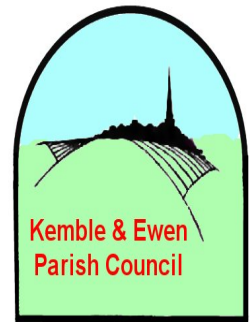


Kemble and Ewen Parish Council: Minutes



Meeting of Kemble and Ewen parish council was held on: **Friday 17 April 2009** at

7.30pm

at: Kemble Village Hall

Present:	Councillor R Pettit Chairman Councillor D Ball, Vice-Chairman Councillor G Collins Councillor S Lawlor Councillor S Sorabjee Councillor G. Moreman Councillor G Somerville Councillor S Turner John Birch, District Councillor	Apologies:	Councillor W Cole
Guests and public:	Tom Barrow, Andrew Lennard, Esmond Jenkins		
In attendance:	F Garnet-Lawson, clerk		

Opportunity for the public to raise any matters.

0. Shaun Parsons – who had intended to be present, sent his apologies. Esmond Jenkins therefore gave a summary on the current state of play of the Shorncote and Somerford Keynes parishes inquiry.

T. Barrow – see point 5 for Parkers Bridge (Planning)

A. Lennard - KVHMC will pay the retention fee expected in May - c£2k. Agreed that any future expenditure which required the support of the Parish Council would form part of the normal KEPC budgeting process which starts in November prior to final agreement in May the following year, and acknowledged that these budgets were proposals rather than firm commitments to actual expenditure at that stage. All looked forward to improved communication due to the appointment of ST to the KVHMC.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Councillor W Cole

2. **Declarations of interest:** SL, GS, WC = allotments; GM = allotments, airfield;

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

The minutes of the meetings held on 20 March 2009 were unanimously approved by the council and signed by DB with no alterations. *Proposed: S; seconded: GS*

4. **Matters arising**

- a. **Airfield liaison** – SS and RP met with representatives from Ahsley Culkerton; Coates and Crudwell. Agreed to approach CDC and Wiltshire Councils about re-establishing the Airfield Liaison group, in order to improve communication between Kemble airfield and the surrounding parishes. JB will contact RP separately about his later, but had no objection in principle. He

clerk

confirmed that the Judicial Review was not complete.

- b. Judicial Review – no decision made. JB reported that the judge will continue deliberations as soon as he is able - perhaps from London or Sheffield. **JB**
- c. **Trees A429** – removal will take place shortly - in mid-May. Council reassured that will take account of any nesting birds. **GS**
- d. Tree to be planted in memory of a local resident. Clerk responded to resident, but has received no reply. Clerk to follow up. **clerk**
- e. **West Lane** proposal – SL, GS and DB to meet separately and discuss in more detail, ready to take a proposal(s) to the Parish meeting on 8 May **DB/GS**
- f. **Village Gates** – Agreed to proceed with Highways proposal for one set of village gates - £1000. **GS**

[Councillor JB left the meeting]

5. Planning:

Parkers Bridge: Agreed that preferred options 4 of surveyor's proposals. TB raised request to use this as an opportunity to improve pedestrian access, especially in light of the new permissive path and use of Thames Path by tourists. Noted that Highways had severe budget restraints but agreed to arrange site meeting with bridge surveyor to pursue options - perhaps a separate wooden walkway rather than integral pavement. PR to arrange visit for SL/GS/DB/GS depending on who was available to attend **RP**

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

- a. Still awaiting precept payment. JB agreed (earlier) to investigate.
- b. Agreed to maintain rental payments for KVHMC despite offers to defer payments, to ensure transparency and fairness to other user groups. **Clerk**
- c. Clerk instructed to advertise for a replacement for June Telling's role, at the same terms and conditions of service. **Clerk**
- d. Noted that a short additional meeting will be required to sign off the year-end accounts following the internal audit at the end of May. Date to be advised. **clerk**
- e. Clerk asked to seek alternative insurance quotes, as the Allianz quote for this year has increased by 9%.
- f. Clerk is also instructed to review the burial ground fees, and report at a later meeting. **clerk**
- g. Agreed to ask Brian Robbins to undertake distribution of annual parish newsletter, and stile maintenance again this year, on same terms as last year. Also to sand and oil the benches. **clerk**
- h. Clerk to find charges for grass cutting for Highways, and re-charge.

7. Budget – take forward to KEPC AGM in May **GC**

8. Annual Parish Meeting: **clerk**

- Councillors reviewed text - clerk to amend and have printed by CDC in black and white. RP to write introduction. GC to check data. **clerk**
- Agenda and speakers agreed - clerk to try to make contact with school governors again about speaking.
- GC to prepare to chair the lighting discussion. **GC**

- GS/DB to lead discussion on West Lane, and provide maps/diagrams for discussion.

DB/GS

9 Reports:

Youth, Allotments and WaterPark: reports circulated separately in advance. No actions required.

Canals and Tree warden - nothing major to report .

Highways and road safety - still waiting for survey to be completed on Station Road chicane prior to (hopefully) its removal; concern expressed still about rail travellers using side streets rather than the station car park even during school holidays when there are plenty of spaces left in the station car park. Noted that the dualling of the rail track may exacerbate these problems. IN the past the PC has noted that Highways has advised that the only remedy is to introduce double yellow lines or parking permits (which they are reluctant to do as it will penalise residents too).

DB/GM

Play area: BR has installed the new swing, but BD needs to add tow more bolts. The pallets are still in place on the playing field.

13. AOB

- i. Clerk instructed to ask CDC for 2 more dog fouling bins - for Old Vicarage Lane and Station Road.
- ii. GM send apologies in advance for the next meeting 8 May.

clerk

Meeting adjourned at 10.10 pm.

The next meeting will be on Friday 8 May at 7.30pm (parish Meeting) and Thursday 14 May (AGM)