



# Kemble and Ewen Parish Council: Minutes

Meeting of Kemble and Ewen parish council was held on: **Friday 13 February 2009** at **7.30pm**

at: **Kemble Village Hall**

<b>Present:</b>	Councillor R Pettit, Chairman Councillor D Ball, Vice-Chairman Councillor G Collins Councillor S Lawlor Councillor S Sorabjee Councillor G. Moreman Councillor S Turner Councillor W Cole John Birch, District Councillor	<b>Apologies:</b>	Councillor G Somerville
<b>Guests and public:</b>	Peter Burns, resident		
<b>In attendance:</b>	F Garnet-Lawson, clerk		

Opportunity for the public to raise any matters.

**0. Formula One testing:**

Peter Burns expressed continued concern over the level and type of noise created by the testing of Formula One cars at the airfield. In particular he wished that the parish council would take a more proactive, rather than reactive stance. He also expressed doubt that, even though the 'statutory nuisance' legislation does not rely on the level of public complaint, that this alone would tackle his concerns sufficiently. He stated that he was aware that the level of informal dissatisfaction amongst residents was significantly higher than the number of formal complaints sent direct to CDC, and was prepared to conduct a survey to find out the actual level of concern.

He expressed his opinion that the airfield used a style of planning encroachment, whereby if they considered that there were not enough complaints about an action, then that was taken tacit permission to proceed as they wished.

In response, chairman RP stated that the Parish Council was continuing to try to arrange a meeting with other parish councils which adjoin the airfield, in order to seek a constructive dialogue. In the meantime, the CDC environmental protection officer was continuing to monitor the situation and keeping the KEPC informed. However, the parish council also had to recognise that if the overall level of concern about the noise of this, and the extension of the Kemble Air-Day to 2 days duration, was low then the community overall did not have a serious issue with the activities.

**1. Apologies for absence:** Councillor G Somerville (sick)

**2. Declarations of interest:** SL, GS, WC: allotments; GM allotments and parish grants

**3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting:**

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 9 January 2009 were unanimously approved by the council and signed by RP with no alterations.

Proposed: DB; seconded: GC

**4. Matters arising**

**a) Recycling bins:**

JB reported that Great Western Railways does not want any recycling bins on its land, on neither side of the tracks. It was noted that there are no other suitable locations in the village for these bins. The clerk reported that the only complaints received about moving the bins had gone to the village shop (and none KEPC) which implied that the complaints came from rail users, rather than local residents. This matter is now closed.

**b) F-site at Kemble airfield:** JB reported that, in light of the earlier ruling that the airfield site should be treated as a whole for planning purposes, it was the opinion of CDC that this matter should be left until after the Judicial review in March09. Broadleaze Transport is still operating under its original remit as a vehicle storage operation. However the other operator would probably require permission to continue to operate an active depot on the site, if they choose to stay.

clerk

**c) Airfield liaison** - the clerk is continue to try to arrange a mutually convenient meeting with neighbouring parishes.

**d) Airfield CLUED** - JB confirmed that the results of the review will be published in full by the CDC.

**e) Planning** - JB reported that **Honda** has applied for car storage for the Gloucestershire side of the site. THE CDC is minded to approve the application due to the large number of Cotswold residents employed at the plant. KEPC sully endorsed the approval.

**f) Planning - gas pipeline.** JB reported that he had been to a meeting with the engineers, and that he was satisfied that there would be minimum disruption to residents and the environment as a result of the works.

**g) Clayfurlong Barns** - clerk is awaiting a reply from Yvonne Poole about progress on planning enforcement.

**h) Trees A429** - Councillor Somerville sent report that she visited the residents, and discussed the matter with

Highways. There is agreement with Highways that ash saplings are theirs. Discussions are in progress about removing saplings and pruning maples.

i) Signed **allotment contract** for Kemble Community Gardens has been returned by CDC. WC is preparing a corresponding contract between KEPC and Kemble Community Gardens. KEPC needs to know who the official trustees of the KCG are.

j) **Heating oil clubs** - still ongoing. Peter Carling has visited Chedworth and has received 17 expressions of interest - however he needs 40 households for the scheme to be viable

[Councillor JB left the meeting]

**5. Planning:**

- i. Pipeline (see matters arising)
- ii. Old Forge, Ewen (window) - no objections

**6. Financial report** and cheques for signature - were noted and approved.

Clerk reported that the precept for 2009-2010 has been requested for 18k, and reported on the account balances. The re-appointment of Iain Selkirk as the independent internal auditor, for financial year 2008-2009 accounts, was unanimously approved. The clerk was instructed to prepare the accounts accordingly, with support from KEPC Financial Controller George Collins.

clerk

Clerk reported that fee-free 'community bank accounts' are available from NatWest, HSCB, Co-Op and HBOS. These do not pay interest. Council discussed the low interest rates payable at the moment, but considered that a separate higher interest account should continue to be operated alongside a 'current account' to earn as much interest as possible (as at present). Clerk was instructed to investigate further, with a view to prudent risk management and therefore to focus on the big clearing banks.

