



Kemble and Ewen Parish Council: Minutes

Meeting of Kemble and Ewen parish council was held on: **Friday, 5 September 2008; 7.30pm**
at: Kemble Village Hall

Present: Councillor R Pettit, Chairman Apologies: Councillor S Lawlor
 Councillor D Ball, Vice-Chairman
 Councillor G Collins
 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 local residents were present. Alex Love, reporter from Wilts and Glos Standard was present.

1. Apologies for absence: Sara Lawlor

2. Declarations of interest:

G. Moreman (Airfield Cleud); D Ball (payment of Kemble Farms invoice)

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2008 were approved and signed by RP with no alterations.

4. FINANCE

?? The parish council has agreed to increase its contribution towards the cost of the Village Hall refurbishment to £20k, less any proportion of the contingency fund that remains unspent at the completion of the works. After careful review, the PC is satisfied that it can fund this without fiscal pressure during this financial year.

?? The invoices/cheques were passed for payment:

?? The Avon Construction cheque has been paid and cleared.

?? A VAT reclaim request has been submitted, for £5,836 to improve cash flow. This should be paid in about 3 weeks.

?? The amendments requested by the external audit were approved and signed.

5. Station recycling bins

a) The PC wants to make every effort to retain this facility, because it is used despite the introduction of curb-side recycling. There are few sites in the village that combine safety with easy accessibility for emptying. Glen will ask The Tavern if they could be located in their car park asap. Alternative (but more complex suggestions) included the entrance to Washpool Lane (would require Highways permission), and the Community Gardens entrance (problems of lorry access).

GM

b) Settlement profile: JB explained that this was the first part of the planning process for the

- 2011 local plan. It was important that the profile reflected the current situation and issues in the village, but these did not have to be quantified accurately. A team comprising Gabi, David and Glen will update the profile and bring the next meeting. **GS, DB, GM (by 17 Oct)**
- c) Village Gate: meeting will be arranged with Chris Franklin (GC highways) with members of the transport sub-committee. In particular concerns about their location, visibility and frangibility of is to be discussed and recommendations brought to next meeting **GS (by 17 Oct)**
- d) Footpath to Ewen bridge - underway and (weather permitting) should be complete in the next few weeks. DB to draw diagram showing the route, so that it can be included in the parish magazine. **DB (by 10th Sept)**
- e) caravan man has moved.
- f) Overhanging trees letter will be delivered by hand as required over the next few weeks.
- g) Clayfurlong Barns - potential planning breach being investigated by CDC planning officers.
- h) Sara Lawlor was confirmed as Tree Warden for the parish.
- 6. Kemble Village Hall refurb: (see above and minutes of 19 August meeting)**
- The council thanked JB for his help in obtaining the £15k grant towards the new facilities. These should be complete in the next few weeks.
- 7. Planning:**
- a) *Kemble Airfield*: JB read out a prepared statement as the item is under judicial review by North Wilts council. (The PC can request a copy of this separately). **WC**
- RP expressed concern and disappointment that questions raised formally by the PC to the Chief Executive of the CDC remained unanswered. JB to obtain answers if possible. RP to email any supplementary points.
- b) *Kemble Wick phone box*: the clerk to ask John Gurney to survey Kemble Wick residents if they want to keep the phone box (without the phone) as a landmark, or to have it removed permanently. It was noted that the annual cost of retaining the phone was £500pa, and that this was too expensive an ongoing commitment to ask residents to bear. **FGL**
- c) *Water Park* meeting; since all meetings are daytime, ST has stepped down from this role. GS will attend on the parish's behalf. **GS**
- FGL to re-circulate minutes of last meeting. **FGL**
- 8. Neighbourhood watch/police**
- WC is working alongside Peter Burns. Meeting due next week. WC will report at next meeting. **WC**
- 9. Highways**
- Three sets of 'tubes' installed to monitor traffic speeds on Windmill Rd and A429. This will be rotated onto to other roads later. Action on signage and traffic calming measures will depend on the outcome of this survey. **GC**
- RP reported that there was no interest previously from neighbouring Parishes in sharing the cost of a 'smiling Sid'.
- Noted that the LED 40mph light was still not working. And the broken barrier on the A429 footpath crossing at West Hay still not repaired. These and other matters, inc suggestion to **GS/SL**

place 'access only' signs at the top of West Lane will be discussed with Chris Franklin.

10. Allotments

Draft contract for lease of land by Kemble parish on behalf of the Community Gardens has been received. Awaiting comment by the Federation of City Gardens. No major issues, although need right of access.

WC

11. Risk assessment - will be reviewed as part of the normal planning process

12. AOB

a) West Hay Grove green: grass is cut by Gardenia. Complaints about not collecting the grass cuttings. DB to ask Keith Harrison to prune the bushes/trees.

DB

b) Clerk to write to **Fosse Way housing** about maintenance of bungalow common-area grass maintenance. Suggested that some of the residents might be willing to take this on.

FGL

c) GS to ask CFranklin about **pruning trees** alongside the A429.

GS

d) WC to attend 'Balance of Power' **meeting** in London – Councillors' thoughts on the issues requested..

WC

e) RP to formally invite **Sorab** to join the parish council.

RP

Meeting adjourned at 10.45pm.

The next meeting will be on Friday 17 October at 7.30pm