



Kemble and Ewen Parish Council: Minutes

Meeting of Kemble and Ewen parish council was held on: **Friday 12 February 2010** at **7.30pm**

in: Kemble Village Hall

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

- The Council noted with deep sadness the death of John Gilliland, who was greatly valued and respected clerk for this parish for many years. Agreed to send £100 donation to Cancer Research in John’s memory.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** D. Ball
- 2. Declarations of interest on items on the agenda:** Youth Club (S. Turner; G. Collins;) community gardens (S. Lawlor, G. Somerville)
- 3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting:**
Minutes for January 2010 were approved.

4. Councillor resignation:

Glen Moreman announced his resignation by email. The chairman accepted his resignation with regret, as Glen has served on the council for at least 6 years.

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Clerk instructed to find out the procedure for notifying the vacancy and seeking a new parish councillor.

5. Matters arising

- CLEUD report judgement - JB reported that a draft of the judgement has apparently been types and the CDC is eagerly waiting for its publication.

JB

- b. Station car parking - Geoffrey Clifton Brown has replied to RP's letter - says he will set up a meeting with RP, JB, First Gt Western and Highways about increasing the size of the car parks (especially in anticipation of dualling of track) and a member of TAG committee to attend too.

**RP/J
B**

KEPC and JB continue to discuss ways of discouraging commuters from parking in village streets. JB suggested ways of incentivising commuters to use the car parks, as this may be more effective than a stick approach.

Councillors agreed not to use leaflets or stickers pending the outcome of this meeting. Yellow lines regarded as a last resort as it affects residents as well as commuters (even if we could persuade Glos Highways to insert them, which is doubtful given the state of finances at the moment.)

- c. Ewen sub-station - progress has stalled again. Noted that this process has taken 8 years so far. JB recommended RP write to Geoffrey C-B to escalate and remove obstacles.

**RP/J
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- d. War memorial - bring forward (DB away).

DB

- e. CDC Old Manor Gardens lease (allotments).

RP

Reported concern to JB that the CDC is now only prepared to offer a one-year rolling lease. This **severely** restricts the ability of the Community Gardens committee to fulfil its remit, or obtain grants. Such a short time scale runs the risk of jeopardising all the excellent nationally -recognised work of this innovating and leading scheme.

JB recommends that RP writes direct to David Neudegg, CDC chief executive, explaining the value of the scheme to the parish and in contributing to CDC's green and community objectives.

- f. Kemble burial ground: clerk still to draft letter to Kemble Farms.

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- g. War Memorial - DB to report at next meeting.

DB

- h. Windmill Road - SL and GS personally consulting residents about landscaping of the area. Results to be reported at next meeting. Concerned to hear about the angry reaction of one resident.

- i. Airfield:

One member of KEPC invited to a briefing meeting on 22 February with the CDC regarding future potential planning applications for the airfield. KEPC strongly against apparent proposal of using limited noise reduction as a bargaining chip to gain planning permission for additional non-flying activities. Excessive noise is potentially a statutory nuisance and therefore not something that can be traded. JB reminded councillors that it is hard to prove statutory nuisance. No agenda is available for the meeting on 22 February.

Noted that the airfield only mentions formula one cars as part of this, without any comment on potential activities with formula 2, 3 etc testing. Also strongly held that racing car testing, although an intolerable disturbance, was one of a wider range of issues concerning actual core activities at the airfield and related future developments.

Noted that not all surrounding parishes who have expressed concern over noise levels or airfield activities appear to have been invited.

Discussion, with no resolution, that although the CLEUD stated that the airfield was to be treated as one planning unit, it now seemed that planning matters were reverting back to Wilts and CDC separately.

Also JB reported that the number of allowable days of non-flying activity still not legally clarified –despite CDC's request for Counsel's opinion - or how many days of car testing this does or does not include within the total. KEPC dissatisfied as this is a key point for the briefing meeting.

WC expressed deep concern that JB and CDC did not appear to be aware of MOD report of chemical contaminants at the site, despite this paper being cited in the CLEUD documents, which should be considered if there were any new construction undertaken at the site.

6. PLANNING

a. Clayfurlong Barns: JD reported that the gates and fencing are being taken to the next committee meeting, with a recommendation from the case officer to refuse and remove. **JB**

b. 7-8 Clayfurlong barns: approved by CDC.

c. Ewen Manor - owners have intimated that they will not appeal against decision to refuse, because recognise the disturbance to the community. RP thanked JB for his support on behalf of the residents.

- Noted that cannot prevent further planning applications, but apparently the work at the manor is 'drawing to a close'.

d. The Byre, Ewen - further application for garage circulated to councillors. **clerk**

e. Fly tipping - residents from Ewen Wharf reported several incidents of fly tipping - JB asked them to give details direct to CDC. Also increase traffic (perhaps due to work at Ewen Manor)

7. FINANCE

a. The Schedule of accounts for payment was approved unanimously. **all**

- b. Community Grants awards - 6 submissions were received for the budget of £600. Council awarded Grants to Little Fishes; Kemble playgroup; WI; Thursday club; and Music festival. Youth club is to be supported separately as agreed in previous meetings. **clerk**
- c. Auditor - council approved appointment of Debbie Burrow as internal auditor for our accounts this year financial year. **all**
- d. Grass cutting contract - received 7 submissions. These were evaluated blind ie councillors did not know which tender came from which supplier. A short list of 3 was agreed. To be take forward by D. Ball **DB**

8. BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET

- a. Councillors approved the budget for the core items Core services includes: insurance, wages, training, stationery, inspections, professional accounting/audit fees, memberships, rent, contingency
- b. Councillors agreed to carry forward the plan to improve the appearance of Windmill Road (as mandated by the parish plan and still not undertaken).
- c. Council agreed to canvass the opinions of residents, via the parish news, newshound and annual parish meeting in May, about the levels of demand and attitudes towards expenditure on the remaining substantial items (cemetery, headstones, station footpath, playing field).

9. KEPC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The following items were approved:

- a. Asset register
- d. The Health and Safety policy
- e. Risk Assessment procedure - with amendments by GC.
- f. Standing orders and financial regulations

The Register of members interests remains unchanged.

10. REPORTS

- a. Neighbourhood Watch/policing: there were 2 foiled burglaries in the village last month. RP praised the vigilance of neighbours, residents and local police for their fast response. Details passed to local police including registration of a white van, which has subsequently been found to be false.
- b. Allotments: concern over lease noted earlier. They have won another award (Plant Places award), and have planted some willow and hazel despite the 12 month lease.
- c. Kemble Village Hall: fund raising is going well.
- d. Highways/traffic: to be brought forward. The village gates are installed, Windmill Rod junction improvements complete and the traffic calming on station Road removed. **GS**

GS to write report for Parish News

e. Airfield Liaison: SS to continue with day to day activities, whilst RP and WC attend CDC/airfield meeting on 22 Feb.

f. Youth Club: intend to run 2 activities a month, for 11-16 year olds

g. Playing field and play area: BR reported broken gate

DB

h. Water Park: general invitation to public meeting issued

11. AOB -

- Clerk to invite Martin Hutchings to next meeting regarding the housing survey.

- Clerk to check availability of school hall for April meeting

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Meeting adjourned at 10.50 pm. **The next meeting will be on Friday 19 March at 7.30pm**