



Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Kemble & Ewen Parish Council held on Friday 20th October 2006 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall.

Present: Councillor R Pettit, Chairman
Councillor G. Moreman
Councillor S. Sorabjee
Councillor G Collins
Councillor D Ball, Vice Chairman
Councillor J Courts
Councillor L Hetherington

In attendance: John Birch, District Councillor
30 members of the public
Isobel Yates, Clerk
Jenni Silver, The Standard

Guest speaker: Bob Austin, Chief Executive, Cotswold District Council

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence. Apologies were accepted from Councillors Christian Brann (unwell) & Mark Bainbridge (work commitments).

2. Receipt of Declarations of Interest. DB declared an interest in item 7 (Planning: CT.2474/D &/E), LH in item 8.5.7 (schedule of payments) & SS in item 7 (Planning: CT.2474/D & /E).

3. Approval and Signing of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings. The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 8th September were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

4. PUBLIC RECESS. The Chairman thanked Bob Austin & members of the public for coming to the meeting. Questions from Coates, Sapperton, Framton Mansell, & Kemble & Ewen Parish Councils were put to Mr Austin (list at Appendix A). He also took questions from the public about the lack of planning enforcement action & the regularisation of activities at the Airfield. The Recess closed at 9.05pm.

5. Highways:

5.1 Pedestrian crossing warning sign. RP advised the meeting that John Whittaker, GCC, had confirmed the power was now laid on & that installation work was due to start Wednesday 25th October, to be completed by Tuesday 31st October.

5.2 Windmill Road posts. DB gave details of quotes received from Hailey Wood Sawmill, Cherrington Lane Forge & Heritage Timber. It was unanimously agreed by the meeting to order pre-treated softwood posts from Hailey Wood Sawmill at £22.50/post, size 7''x7''x6'', quantity to be confirmed (approx 40). It was also agreed that residents would be notified once the installation date had been agreed.

Oct06/1 DB to order posts & arrange installation with GCC.

6. Business Plan 2007-2008. JC summarised the main issues arising from the parish questionnaire. Working groups were needed in a number of areas including sports & recreation, village hall & youth activities & further advice would be sought from GRCC on how to follow up housing issues. Specific projects for the Business Plan included tree planting, village clean up, a safe walking route between Kemble & Ewen, continued lobbying for speed reduction on the A429 & weight limit signs for Ewen.

Oct06/2 GC to produce a draft Business Plan for discussion at the next meeting.

7. PLANNING. The Planning Committee's Report was received. It was noted that the Report for CT.6147/E should have referred to 1 Railway Terrace & not 1 Station Road. It was agreed that Application CT.2474/D & /E for listed building & planning consent (conversion of two redundant barns to provide single dwellings at Clayfurlong Barns, Kemble) would be circulated to all councillors for comment.

8. Finance.

8.1 Grass cutting contract 2007-2010. In line with the Parish Council's Financial Regulations, it was agreed that an advert would be placed in The Standard during November inviting tenders for a 3 year contract. It was also agreed that maintenance of the open area in the Station Road development would be added to the contract. It was noted that Gardenia had done a very good job on the existing contract which was now coming to an end & it was agreed that a letter should be sent thanking them for all their hard work.

Oct06/3 IY to draft the advert for The Standard & write to Gardenia Landscapes.

8.2 It was proposed by JC & seconded by SS that the revised National Minimum Wage of £5.35/hour from 1st October be adopted for the Village Orderly. This was approved by the meeting.

8.3 It was proposed by DB & seconded by GC that a wage increase from £6.50 to £7.00/hour from 1st October be paid to the Playground Orderly. This was approved by the meeting.

8.4 The Financial Report was received. The Clerk agreed to check the minus figure shown against grant expenditure. Regarding the Thames Awareness budget allocation, it was agreed to press ahead with an information board at the station, & possibly also by the river. With regard to work on the War Memorial, GC reported that he had received some costings from DB & agreed to obtain 2 more quotes.

Oct06/4 GM to contact the Ramblers about the Thames information board.

Oct06/5 GC to obtain quotes for the War Memorial work.

