



Kemble and Ewen Parish Council: Minutes

Meeting of Kemble and Ewen parish council was held on: **Friday 8 January 2010**
at **7.30pm**

in: Kemble Village Hall

Present:	Councillor R Pettit Chairman Councillor D Ball, Vice-Chairman Councillor S Sorabjee Councillor S Turner	Councillor W Cole Councillor S Lawlor Councillor G Collins District Councillor J Birch (left early)
Apologies:	Councillor G Somerville Councillor G. Moreman	
In attendance:	F Garnet-Lawson, clerk	

1. **Apologies for absence:** G Somerville
2. **Declarations of interest on items on the agenda:** none
3. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting:**
Minutes for November 2009 were approved.
4. **Matters arising**
 - a. CLEUD report judgement - JB still waiting for transcript of judgement. Agreed that if no report is forthcoming by the next meeting we will ask the CDC to write to the Lord Chief Justice's department to escalate the matter,. THE current situation is not acceptable. RP/J
B
 - b. Station car parking - RP has written to Geoffrey Clifton Brown and is awaiting response. Agreed to proceed with stickers for cars asap along the line suggested by Glos local police. SI/G
S
 - c. Ewen sub-station - this is now moving forward in what appears to be a very promising way thanks to highly persistent action by SS. However, since this has already been 'in progress' for 7 years, we will not declare victory until the sub-station is complete. SS
 - d. Street Lights turn off - some lights have been turned off between midnight and 5am, the rest will follow gradually.
 - e. Ewen-Ciren road condition: JB reported that Glos Highways were in control of the situation and were expecting to receive a 'substantial contribution' from Ewen Manor towards the cost of repairing the entire stretch of road once the work (and bad weather) is over.
 - f. Kemble burial ground: Kemble Farms has been approached verbally. Clerk to draft letter accordingly. clerk
 - g. War Memorial - DB to report at next meeting. DB
5. **PLANNING**
 - a. Clayfurlong Barns: enforcement proceedings to take place over fencing. A planning application has now been submitted for gates. This is awaiting judgement (in about 6 weeks). RP suggested that the Planning department makes a further site visit JB

(since access can be gained through the agricultural entrance) to identify and assess any other potential breaches of planning conditions including garage doors.

- b. 7-8 Clayfurlong barns : going to the Planning Committee - KEPC re-stated that it has no objection to the proposal.
- c. Ewen Manor - CDC has refused permission for the helicopter hanger. JB reported that the owner has now appointed a QC and will appeal. **JB**
- d. Ewen Manor - gymnasium - following discussion with residents of Ewen, KEPC has no objections to this proposal. However KEPC asked JB to convey that the parish residents have now faced 3 years of successive planning applications from Ewen Manor, and would like a rest from the disturbance. Clerk also to make this point in response to the application. **JB/
clerk**
- e. The Byre, Ewen - following discussion with residents of Ewen, KEPC has no objections to the detail of this proposal, but would like to see the flues encased in stone/brick. **clerk**

6. FINANCE

- a. The Schedule of accounts for payment was approved unanimously.
- b. Web site - agreed that the hosting package would be reviewed formally in Nov 2010 (it comes up for renewal in January). This will form part of business plan and budget discussions later. **clerk**
- c. Expenditure - some projects have not developed as anticipated for a range of reasons. This will form part of business plan and budget discussions at the next meeting. Expect that the Village Gates will be invoiced in March. **all**
- d. Grass cutting contract - will go out to tender this year. Clerk to place public advert inviting 'expressions of interest' in the Parish News, Standard and Newshound; and to write to Gardenia. Cemetery grass cutting to be re-formalised. Clerk to write letter. **clerk**

7. Kemble Airfield :

RP has written to CEO of CDC and now awaiting a response from Andrew Fothergill which should arrive next week. Will then arrange a meeting to discuss outstanding issues (see Nov minutes). **RP**

Noted that the minutes of the CDC/wilts/airfield liaison group imply that more involvement and better communications will remove every concern This implies that they have not understood the fundamental objections or depth of feeling amongst a growing number of local residents. F1 testing is a symptom of a deeper problem surrounding the legal basis of non-flying activity, and is not the only issue.

KEPC resolved to investigate the potential for obtaining advice through the Environmental Law Foundation regarding taking action for statutory nuisance against the airport in the magistrate's court. **RP**

KEPC also resolved to request a copy of the MOD 1997 report on Pollutants and Contaminants at the airfield site. **WC**

8. REPORTS

- a. Neighbourhood Watch/policing: meeting held on 17 December. **WC**
About 12 people attended. New stickers to be distributed and signs erected, and paid for, by Glos police. Will hold these meetings every 6 months in future. WC to attend the 'Safer Gloucestershire' meeting later this month.
- b. Allotments: CDC visited site to discuss lease extension. KEPC very **SL**
disappointed to learn that they still have this site earmarked for housing even though there is no justification for further affordable/rented housing within Kemble. SL to continue to request lease extension due to importance of the Community Gardens project to the residents.
- c. Kemble Village Hall - no minutes received. **ST**
- d. Highways/traffic: **SL**
No TAG meeting since November.
New signs warning motorists of traffic lights now in place, but has been another incident of car driving through the red traffic lights (from Malmesbury direction).
Glos Highways questionnaire completed and returned.
- e. Airfield Liaison - KEPC not invited to CDC/airfield meetings **SS**
- f. Youth Club: had a successful event and carol singing before **ST**
Christmas - about 15 youth took part. A small entrance fee and refreshment payments covered costs. Hope to continue at the level of activity in 2010.
- g. Playing field and play area: ROSPA inspection booked for April 2010. **clerk**
- h. Canals - no report
- i. Water Park - SL to invite residents to join campaign to protect **SL**
footpaths via the parish magazine.
- j. Tree Warden - agreed not to plant trees along the intermittent Thames.
- 9. Windmill Rd: parking is an issue. SL to create questionnaire and/or visit **GS/S**
residents on both sides of the road to discuss bus shelter, tree and **L**
shrub proposals.

10. AOB - none

Meeting adjourned at 10.15 pm. **The next meeting will be on Friday February 15th at 7.30pm**