



Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Kemble & Ewen Parish Council held on Friday 22nd February 2008 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall.

Present: Councillor R Pettit, Chairman
Councillor D Ball, Vice Chairman
Councillor Gabi Somerville
Councillor Sara Lawlor
Councillor G Moreman
Councillor G Collins
Councillor Withiel Cole

In attendance: Linda Wixey, Clerk

Opportunity for the public to raise any matters. No members of the Public present.

Roger Pettit welcomed Sarah Lawlor onto the committee.

Minutes:

- 1. Acceptance of apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from Councillor Sally Turner
- 2. Approval and Signing of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 11th January 2008 were approved and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments.. **GM** clarified that he agreed to take responsibility of **Road Safety on Station Rd ONLY**. **DB** confirmed that within those minutes the Work on the proposed footpath at the playing field was agreed for March 09.
- 3. Report on matters arising from the minutes** – items not on the agenda.
Quotes for Village Gates, LW to email Laura Hetherington.
Management Plan for Allotments –**SL** reported that Alison had recommended that the Allotment should be worked on and developed slowly to ensure minimum disruption to the wildlife. Work to be started on 23rd February to clear the land by hand. Committee meeting to be held on 25th February to gain feedback from the public. Sarah also confirmed that nothing had been received from CDC regarding formalising the proposed use of the land for creating the Allotment.
Sara is in contact with John Birch. The CDC suggestion that the Wildlife area be kept at the back of the allotments was discussed. DB suggested that it would be a good idea to include the public involvement in the project as a feature in the Management Plan. Sara will communicate with the CDC about the plan as soon as possible. SL also informed the council that Grass cuttings,

straw, cardboard etc is needed for compost and that a notice will be put in the Village shop and Parish Magazine. SL will look into opening a bank account for the Allotment funds; PC can then allocate the funds. (£1,000 in Budget). WC suggests that it would be a good idea to concentrate on one area of the Allotments at a time, working on progress made to ensure success. GS confirmed that approx 30 residents have expressed an interest, 8 of which are on the committee. DB suggested that the Wildlife & Children's area should be separate, so to ensure minimal disturbance to the wildlife. SL suggested that the 'triangular' area at the top of the plans should become the designated nature area. RP expressed concern that 'Triangle' may not be part of the available land. JB to find out status.

GS asked how she should approach residents who currently use the land behind their houses for Bonfires etc. It was agreed that she would talk to residents individually. GS referred to the photograph and article in the Standard about the allotment project. RP & GS agree that after the Allotment Council meeting on Monday, SL and GS will be able to update CDC with the benefit of Alison's plan.

Costings for Footpaths between Kemble and Ewen DB has asked for quotes from to companies for the paths. DB to arrange a site meeting (date & time to be notified to Councillors) at the Playing Field to discuss the clearing and work that is required for the new path.

- 4. Matters to report Roger Pettit in absence of John Birch.** RP reported that the Road Layout for Station Road's traffic calming area had been organised directly by the County Council. The Parish Council had not been consulted or notified of the proposed works. WC felt that the real issues of parking need to be addressed such as the problems it causes with access to properties & access for Emergency vehicles. Also it has been noted that commuters are now parking regularly in West Hay Grove & Old Road. GS suggested that the introduction of a yellow line or a green cycle lane could be solutions. As a first step a request for the re-design of the traffic calming scheme would be made to the highways department.

Double Railway Line between Swindon & Kemble The possible re-opening of the 2nd line in the future had been investigated and established that the scheme was competing for funds with other projects in Network Rail's budget. If and when the scheme was implemented a local base would be established on the road to Kemble Wick. GS reported that she had received a complaint about the road surface toward Kemble Wick and that more work traffic would cause further damage. The position would be monitored.

Ewen Manor trees – Tree Officers had agreed that these trees will be removed.

Post Office Closures – It has been reported that Kemble Stores Post office was not on the Fixture List for Post Office closures. However, if a protest is made to remove a listed Post Office, it is still possible that Kemble would be one of the ones selected to replace it. All transactions are counted individually at the Post Office so it should be encouraged that everyone uses it.

5.

Thames Information Board. GM produced the first drafts of the Information Board and asked for feedback and ideas. The Children's Mosaic will now not be included on the board. SL suggested that an updated picture of the Railway be included, Parish Council Logo to be included & National Trails Quotes. It was also suggested by WC that the picture of the RED Arrow's be removed from the Board as, the Airfield is such a controversial subject and inappropriate for inclusion..GM felt that the Red Arrows should be included as Kemble was 'The home of the Arrows for 17years. After much discussion the consensus was that the image should be removed from the Board as it is not specific to the Thames Path

6.

Highways

Sarah will email minutes of last Transport Committee meeting to all. SL to contact LH re transport updates.

7. **Cemetery** Linda to check Insurance Policy re Cemetery Wall.

8. **Planning.**

Committees report was noted. RP explains Planning report to new councillors and it was agreed to include all new councillors in electronic versions of Applications

9 Section 106 Agreements. RP informed Sara Lawlor of the Section 106 agreement. Explained that £15,000 has been gained from the property developers of New Manor Gardens to go towards the Children's Play Facilities. This must be spent within 5 years. £7,000 remaining. It was noted that the £15,000 has now been received and banked.

DB feels that the equipment, design and installation of the equipment is poor and that ROSPA should be called to inspect before the Playworld Invoice is paid. All agreed.

10. FINANCE.

10.1 The Financial report was noted

10.2 Community Fund It was agreed that the Community Fund award should be granted to the following applicants

KPG - £300.00

Kemble Playgroup £300.00

Gardening Club £160.00.

10.3 Schedule of accounts for payments. GC proposed GM seconded and the meeting agreed that the following accounts be paid

AGENDA ITEM 10.5:

Schedule of Accounts for Payment.

10.4.0	L Wixey 1972 s112	5 hrs/wk @ £8.59/hr x 6 wks	£257.70	cheq 142	LGA
10.4.1	J Telling 1972 s112	4 hrs/wk @ £5.52/hr x 6 wks	£132.48	cheq 143	LGA
10.42	B Robbins s112	1hr/wk @£7.50/hr x 6 wks	£45.00	chq 144	LGA 1972
10.43	Parish news	Contribution	£100.00	Chq 145	

11. Playing Field. LW reported that there has been complaints from residents

regarding the over flowing rubbish bins and the amount of empty beer cans and

bottles. LW to call Sita. Call Andrea re local Youth workers for teenagers.

12. AOB GS.enquired about the Insurance cover needed for volunteers whilst clearing

the allotments area. It was agreed that no powered equipment be used by

members of the public, and that volunteers use their own tools only at their

own risk.

SIGNED

Dated

The meeting closed at 10.55pm.

**The next PC meeting will be held on Friday 28th March 2008 at 7.30pm in the
Village Hall.**

Summary of actions arising from meeting held on 11th January.

Action:

- ?? To Email LH Re Quotes for Village Gates **LW**
- ?? To arrange a site Meeting for the Playing Field Path **DB**
- ?? To contact LH re Transport committee meetings **SL**
- ?? Check Insurance Policy re Cemetery Wall **LW**
- ?? Contact ROSPA Re inspection of Play equipment **LW**
- ?? Contact Sita re emptying of Bins in Playing Field and Windmill Road **LW**