

Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Kemble & Ewen Parish Council held on Friday 19th October 2007 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall.

Present: Councillor R Pettit, Chairman
Councillor D Ball, Vice Chairman
Councillor L Hetherington
Councillor G Moreman
Councillor G Collins

In attendance: John Birch, District Councillor
2 Members of the Public
Linda Wixey, Clerk

Opportunity for the public to raise any matters.

Community allotment & wildlife area. A local resident confirmed that 10 residents were interested in having an allotment on the land behind the Station Road development following the fliers that were sent out after the last meeting. Chairman confirmed that legislation recognised that only 6 residents would be needed for this to go ahead. Roger and John Birch discussed that CDC had replied with a positive response, Roger suggested going ahead with the planned meeting to increase local resident interest. John Birch confirmed that it is possible that after 2011 further building projects could take place should the development boundaries be altered in the new Local Plan. Resident asked whether it was possible that the land could be sold for allotments; John Birch confirmed that it could be a possibility. LW to gather information from the Parish Plan questionnaire for residents who had already expressed an interest in allotments.

Minutes:

- 1. Acceptance of apologies for absence.** All councillors were present.
- 2. Receipt of Declaration of Interest.** DB declared an Interest in item 9.1 (Planning: 07/26 & 07/27 Stalls Kemble).
- 3. Approval and Signing of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 7th September 2007 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 4. Report on matters arising from the minutes – items not on the agenda. Oct07/01**
Isobel's departure from the committee was recorded. Roger and committee would like to thank Isobel for her dedication and exceptional service over the past 6 years. A possible gift in appreciation of service was to be discussed. LW to research.
- 5. Matters for report by John Birch:**
 - 5.1 Control Car Parking in Cirencester.** JB advised that from 5th November 2007, CDC will be clamping down people parking incorrectly in Cirencester when responsibility was transferred . More traffic wardens would be on patrol.
 - 5.2 Highways meeting.** JB reported that the flood damage in Glos is estimated to cost £25m. Government has allocated £10m, leaving a shortfall of £15m.

5.3 New Waste Collection Scheme. JB introduced the new Waste Collection Scheme that will be rolled out in February 2008. This will comprise of a weekly 'Kitchen/compost' collection, a fortnightly 're-cycling' collection and a fortnightly 'dry household waste' collection. Garden waste will have an 'opt out' option as this will carry a £30 per year charge to each household. Press release given to each councillor.

5.4 Ewen Manor Amendments. JB produced new Amendment Plans for Ewen Manor. Progress being made. Will keep RP up to date.

5.5 Kemble Station Car parking. JB commented on the new Car parking spaces at Kemble Station, and the knock on affect to parking in Station Road. Only limited overnight parking is available in the station car park.

6. Thames Information Board. GM reported draft for the plan is being done and that trees and undergrowth need clearing.

7. Highways:

7.1 West lane Visibility- LH reported that work will be carried out on 22nd October to bring the kerb further out, for pedestrian visibility down West Lane. LH requested that PC pay for additional cutting of residential hedge to improve visibility further. RP insists residents are responsible for hedge cutting. **LW to draft letter to residents requesting this be done.**

7.2 Windmill Road – LH produced plans and invoice for Windmill Road traffic calming strategy. Estimated cost £3,000. **LH to draft letter to residents inviting their views on plans. LW to then, send letter & plans to residents.**

7.3 Speed Reduction between Kemble and Ewen. After carrying out a survey with the police Highways have not agreed to a reduced speed limit between Kemble and Ewen, as they feel it is unjustified. LH responded and is awaiting a reply.

7.4 Kemble – Ewen Path Extension. Transport sub-committee feel that paths will not be necessary if a speed reduction is implemented. RP suggests a path running through the field alongside the road would best provide for safety of walkers. **LH to continue to pursue for the present.**

7.5 Restricted access to West Lane. Not yet actioned. To be carried forward to next meeting.

7.6 Speed reduction Stickers. LW to follow up with IY.

8. CEMETERY

8.1 Work on Yew Trees. Mr Measures declined to cut Yew trees in Cemetery. GM suggests asking Mr Powell. It was resolved that if Mr Powell agrees then he should be invited to proceed.

9. PLANNING.

9.1 Planning Committees report. The Report was noted.

9.2 Section 106 Agreement. RP reported that CDC have drawn up an agreement for £15,000, which has to be spent within 5 years. It was agreed that the document be signed on behalf of the Council.

