views before a final decision on the proposal could be made. It was suggested by the meeting that the youngsters should be encouraged to make commitments to look after the play equipment & to organise some fundraising themselves. The idea of forming a committee of youngsters was raised.

The need for new goal posts was mentioned by GM. It was agreed that the existing ones were unsafe & GM undertook to make an application to the Football Foundation for 50% funding of new posts & nets.

7. Parish Plan. JC reported that the sub groups were currently meeting to discuss the key issues. She confirmed that the deadline for the questionnaire to go out was now the beginning of September, with GRCC committed to provide an analysis of the findings by the end of that month. As soon as the groups had clarified the issues, JC confirmed that a draft questionnaire would be circulated by email to councillors for their comments. Discussion groups with youngsters were planned for the school holidays, with LH co-ordinating one event & Emily Lawlor doing a Parish Map exercise on 8th August from 10-12.30.

JC briefed the meeting on some of the ideas being discussed by the Village Hall Group, which included looking into a possible site at The Tavern. She told the meeting about continuing discussions with Arkells about leasing the plot on a long term basis. She also outlined the suggestions raised by an architect for changes to the existing hall to maximise its potential.

July06/5 JC to speak to CDC Planning about options for the existing hall which would be likely to gain permission.

8. PUBLIC RECESS. A member of the public raised serious concerns about unauthorised building work at Brookside, Ewen & about possible future damage to unprotected trees there. He also queried why a Stop Notice had not been issued, a point which was supported strongly by the councillors. Despite a visit & letter from Colin Davies, Planning Enforcement Officer at CDC, work was continuing at the site. John Birch undertook to raise these matters with Planning Enforcement at CDC, to speak to the Tree Officer to arrange Preservation Orders as a matter of urgency & to report back to the Chairman.

9. Kemble Airfield.

9.1. The Chairman queried the lack of a full response from the Head of Legal Services, CDC re the regularisation of planning matters at the Airfield & underlined that local people were entitled to make their views known via the planning process. John Birch confirmed the matter was under discussion & he undertook to pass on the Chairman's concerns to Bhavna Patel.

9.2. CB noted his concerns about the Airfield which in summary were the offence caused by noisy aircraft, aircraft ignoring flight paths & flying directly over the village, & the volume of take offs & landings. He stated that the planning applications would provide an opportunity for discussion on what was reasonable & that consensus could then be reached on what should be permitted. He also queried when the applications would be made & what would be the council's position if CDC decided not to seek applications for planning permission from the Airfield.

The Chairman stated that he hoped CDC would not take this line, as it would deprive local felt the Parish Council would not have the necessary resources to pursue legal action against the Airfield. He confirmed he would continue to press CDC for a response on planning regularisation.

10. Planning Committee's report. The report was noted. In response to a query from SS on the conditions attached to permission for 87 Ewen, it was confirmed that the new driveway was permitted before the new development was brought into use.

11. Finance.

11.1 Financial Report. The report was noted & the Clerk agreed to add the accumulated Village Hall funds as a separate record on future reports.

11.2. Approval of a donation to Kemble Playgroup. A donation of £42 was approved by the meeting using s.137 LGA 1972 powers. This was proposed by SS, seconded by GM & carried unanimously.

11.5. Approval of web site costs. The meeting approved the payment of web site running costs for the next 2 years submitted by Mistral Internet Group Ltd.

11.3. Schedule of Accounts for payment. GM proposed & JC seconded the following accounts for payment. This was approved unanimously by the meeting:

11.3.1	I Yates 5 hrs/wk @ £8.760/hr x 8 wks (SCP 20 April 05 rate)	£350.40	cheq 15 LGA 1972 s112
	+ NALC pay increase adjustment for 1/4/06 to 14/7/06 (15 wks at new SCP 21 rate - for additional year's service: increase from £8.760 to £9.348 per hr)	£44.10	LGA 1972 s112
	+ 40 x 1 st class stamps	£12.80	LGA 1972 s111
	+ Updating Conference 29 th June GTP:	£60.00	LGA 1972 s111
	+Land Registry Gloucester: Poole & Partridge title	£4.00	LGA 1972 s111

