



# Kemble and Ewen Parish Council: Minutes

Annual Meeting of Kemble and Ewen parish council was held on: **Friday, 23 May 2008; 7.30pm**  
at: Kemble Village Hall

Present: Councillor R Pettit, Chairman  
Councillor D Ball, Vice-Chairman  
Councillor G Collins  
Councillor S Lawlor  
Councillor G Somerville  
Councillor S Turner

Apologies: Councillor G. Moreman  
Councillor W Cole  
John Birch, District Councillor

In attendance: F Garnet-Lawson, clerk

4 Members of the public: Lauren  
Turley, Marion Gilliland, Paul  
Trevithick, Angela Gurney

Opportunity for the public to raise any matters:

1. Public footpath/style at 'Binnie's field' is overgrown. DB will speak to the owner of the field, who is responsible for keeping the pathway clear. Longer term solution is to add this to Brian Robbin's list of duties when they are reviewed in October.
2. AG handed her objections to Kemble airfield's CLEUD application to the Council. Discussion about the use of Environmental Protection Act to limit noise on the ground. LT urged Parish Council to raise the matter of engine/car/tyre testing noise at Kemble airfield, and obtain planning permission request before a Cleud could be applied for.  
KPC has involved Environment officers regarding noise in the past, but has no power to enforce action.
3. PT raised concern about adequate control of aircraft. Also mentioned that equipment/technology was available to the airfield in order to reduce engine noise.

1. **Election of Chairman.** Roger Pettit was re-elected as Chairman. This was carried by the meeting.
2. **Election of Vice Chairman.** David Ball was re-elected as Vice Chairman. This was carried by the meeting.
3. **Signing of Declarations of Acceptance of Office.** This was done by all the councillors.
4. **Apologies for absence**  
Councillor G. Moreman, Councillor W Cole, and Councillor John Birch
5. **Declarations of interest on items on the agenda**  
None
6. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting**  
Minutes for 18 May 2007, and 28 March 2008, were approved and signed by R Pettit, with no alterations.

## 7 Distribution of duties

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|---|---------------------------|--|-----------|
| a) Planning Committee                             | <b>RP, DB, GC, WC, GS</b> | j) Grass Cutting                                     | <b>DB</b> |
| b) Kemble at Play ( <i>no longer applicable</i> ) |                           | k) Highways & Road Safety                            | <b>SL</b> |
| c) Village Hall Committee                         | <b>ST</b>                 | l) Poole & Partridge ( <i>no longer applicable</i> ) |           |
| d) Airfield Liaison                               | ( <i>in abeyance</i> )    | m) Publicity & web site                              | <b>GC</b> |

e) Parish Plan	(no longer applicable)	n) Schools Liaison	<b>GM</b>
f) Cemetery & War Graves	<b>GC</b>	o) Thames Awareness	<b>GM</b>
g) Finance	<b>GC</b>	p) Kemble Community Gdns	<b>SL, GS</b>
h) Footpaths	<b>DB</b>	q) Quality Council	<b>GC</b>
i) Playing Field	<b>GM, DB</b>		

## 8. Matters arising

- a *Village gates*: still being costed and designed. Bring forward to next meeting **SL**
- b *Playing field path*: DB to progress the lowest cost path only (Kemble to Ewen) and obtain alternative quotes for the other two paths (to station; from Clayfurlong to bridge). Bring forward to next meeting. **DB**  
FGL to look for potential grants.
- c *Transport committee meeting* - car window stickers sent out. SL to re-draft letter regarding Windmill Road landscaping consultation. **SL**  
Hand rail at Parkers Bridge - CDC bridge Engineers will bring forward their inspection, and recommend alternative, this plan year.  
SL to make enquiries about improving the Church Lane pavement.
- d *Insurance policy* for cemetery wall. - done
- e *Thames Board* - Gone to print. RP expressed thanks to GM for his work on this project.
- f *ROSPA inspection* - clerk instructed to ask Playsafety to re-inspect the omitted items asap. **FGL**

## 9 Actions from the Airfield public meeting

Agreed that the KPC would take the position that it wanted Kemble airfield to continue operating, but that it would not support the CLEUD application for '**unrestricted** general aviation', because the majority of residents wanted some controls to be in place - especially regarding noise levels and airplane control. **FGL**

Instructed the clerk to draft a letter to the CDC stating the Council's position.

10. **The Kemble and Ewen Parish Plan.** This was formally adopted by the Council. **all**  
Permission was granted for it to go on the County Council Parish Plan database

## 11. Highways

SL met with Highways (twice) who stated that not enough evidence of problems which were sufficiently severe to justify action/expenditure - at Station Rd, Windmill Road, or West Lane junction with A419. **SL**

SL to obtain photos from GM of Station Rd. Speed camera to be borrowed wc 2 June, to gather evidence of speeding. If sufficient evidence is obtained, then Highways may install 'tubes', and if this is supportive, then they may consider evaluating/costing alternative speed reduction actions eg road signs.

**12 Kemble Community Gardens**

CDC is still finalising lease between KPC and CDC. CDC will set the rent at £150 for each year, for a total of 3 years. There are 15 allotments now, plus Kemble school involvement. A successful composting, and water harvesting workshop was run. CDC has delivered a skip to enable the site to be tidied up.

**SL/GS**

Councillors raised concerns at meeting with Martin Hutchins about a) width of right-hand lane access and b) quality of curb installation. No response received as yet.

**SL/GS**

**13 Planning**

Bittenham Springs, Spratsgate Lane. No objections

(but see airfield meeting regarding CLUED application by Kemble Airfield)

**14 Finance**

**Adoption of the Annual Report & Accounts 2007/2008.** The Annual Parish report, and accounts, were adopted by the council

**Approval of the Annual Return 2007/2008.** deferred pending questionnaire completion.

**GC**

**Internal Audit.** The new internal auditor, Iain Selkirk was approved.

The schedule of accounts was approved for payment.

**RP**

RP to contact L Wixey re hours worked.

**15 Clerk employment contract - deferred to next meeting**

**16 The council gave permission for a BBQ on West Hay green on 22 June, and at the KCG site (date to be agreed)**

**17 Training courses - none required at present.**

**18 AOB - None**

Meeting adjourned at 10.50pm.

The next meeting will be on Friday 11 July at 7.30pm