The rental increase for the hire of the Village Hall was noted. It was agreed that it was necessary to accept the increase.

**7. Review of Policy and procedures:**

- i. Standing orders and financial regulations - approved by the Council as amended (to include the adoption of the 2008 Model Publication Scheme for the Freedom of Information Act in November 2008 (see minutes of Nov08)).
- ii. Register of interests - noted that there were no changes in the register of Members' interests. Approved by Council.
- iii. Asset register - no changes, but clerk instructed to find out:
  - ?? whether or not the council should account for the depreciation of assets, and does this affect the insurance value
  - ?? if park benches and notice boards should be included in the asset list, as they are currently not included on the list of assets. Likewise need to follow up on the BT phone box at Kemble Wick.

clerk

**8. Reports:**

**8a Neighbourhood watch/police**

D. Bragg is going into hospital again, so WC and Peter Burns will progress actions themselves. There are 17 people who are interested in creating a NW scheme.

The Community police have set up a meeting on 16 March 09, in the Village Hall, 7.30pm. Clerk to check if this is the correct date, and if there are intending to attend the KEPC meeting on 20/3/09 as well.

Agreed to set measurable objectives for the Police Community team initiative, regarding the patrol of the playing field area, which has had problems with drinking, litter and some (limited) vandalism in the past. WC to progress.

WC

**8b**

**Allotments:** 5 new allotment holders for this spring, and starting to clear and plant the area for the community orchard. Considering project for a small, natural shelter and may have a plant sale to raise funds in March/April.

**8c.**

**Village Hall** - the committee is not happy with the state of the new floor surface. ST to circulate minutes of the last meeting once they are produced

ST

**8d.**

**Highways and road safety:** meeting will be held on 16 Feb. Items to discuss include:

SL/GS

- i. Flooding at Ewen bend to be reported again.
- ii. the pedestrian traffic light sequence (has been fixed)
- iii. Long grass at bottom of hill by Ewen - SL to ask Highways if KEPC can cut this and re-charge.
- iv. Station Road - the traffic calming review assessment report
- v. Curb stones outside no 165 have been disturbed

Meanwhile, also liaising with Kemble School about sustainable school plan for children travelling to school. Still an issue about visibility at junction of West and School Lane, and rat -run on West Lane.

- 8e Tree warden:** info about the tree competition has been posted in village and at school. **SL**  
Tree planting on Windmill Road - ideas to be circulated later.
- 8f Thames Canal** - minutes circulated by email separately
- 8g Playground:** DB reported that can remove the chains. Clerk instructed to order separate replacement child seat only. Wooden pallets have been put onto the grass and some turves removed. Glen to talk to possible perpetrators. SL said that they could play on the allotment site, and did not need to take the pallets away - she can always find constructive physical outlets for teenagers to help with clearing etc **clerk GM**
- 8h Water Park:** RP reported that he has corresponded with Shaun Parsons about the Water-Park lease. SP has commissioned, and received, a report from the GlosCC legal department, but that he could not share its contents at this stage. He will give RP a copy as soon as he is able. RP to follow through. **RP**
- 9 Village Grant Awards:**  
Three applications from local community groups, which all contribute to various sections of the residents, were received. The council decided to award the money as follows: {using the following Power: Local Govt Act Misc provisions 1976 s19}.  
[note, GM declared an interest and did not take part in this part of the meeting]
- i. Kemble Thursday Club: £150.00 - toward meeting and recreational facilities costs for retired residents.
  - ii. Dad's Army - £600.00 - toward football match costs and arena hire for Kemble's teenage football team
  - iii. Kemble and District Royal British Legion Women's Division: £150.00 - towards 65th anniversary celebration activities
- 13. AOB**
- i. Climate change meeting - SL will circulate minutes and slides separately.
  - ii. ST reported on progress towards re-activating the K&E youth club. All councillors expressed their support for this venture. **clerk**
  - iii. Agreed to move the KEPC AGM meeting from 15 May to alternative date or venue, due to the Kemble music festival. The Village Hall has been tentatively booked for the previous day, Thursday 14 May (to be agreed)
  - iv. GM has a paper back-up of the burial records
  - v. Clerk to arrange meeting with the new village agent - Lynn Saunders as convenient

Meeting adjourned at 10.30 pm.

**The next meeting will be on Friday 20 March 2009 at 7.30pm**