



Kemble and Ewen Parish Council: Minutes

*Meeting of Kemble and Ewen parish council was held on: **Friday, 11 July 2008; 7.30pm***
at: Kemble Village Hall

Present: Councillor R Pettit, Chairman Apologies: none
 Councillor D Ball, Vice-Chairman
 Councillor G Collins
 Councillor S Lawlor
 Councillor G Somerville
 Councillor S Turner
 Councillor G. Moreman
 Councillor W Cole
 John Birch, District Councillor

In attendance: F Garnet-Lawson, clerk

Opportunity for the public to raise any matters: no members of the public were present

1. Apologies for absence: none

2. Declarations of interest on items on the agenda

G. Moreman (Cleud)

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting

The minutes of the AGM, held on 23 May 2008 were signed and approved by R Pettit, with no alterations.

4. Kemble airfield CLEUD.

There was extensive discussion about the outcome, and process, of the CLEUD planning meeting.

JB reported that, as ward member he was not permitted to vote even though he chaired the meeting in the absence of both the Chairman and vice-chairman. The vote was carried by 6 votes to 5. It was noted that the committee's decision was contrary to the advice given by the CDC's legal representative and the planning office for the case, and that the composition of the committee was likely to be different from that which had made earlier decisions due to the May elections.

JD reported that, if the parish council wishes to challenge the decision, there are 5 potential options:

1. To make a formal complaint to the CDC chief-executive expressing concern about the result of the planning committees deliberations in light of the council's previous decisions and actions.
2. To take the concern to the local council ombudsman.
3. if there is evidence against a specific, named individual, to write a letter of complaint to the Standard Board.

4. Instigate a Judicial review (this must be done within 8 weeks of the planning decision).
 5. Write to the solicitor for the CDC, requesting an explanation of the decision. **Parish Council members**
- RP requested that the individual members of the council consider these and reply directly to him by **Monday 21 July**.
5. **Settlement profile** **Parish Council members**

JB requested that the council read the profile carefully, and advise him of any changes as this would be used as input into the next Local Plan.
 6. **Recycling bins:** Great Western trains has asked that the recycling bins at the station are removed, due to recent vandalism and the need to create more parking spaces. Members were invited to suggest alternative locations for the bins. **Parish Council members**
 7. **New waste system**

JB reported that the new scheme has already reduced the volume of material sent to landfill, achieving a saving of £8.5k in the last two weeks. There followed discussion about the take-up and adherence to the scheme, despite repeated advice and communication to residents.

Although there is a strong interest in a door-step plastics recycling, it would cost a further £800k and would only be considered once the existing new scheme was firmly established.
 8. **Risk assessment audit report**

The risk assessment and audit was presented to the council by GC. This was discussed and accepted. Proposed GS; seconded DB **GC**

Any potential issues raised by the Corporate Manslaughter and Homicide Act 2007 will be brought forward to a later meeting.
 9. **Finance**

Internal auditors report, and submission to the external auditors:

This was presented, discussed and approved. The appointment of George Collins as the council's 'internal, internal auditor' was also approved. Proposed RP; seconded DB

Accounts and payments for the period ending 3 July - were presented and approved.
 10. **Matters arising**
 - a *Village gates:* designs and costs were presented by SL. After discussion it was agreed to ask Chris Franklin regarding the location and frangibility of the proposed design. **SL**

Although the council approved of the idea in principle, the costs were deemed to be too high. If this option were to go ahead, the sign should say 'please drive carefully though our village'.
 - b *Ewen path:* DB presented three more quotes. The council decided to accept the lowest tender of £4100, and not to alter the current Thames bridge layout. . Proposed DB; seconded GC. **DB**
 - c *Caravan man:* - clerk instructed to ask the CDC for a removal order. **SL**
 - d *ROSPA inspection* - complete. Final payment for play equipment completed.
 11. **Other areas requiring representation**

Withiel Cole was appointed as councillor liaison for the police and neighbourhood

- watch. WC
- It was agreed to approach Sorab about representing Ewen on the Council. However, it was not felt necessary to have a specific councillor to liaise with housing associations. RP
- Proposed GM; seconded GC.
- 9 Planning**
- Views were noted regarding the nature and extent of current domestic planning submissions.
- Kemble Wick phone box: the clerk is to apply for heritage status to try to secure the future of the facility. FGL
- Water Park: Sally Turner was appointed liaison with the Water Park committee. ST
- 10. Thames Board** - will be installed in the next few days. The Council approved the purchase and installation of three canal signs (total cost £90.00) - 2 at Smerrills and one at Thames Head. GM
- 11. Highways**
- SL presented an extensive and detailed report from the transport sub-committee about the results of the speeding survey and other matters. Tubes will now be installed by the Highways dept to collect further evidence. The criteria for another flashing speed light have now changed, but SL will continue to pursue this, and the rat-run on West Lane (despite considerable resistance by the Highways department). SL
- Obscured signs: clerk instructed to write a standard letter encouraging relevant householders to cut back foliage which obscures road signs around the village. FGL
- 12 Kemble Community Gardens:** Project continues to make good progress
- 11 Employment contract:** the clerk's employment contract was signed.
- 12 Community resilience scheme:** discussion deferred to next meeting
- 13 Kemble Village Hall** - seems very probably that the CDC will support the refurbishment of the Hall with a fund of £15k, to be matched by the parish Council. The work starts soon, for completion (hopefully by 9 September). Will this affect Brownies? ST
- 14 Training courses** - WC and GS to attend Planning training (free).
- 15 AOB**
- Asbestos West Hay Grove:* GS reported that the risk associated with small amounts of aspects contained within the artex paint of the Bovis homes is of negligible proportion.
- Playing field fence:* belongs to the housing association. FGL to write letter regarding damage. FGL
- Vehicles without tax discs:* WC to ask community police representative to investigate. WC
- Clayfurlong Barns:* concern was expressed regarding compliance with planning permission - especially the creation of gardens. FGL to write letter to the planning enforcement officer, Mike Green FGL
- Fiona is away between 19 July - 17 August. Email will be forwarded to Gabi (for forwarding!), cemetery internments will be managed by David Ball, and I will ask Mike to deliver post to Withiel.
- Meeting adjourned at 11.15pm.
- The next meeting will be on Friday 5 September at 7.30pm**