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

8.5.1	I Yates 5 hrs/wk @ £9.348/hr x 6wks	£280.44	cheq 38 LGA 1972 s112
8.5.2	J Telling 4hrs/wk @ £5.05/hr x 3wks + increased rate @£5.35/hr x 3 wks	£124.80	cheq 39 LGA 1972 s112
8.5.3	B Robbins 1hr/wk @£6.50/hr x 3wks + increased rate £7/hr x 3 wks	£40.50	cheq 40 LGA 1972 s112
8.5.4	Gardenia landscapes Ltd 2 cuts (Aug)	£587.50	cheq 41 HA 1908 s96
8.5.5	Lycos all in one package	£70.36	cheq 42 LGA 1972 s142
8.5.6	Glen Moreman: Kemble Rangers'supplies	£28.67	cheq 43 LG(MP)A 1976 s19
8.5.7	Laura Hetherington: Parish Plan expenses (youth consultation)	£21.98	cheq 44 LGA 1972 s111
8.5.8	VHMC hall hire: 14 th July, 8 th Aug (Parish Plan) & 8 th Sept.	£47.25	cheq 45 LGA 1972 sch 12 para 10
8.5.9	Kemble Brownies: replacement cheque for Lloyds cheque 790 not cashed & a/c closed	£200.00	cheq 46 LG(MP)A 1976 s19
8.5.10	LexisNexis: Arnold Baker 7 th edition Replacement for original Abbey cheque 008 now cancelled – mislaid at Publishers.	£48.00	cheq 47 LGA 1972 s111

9. Any other business.

9.1 GM confirmed that Kemble Rangers had received a grant for the new goal posts.

9.2 He also confirmed that the pop concert referred to during the Public Recess was not taking place at the Airfield & that he would speak to the owners of AV8 about removing this event from their web site. He mentioned that the WOMAD festival was due to take place at Charlton Park next summer.

9.3 DB reported that he had fixed the hinges on the Playing field gate so that it could not be lifted off any more. It was agreed that copies of the gate key should be held by the grass cutting contractor & GM.

SIGNED

DATED

The meeting closed at 10.45pm.

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

ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING:

ITEM	ACTION	BY
July06/3	Raise requirements for Windmill Rd/main road junction with Dan Robertson	LH
Sept06/3	Contact Network Rail about permissive path at the station.	IY
Sept06/4	Write to TRLRT re the Tetbury line proposal.	IY

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 20/10/06:

Oct06/1	To order posts for Windmill Road & arrange installation with GCC.	DB
Oct06/2	To produce a draft Business Plan for discussion at the next meeting.	GC
Oct06/3	To draft the advert for The Standard re grass cutting & write to Gardenia Landscapes.	IY
Oct06/4	To contact the Ramblers about the Thames information board.	GM
Oct06/5	To obtain quotes for the War Memorial work	GC

APPENDIX A

**“QUESTION TIME” WITH BOB AUSTIN, CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OF COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL. ON
FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER 2006**

PARISH COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

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| Coates | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. May we have your views on Policy 19 of the Local Plan which seems especially restrictive to smaller communities. 2. We have become increasingly concerned over the summer about the lack of activities for the young. I am prepared to offer my swimming pool and tennis court for an afternoon/evening but for the best to be achieved we need coaches. Can CDC provide trained staff and at what cost to the Parish and will this help with the difficulty of obtaining public liability insurance |
| Sapperton | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our Parish Council is concerned that although we are consulted on planning applications and we return the form with our views, these seem to be largely ignored in the decision making process. 2. Now that funds have become available for the start of the restoration of the Thames and Severn Canal are you able to throw any light on the likely timetable for the Golden Valley and Summit Level works. Can you give us any assurance that the small, unclassified roads in this Ward will be protected from irreparable damage. <i>to property + roads.</i> |
| Kemble | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This Council is becoming increasingly concerned about what appears to be CDC's reluctance to vigorously tackle enforcement issues and when there is a blatant case of work being done without planning permission why is a stop notice not used. 2. May we, please, have an update on the CDC negotiations on Kemble Airfield. 3. When may Kemble have a plastic re-cycling container for the re-cycling complex in the station car park ? 4. When will the Kemble Conservation Area Statement be completed ? 5. Why is planning permission often given without adequate provision for car parking resulting in more vehicles parking on the road side |