

Kemble and Ewen Parish Council: Minutes



Meeting of Kemble and Ewen parish council was held on: **Friday 14 October 2010 at 7.30pm**

in: Kemble Village Hall

Present:	Councillor R Pettit Chairman Councillor S Sorabjee Councillor G Somerville	Councillor W Cole Councillor G Collins Councillor S Lawlor District Councillor J Birch
Apologies:	Councillor D Ball, Vice-Chairman	
In attendance:	F Garnet-Lawson, clerk	Guests: 5 residents

- 0. Five residents present – concerned about the future of the Community Gardens and CDC lease proposal. The area of land that is proposed for the short lease (either for sale or housing) is substantially larger than that in the September proposal, and consumes almost the entire treeless area which is currently used for cultivation. Concerned that, because of the difficulty of cutting down trees (combined with a desire to maintain a wild area) this new proposal could result in the abandonment of the community gardens idea in Kemble, if this area was used for housing in due course.

Councillor Birch explained that the CDC has to fill a large funding gap due to the government spending cuts, which means that it has to find additional courses of revenue. He indicated that the CDC could reinvest the money resulting from the sale of the community gardens site to produce an income of £60k a year. The CDC has to ensure that it uses its resources to meet the needs of all residents in the Cotswold District, not only Kemble, and that it has a financial duty to use its assets to the best of its ability for the good of all.

Kemble Community gardens will be arrange a general meeting to discuss – 22 October, Kemble school Hall, 7.30pm.

- 1. **Apologies for absence:** D. Ball
- 2. **Declarations of interest on items on the agenda:** none
- 3. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting:** Minutes for Sept 2010 were approved.
- 4. **Matters arising**
 - a. Windmill Road bus shelter proposal – design shown. Agreed in principle subject to written quotes. Councillor Somerville to provide 3 quotes. GS
 - b. Clayfurlong-to-Station permissive path proposal – bring forward DB/cle
 - c. Play equipment repairs – 8 small one-inch areas of wet-our surface need repair, and the slide platform need attention. rk
 - d. Cemetery repairs – have identified 4 relatives as result of responses from local residents. Clerk to ask the stonemason if he can start repairs after December if no further relatives are found. Clerk
 - e. Registration of parish council assets – council approved registration of Kemble Village Hall; including paperwork and fee.
 - f. Kemble Wick barriers – Gloucester highways to liaise direct with Kemble farms to resolve access problems. **DB**

5. FINANCE

- a. The Schedule of accounts for payment was approved unanimously.
 - b. Approved: purchase of £134.91 for play equipment for Kemble youth club from agreed budget provision. Receipts received. clerk
 - c. Councillors reminded that Section 106 money has a deadline for expenditure. Noted that would like to install play equipment on the Community Gardens site hampered by lease discussions.
6. Councillor vacancies – co-option in progress RP
7. IT systems –clerk scheduling monthly backups via external hard drive

8. **PLANNING**

- a. Cotswold airport – JB reported that communication had gone quiet between CDC and airport management, and regarding new liaison group. No news at all. Councillors to attempt to monitor non-general aviation activity levels. Agreed to establish independent comments system for residents. JB
Clerk
- b. 10/03954/FUL Bradley Lodge, Limes Road, Kemble – extension to outbuilding – no objection
- c. 10/04414/TCONR sycamore Evergreen House, Old Vicarage Lane, Kemble - no objection
- d. 10/03940/LBC 126 Old Vicarage Lane, Kemble - no objection
- e. 10/04122/LBC 6 Clayfurlong Barns, Kemble – objection. This contravenes the terms of the original planning premising and restrictions.

Are there standards for dry-stone walls? There are many different qualities and finishes on new build and new walls at the moment. clerk

9. **REPORTS**

- a. **Neighbourhood Watch/policing:** meeting next week. clerk
- b. **KCG Community gardens/allotments:** separate report received by email. RP; SL and GS to meet CDC officers on 4 November to discuss new Heads of Terms proposal (see earlier discussion).

Concerned that measures to reduce anti-social behaviour, in conjunction with the youth club committee and local community police team were halted due to CDC preventing construction of tree house – even though funds available. Concern is that adults are now seen as not delivering on promises made in good faith.

- c. **Kemble Village Hall:** hope to appoint KEPC representative to committee soon. Noted that terms of original deed require the VH committee to hold a public AGM every year.
- d. **Highways/traffic:** JB reported that repairs to road between Smerrills and Ewen are 'on the list'. JB/SL
/GS

Has been another incident of *car ignoring pedestrian red traffic lights* whilst parent and child was crossing the road.

Discussion in progress about installing a *flashing speed sign* at the Clayfurlong end on A429. GS

Parking bays – Windmill Road. Highways will install 2 bays at shop-end for the general use of all residents in December/January. These are not for the exclusive use of those residents

whose homes are nearest. Will be 'grass-crete' not tarmac. Will also install solid base for bus shelter at same time. Clerk to publicise.

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- e. Airfield Liaison:- no news (see earlier).
- f. Youth Club: becoming so successful that might be overwhelmed by numbers. More adult helpers needed.
- g. Playing field and play area: bin vandalism taking place again.

11. AOB

- Tree damage A429 verge – GC to continue to try to contact householder.
- Clerk to write general letter about hedge pruning.
- Residents are still parking on the grass verge at Windmill Road, which is damaging the grass. Need another targeted letter by Fosseyway again
- Clerk to ask CDC if anything can be done about vacant dilapidated property on Windmill Road.

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Meeting adjourned at 11.30 pm.

Next meetings:

Friday 26 November 7.30pm Kemble Village Hall

There is no meeting in December.

Friday 7 January 2011 7.30pm Kemble Village Hall