



Kemble and Ewen Parish Council: Minutes

Meeting of Kemble and Ewen parish council was held on: **Friday 3 Sept 2010 at 7.30pm**

in: Kemble Village Hall

Present:	Councillor R Pettit Chairman Councillor D Ball, Vice-Chairman Councillor S Sorabjee;	Councillor W Cole Councillor G Collins District Councillor J Birch
Apologies:	Councillor G Somerville; Councillor S Lawlor	
In attendance:	F Garnet-Lawson, clerk	Guests: none

0. No residents or guests present.
1. **Apologies for absence:** S Lawlor; G Somerville
2. **Declarations of interest on items on the agenda:** none
3. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting:**
Minutes for July 2010 were approved.
4. **Matters arising**
 - a. Windmill Road bus shelter proposal – agreed in principle subject to written quotes. GS/SL
 - b. Clayfurlong-to-Station permissive path proposal – agreed in principle to:
clear scrub; erect fence and lay down compacted hardcore - subject to final written quote and approval from Fosseyway Housing. DB/clerk
Clerk to liaise with Fosseyway Housing.
Clerk to publicise.
 - c. Play equipment repairs – bring forward to next meeting
 - d. Cemetery repairs – text of notice agreed. Clerk to publicise through churches, notices and parish news Community Gardens lease Clerk
 - e. Kemble Wick barriers – nothing to report. Clerk
 - f. Registration of parish council assets – clerk reported that the cemetery is registered.
Agreed to take steps to register the Village Hall with the Land Registry, Gloucester. Clerk
 - g. Kemble Wick barriers – farm vehicles still cannot enter gateway. JB to ask highways to call Kemble farms asap. **JB**
JB still following up issue of consultation via MP (GC-B)
 - h. Noted that network rail is proposing to undertake some monitoring of the slope using a borehole in the nearby field, and that this will take place over a year.
 - i. Criteria for local housing availability – clerk to send to resident concerned. clerk

5. FINANCE

- a. The Schedule of accounts for payment was approved unanimously.
- b. Approved: purchase of one dog bin for Ewen (to be situated by the bus stop).
- c. Noted satisfactory completion of external audit. Public notices were displayed for the required time period.

clerk
RP

6. Councillor vacancies – agreed to invite first prospective councillor to next meeting. RP to invite.

7. IT systems – agreed that clerk should now use online back-up data storage services. GC to advise.

8. PLANNING

- a. Cotswold airport – draft undertaking for additional business activities to be permitted on site is still a ‘live’ issue and is being discussed between CDC; Wilts and airport management. No further information available.

Noted that both the CDC and Wilts planning authorities consult with each other on matters such as this were the land ownership straddles administrative boundaries.

- b. JB to arrange meeting with CDC’s CEO and RP regarding responsibility and accountability for monitoring extent of 28-day rule activities at the site.
- c. Clayfurlong barns fence – complete. Gates still subject to appeal; awaiting comments from inspector.
- d. 10/03033/FUL Windrush Cottage – objection: agreed.
- e. 10/03252/NEI – noted that Wilts have decided that an environmental assessment is not required for the potential additional developments at Cotswold Airport.

JB

9. REPORTS

- a. Neighbourhood Watch/policing: clerk to write to Chief Constable about thanks for local community police activities.

clerk

- b. KCG Community gardens/allotments: separate report received by email.

Councillor Birch outlined proposals for land lease on expiry of current lease on 27 January 2012. CDC owns the land and may require some of it for housing – or it may need to sell all/part of it to fund gaps in anticipated 30% budget cuts.

The proposals are as follows:

To split the land into 2 parts (‘A’ and ‘B’) – 1/2 acre to be required for affordable housing from either plot A or B as preferred by KEPC in consultation with the Kemble Community Gardens participants. [separate map refers]

Parish Council to be offered a lease for both A and B for 10 years BUT that part of the land that was agreed may be used for affordable housing would have the right to break the lease after 2 years (ie 2014) by giving 3 months notice.

Discussion that followed emphasised that:

- i) The CDC wants a fair solution to be reached following consultation.
- ii) These proposals can be discussed further, whilst recognising that the land remains an asset of the CDC which has wider responsibilities for housing and income.

KEPC agreed to take this proposal forward to the Community Gardens Committee.

- c. Kemble Village Hall: no report or minutes received. Clerk to check deeds regarding timing and publicity for AGM.

- d. Highways/traffic: Noted poor state of road between Smerrills and Ewen. This should have been repaired with the financial support of Ewen Manor Estate. GS/SL to raise with Glos Highways urgently.

JB/SL/
GS

Separate report received by email. Noted that proposals must be realistic. Noted that residents’ traffic speed survey in Ewen reported average speeds of 32mph.

- e. Airfield Liaison: -

Agreed to continue to work towards reviving an independent airfield liaison group – and to include representatives from neighbouring parishes.

Agreed to set up independent comments system relating to activity at the airport. Clerk to circulate suggestions of how this might operate in a confidential and secure manner.

JB to raise proposal at CDC level.

f. Youth Club: new term programme starts in September.

g. Playing field and play area: New 'no dogs' signs to be placed at gateways.

11. AOB

?? Tree damage A429 verge – GC to continue to try to contact householder.

?? Two complaints received about path vegetation on path alongside 16 WHG. Clerk to write.

?? Ewen substation – still no resolution. Emails and phone calls now daily.

?? First Aid training – clerk to publicise to village, GC and SL to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 10.00 pm.

Next meeting:

Friday 15 October 7.30pm Kemble Village Hall

Friday 26 November 7.30pm Kemble Village Hall

There is no meeting in December.