10. FINANCE

10.1 The Financial Report was noted.

10.2 The New minimum wage for Village Orderly was adopted.

10.3 The New minimum wage for Play Orderly was adopted.

10.4 Playgroup Donation for Councillors babysitting £90 was to be considered.

10.5 Schedule of accounts for payments. GM proposed and DB seconded and the meeting agreed that the following accounts be paid:

10.4.1	I Yates	5 hrs/wk @ £9.348/hr x 4 wks	£186.96	cheq 119	LGA 1972 s112
		+ photocopying allotment fliers x 240 copies	<u>£10.80</u>		LGA 1972 s142
			£197.76		
10.4.2	L Wixey	5 hrs/wk @ £8.387/hr x 2 wks	£ 83.87	cheq 120	LGA 1972 s112
10.4.3	J Telling	4 hrs/wk @ £5.35/hr x 3 wks	£64.20	cheq 121	LGA 1972 s112
		+ new minimum wage rate from 1st October for 3 wks @ £5.52/hr	<u>£66.24</u>		
			£130.44		
10.4.4	B Robbins	1hr/wk @£7.00/hr x 3 wks	£21.00	cheq 122	LGA 1972 s112
		+ new hourly rate from 1st October for 3 wks @ £7.50/hr	<u>£22.50</u>		
			£43.50		
10.4.5	Kemble Playgroup	- donation (agenda item 10.4)	£90.00	cheq 123	LG(MP)A 1976 s19
10.4.6	Village Hall	- rental for July & Sept meetings	£36.00	cheq 124	LGA 1972 s111
10.4.7	Lycos	- all in one pack for web site	£70.36	cheq 125	LGA 1972 s142
10.4.8	Allianz Insurance	for Additional Cycle Track cover	£140.86	cheq 126	

10.6 Business Plan 2008/9. GC, DB and RP discussed that the Playing Field Path and

Village gateways to be included in Business Plan.

11. Playing Field.

11.1 Brian will continue to carry out the weekly checks. DB confirmed that Mr Aylett was willing carry out the 3 monthly checks. The suggested rate for this was £7.50 per hour, to be finally negotiated with Mr Aylett.

11.2 Playworld Response. No response to date. If no response received, RP suggested independent repairs etc be carried out and cost deducted from Playworld's Invoice.

11.3 Play fence to be re-installed – John Aylett has cemented posts on play fence but some further work was required.

12. Community Fund Deadline. Application date agreed for 17th December. Review of applications to be carried out at the January 2008 meeting.

13. Co-option of New councillors. RP reported that 2 residents had formally made application. It was agreed that Gabi Somerville be co-opted, and that the second applicant be invited to attend the next meeting. A third possible candidate would be further approached.

14. AOB

14.1 Laura Hetherington announced that she will be resigning from her position as councillor, with immediate effect. Her decision has been made due to childcare arrangements and constraints on ability to commit to Parish council duties. RP asked whether there was anything the committee could do to help the situation but it was felt that possible actions would be insufficient to resolve all issues. However, LH is happy to stay on the Transport Sub committee.

14.2 It had been reported to GM that dog fouling in the Station Road area had become a serious nuisance. **LW to order sign's from CDC to place around the area, also to contact Andrea Shutt to discuss possible courses of action.**

14.3 LH noted that a complaint has been made about the front garden of number 7 Windmill Road. **LW to draft letter to Environmental Health.**

14.4 Ordering of New Cemetery Bench. It was agreed that the new bench for the Cemetery should be ordered ASAP. **LW to action.**

14.5 Doorstep Callers. RP suggested a total 'zero tolerance' on doorstep sales callers within the village. **LW to research and discuss with Angela Shutt.**

14.6 Isobel's leaving gift. It was agreed that an engraved Vase and a framed photograph of a scene in the village should be purchased for Isobel. **LW to get quotes and circulate.**

Signed

Dated

The meeting closed at 10.55pm

The next PC meeting will be held on Friday 23rd November at 7.30pm in the Village hall.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING FROM MEETING HELD ON 19/10/07

Action:

Letter to be drafted to all residents of Windmill Road re traffic calming strategy.	LH
Letter to be drafted to residents in West Lane re: Hedge cutting for Visibility	LW
To Speak to Kemble Farms Re; Path through Field between Kemble and Ewen	DB
To contact John Lees about producing plan for restricted access to West Lane	LH
To speak to Mr Powell re cutting of Yew Trees in Cemetery	GM
To arrange meeting with Kate Lawlor re KAP	LW
To Discuss Speed restriction Stickers with IY	LW
To invite potential new councillors to attend next meeting	RP
To speak with Andrea Shutt re: Doorstep callers and Dog Fouling	LW
To write to Environmental Health re: 7 Windmill Road	LW
To request costing for Isobel's leaving gift & circulate	LW
Order New bench for Cemetery	LW