11.3.2	J Telling 4 hrs/wk @ £5.05/hr x 8 wks	£161.60	cheq 16 LGA 1972 s112
11.3.3	B Robbins 1hr/wk @£6.50/hr x 8 wks	£52.00	cheq 17 LGA 1972 s112
	+ Stiles maintenance	£9.75	HA 1980 s43
	+ Roundup	£10.99	HA 1980 s43
11.3.4	Gardenia Landscapes 4 cuts (May & June)	£1,175.00	cheq 18 HA 1980 s96
11.3.5	GRCC subscription renewal	£25.00	cheq 19 LGA 1972 s143
11.3.6	Tim Postlethwaite Internal Audit	£71.50	cheq 20 ACA 1998 s7
11.3.7	GPFA Wheeled Sport Seminar 10 th July	£15.00	cheq 21 LGA 1972 s111
11.3.8	VHMC hall rental: Parish Plan & PC meetings May	£47.25	cheq 22 LGA 1972 sch12 para 10
11.3.9	Jenny Courts: Parish Plan launch event	£33.33	cheq 23 LGA 1972 s111
11.3.10	Donation to Kemble Playgroup (agenda item 11.2)	£42.00	cheq 24 LGA 1972 s137
11.3.11	Thursday Club: remainder of grant from 2005	£49.75	cheq 25 LG(MP)A 1976 s19
11.3.12	Mistral Internet Group: web site costs (agenda item 11.5)	£58.75	cheq 26 LGA 1972 s142
11.3.13	Kemble Farms Ltd: play ground & field annual rental	£50.00	cheq 27 LG(MP)A 1976 s19
11.3.14	I Yates: postage on cheq 008 LexisNexis Butterworths	£5.45	cheq 28 LGA 1972 s111
11.3.15	Heritage Wine: Parish Plan launch event	£24.96	cheq 29 LGA 1972 s111

11.4 Transfer of funds from Lloyds to Abbey. It was agreed that this would be deferred until the payment of tax on interest earned had been resolved.

12 AOB. The Chairman confirmed, in response to a query raised by SS, that any planning applications received for the Airfield would be considered by the Council as a whole.

SIGNED

DATED

The meeting closed at 10.05pm.

The next PC meeting will be on Friday 8th September 2006 in the Village Hall.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 14/7/06:

ITEM	ACTION	BY
Jan06/2	Provide details of The Oaks barrier to GCC	DB
Mar06/1	Chase JB to pursue s. 106 payment from Redcliffe Homes with CDC Planning	RP
May06/1	Query cost of station fencing with J Murphy & Son	IY
May06/6	Chase response to Members' Allowances query via JB – Nigel Adams, CDC not replied to 2 letters.	RP
May06/7	Confirm work required on War Memorial	GC
July06/1	Invite Shaun Parsons to the next PC meeting re Highways issues.	IY
July06/2	Confirm details of recent accident in Kemble & let LH know.	SS
July06/3	Raise requirements for Windmill Rd/main road junction with Dan Robertson	LH
July06/4	Request use of School Playground for mobile skate unit.	GM
July06/5	Speak to CDC Planning about options for existing Village Hall.	JC

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Notes on discussion held with John Birch, District Councillor, on 14th July 2006.

- 1 **Station car park.** Meeting set up for 24th July with Regional Manager, Central Division & JB to encourage Highways to attend.
- 2 **Owners of 1 Railway Terrace** may come to speak to Parish Council about putting up a house in their grounds.
- 3 **Brookside, Ewen** - see Minutes for Public Recess.
- 4 **Station Road development.** JB to ask Marcus Kitchen, CDC, to confirm in writing what the original slab levels were & their positioning, & to report on what the actual installations are.
- 5 **Cemetery.** JB to follow up no response from CDC Engineer to query on movement of cemetery into next door property.
- 6 **Planning regularisation of the Airfield.** See Minutes item 9.1 & 9.2.

Agenda item 5.1

Kemble and Ewen – Traffic issues – July 06

I met with Dan Robertson from Glos Highways dept on Tuesday afternoon – we went through all the issues that we discussed with John last October! – and then I took him for a drive around the two villages.

Report from the meeting:

1. The warning to traffic re the pedestrian crossing to be activated by the push button on the crossing is going ahead and should materialise within the next couple of months although he refused to commit to a definite timeframe on this one – apparently it is in the hands of a sub-contractor.
2. They have commissioned a feasibility study for School Road which will come up with a range of options – he will keep me informed.
3. Windmill Road: He is going to put me in touch with their Road Safety officer as he suggested a road safety campaign with posters might be best. He is going to look into positioning the bollards that we have agreed to pay for and agreed that pushing traffic to park on Windmill Road would help with the speeds along there.
4. Clayfurlong – a change of tarmac colour will not happen as too costly – and he also said that the expense and maintenance involved would be huge in comparison to the effect that it might have.
5. Advanced signing for weight limits – he will get back to me on timing.
6. Ewen: He is going to put in a request for removing the the centre markings and for adding some diagonal lines to the first stretch of road into Ewen from the Kemble end.
7. Parkers Bridge – white lining – should go ahead very soon.
8. Our idea of changing the crossroads in the centre of Kemble to full traffic lights he said was too costly and would never gain approval.
9. The closing off of the slip roads – he was not averse to this but within current budget and priorities it is not going to happen so he is going to explore the erection of some No Entry except for access signs – the problem of course will be policing this and he has to explore this with the Police before he can give the go ahead.
10. Vehicle activated signs – apparently there are lots of Parishes wanting these and they have put a temporary stop to them whilst they assess their effectiveness from the trials already done – and whilst they work out how to manage the demand, who is responsible for them, who will move them, etc. I said that if the main concern was no one being insured to move them then we would just have 5 stationary ones – he took the point and said don't spend the money on anything else as he hopes to come back to us on this one with either the go-ahead or an alternative.
11. Speed limit on main road – he will talk to the Police.
12. We are not a priority parish in terms of anything being done for two reasons: 1. A speed survey was conducted on the main road very recently and 85% of the vehicles are going at 45mph or lower – 2. There have been no serious accidents in the village.

What next?

The above are the main points around the various issues however what came out of our discussions was that those who shout the loudest and make the most fuss tend to take priority – he did say that although the official line was that the speed limit through the village would not be reduced we should not stop pressing for speed limit reduction –

Tetbury have managed to get the Highways Dept to take them seriously by involving their local MP.

Do we have a local celebrity we could get on board?
We need to find innovative ways of keeping up the pressure.

For me the meeting confirmed what I had been beginning to think – we need to involve the whole community in helping to reduce speed through the villages – winning hearts and minds will benefit us much more than any amount of speed restrictions.

Two suggestions:

1. Let's aim to get every villager driving at 20mph through the villages – imagine what a difference this would make, **a.** all the residents slowing right down (and there are several residents who constantly break the speed limits – and many of these also complain about speeding traffic – no-one ever thinks they speed!) and **b.** - all those other cars being slowed right down when driving behind a resident - we need some sort of campaign to get residents on board championing safer streets within Kemble and Ewen – a leaflet to every house – and car stickers with – I stick to 20 on the village – or I'm driving slowly for the future of our children or Let's reclaim our streets – not quite right but something like this.....I need to draft some suggested wording to residents.
2. Let's reclaim our streets – if drivers see people on the streets or children playing they will slow down – let's have a "street tea party" one day – again we need to get residents on board but the idea would be to get people to sit out on the pavements drinking tea, chatting, playing marbles!

We could get some great publicity and at the same time make a point to traffic through the villages. I am trying to get hold of a book called reclaiming the streets – the author's theory is that we have a chicken and egg situation with people not using the streets because they fear the traffic speeds which makes the streets seem empty to motorists which makes them speed moreetc.

If we can get people out onto the streets again we can force the traffic to slow down.

I realise both suggestions are a little sketchy at the moment but I thought I could get our Parish plan sub-committee to put some flesh on the bones and take this forward.

One other suggestion which came from Mark originally – the name and shame board – apparently this has been done at a school in High Wycombe to great effect.

I mentioned these ideas to Dan who was supportive – and I think might try to help us with them as we could be guinea pigs for other parishes.

Laura Hetherington

Agenda item 6.4 KAP: Mobile skate units

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Afternoon 1300 – 15.30	Down Ampney	Stow (24 July – 7 August incl). Bledington 14 August – 28 August)	South Cerney	Upper Rissington	Bourton on the Water	Cirencester Abbey gardens or skate park
Evening 1900 – 2130	Siddington	Moreton in Marsh	Kemble	Blockley		

The above is the weekly rota for summer holidays 2006. Starting week of 24 July 2006 and ending on 1st September 2006. The units are aimed at 13-18 year olds. Schools start back on Tuesday 5 September 2006. The above is the weekly provision and will be the same each week with the exception of Stow/Bledington. The mobile skate park will be at many of the venues but this subject to suitable ground on which to run it. (Tarmac area about the size of a tennis court). Due to health and safety reasons we can only run the mobile skate park in dry weather conditions. The mobile van will include a host of out door activities such as rounders, volleyball, it's a knock out type races. Young people will also have access to a lap top computer, art and crafts materials, youth work information and advice. Qualified youth workers who will respond to young people needs and start to develop a relationship of trust with the young people will supervise the sessions.

For further information, please contact Helen Jones, Team Leader Cotswolds, Gloucestershire Youth Service.

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NB

I confirmed to Helen we welcomed the visits when her email 1st came in & promised to advise location for units asap. Glen has agreed with Barry Parsons we can use the school playground. I will ask School if they would display a poster about the visits to help word get round to the older children GCC arrange publicity themselves via the secondary schools. Isobel 14/7/06