



## Kemble and Ewen Parish Council: Minutes

Meeting of Kemble and Ewen parish council was held on: **Friday 11 February 2011 at 7.30pm**

*in:* Kemble Village Hall

Present: Councillor R Pettit Chairman Councillor W Cole  
Councillor D Ball, Vice-Chairman Councillor G Collins  
Councillor S Sorabjee Councillor M Binks  
Councillor G Somerville Councillor S Lawlor  
Councillor L Napper

Apologies: District Councillor J Birch;

In attendance: F Garnet-Lawson, clerk Guests: 7 residents of Kemble and Ewen; 3 staff from Hunter Page

- 0. Top Farm Development proposals:** Team from Hunter Page Planning stated that they have had discussions with the Village Hall team; Kemble school staff and governors. From this they understand that there is a desire to improve parking and facilities at the school; to improve space and facilities for youth projects on the school site and ideally have additional space for storage or meetings at the Hall. All this is speculative. They presented a traffic assessment report, and there was some discussion about the figures. HP may produce another report at a later date on this, and on environmental impact, and capacity assessments.

Residents pointed out that the potential development may affect traffic flows through Ewen (on the way to Cirencester), and that it was important not to permit through access for vehicles via Old Vicarage Lane and hence through Church Lane. Also stated that it was important to know where the farm buildings and functions would move to, as this has a potential impact on the villages also.

Various heating options are being evaluated. The homes would be built to a higher environmental standard than is required or normal for modern developments. Options to enable affordable ownership for local residents and workers, in such as way that it could not be exploited by speculators, are also being considered.

Until a planning application is submitted, the KEPC cannot consider it formally so any discussion at this stage is personal opinion. Roger Pettit stated that his personal view (not as a councillor) was that this proposal was outside the current planning framework and would have an adverse affect on the village. Some councillors agreed whilst others stated that personally they had an open mind and were awaiting more information on the proposal.

Hunter Page will display the proposals publically in Kemble (either in the school or village hall) for one evening and one weekend-day in March. Dates to be announced by them. The KEPC will arrange a separate public meeting after this to discuss them with residents. Likely dates for the KEPC public meeting are either 8 March or 23 March, depending on the date of the Hunter Page displays.

1. **Apologies for absence:** J Birch
2. **Declarations of interest on items on the agenda:** S Lawlor; G. Somerville: (KCG lease)
3. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting:** Minutes for January 2011 were approved subject to one amendment (date).
4. **Matters arising**
  - a. Windmill Road bus shelter proposal – agreed to re-evaluate contractors

GS

- b. Clayfurlong-to-Station permissive path – GS has spoken to Glos Highways. Agreed to ask them to install barrier at the road-end of the path (on the playing field side of the road) as soon as possible. GS to find out who owns vehicle in Fosse Way car park, as it is hiding the entrance to the path GS
- c. Playing field hedge – DB confirmed that the trees/bushes surrounding the field are not cut as a hedge.
- d. Grit bins – new, blue bucket-style bins are now in place on the slopes by the station, and on Station Road in anticipation of icy road conditions. All
- e. Community Gardens – it was agreed to leave the existing offer with the CDC, and to expect a response in due course. Will defer decision on whether or not to apply for an extension to the existing lease pending CDC decision on the offer. All
- f. Ewen curb – glass has been cleared up. Glos Highways have been contacted, GS to chase. GS
- g. Village notice boards – agreed to ask landlord Kemble Farms formally if can apply to put new, larger board onto outside of the village shop clerk

#### **2011-2012 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET**

- 5. ?? Plan and budget has been circulated. Councillors to give any comments to G Collins before the March meeting. All
- 6. **FINANCE**
  - a. The Schedule of accounts for payment was approved unanimously.
  - b. Councillors approved the appointment of Peter Newman as independent internal auditor for the financial year ending March 2011: Clerk
  - c. Councillors approved and adopted the Standing Orders – no changes
  - d. Councillors approved and adopted the Financial regulations – no changes All
  - e. Councillors approved and adopted the risk assessment and management – one change to dates
  - f. Councillors reviewed and approved the asset list – with one change to initial cost. Clerk
  - g. Clerk reported that the VAT refund had been applied for and received; the NSI account sent off an updated; invoices sent to the Community Gardens (rent for land); GCC for grass cutting and Thames Path maintenance. Meeting arranged with the internal auditor in April to prepare the year end accounts.

#### **COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS**

A total of 7 local groups applied for funds this year, amounting to a total request of over £1760. Only £700 is available.

- 7. Decisions were made on the basis of awards of grants in previous years, and the quality of submissions. clerk

It was agreed that the grants were awarded as follows:  
Thursday Club £125; Kemble and District Playgroup £250; Neighbourhood Watch £25; Open Book group £50; Kemble Parish School £150; Parish News £100.

Note: these are in addition to the cheques itemised in the schedule of accounts for payment. These separate payment were approved by council.

- 8. **PLANNING**

?? **10/05381/LBC** – objection, contravenes original consent

clerk

?? **11/00011/FUL** – no objection

**9. REPORTS**

?? **Neighbourhood Watch/policing:** Next meeting in April. NW team and volunteers would like to operate a more regular round of active presence in the villages.

WC

?? Noted the break-in at Station Rd, and the increase in the number of opportunistic burglaries in Cirencester and surrounding villages.

?? Noted that a survey of residents is required if want to extend the 'no cold calling' area.

**KCG Community gardens/allotments:** having a Spring Event on 28 March, to focus on the other areas of the site, including orchard and wildlife areas, as well as the grow-your-own activities

**Kemble Village Hall:** nothing to report

**Highways/traffic:-** see earlier

**Airfield Liaison:-** received noise abatement procedure from Kemble airport, which describes ideal flight approaches for planes. Still need to pursue idea of village complaints procedure. Clerk to contact neighbouring village.

clerk

**Youth Club:** .Still popular.

**Playing field and play area:** nothing to report. Next inspection is due in May

**11. AOB**

?? GC to help do risk assessment at the Community gardens site

GC

?? DB to ask Kemble Farms if possible to use playing field site for tree house (police initiative)

DB

?? Still need to contact resident about tress on A429

GC

?? Noted with thanks that the hedge on Limes Road has been cut.

?? Bring forward to next meeting: ideas for S106 station road fund; strategic consultation process CDC;

all

?? Permission granted for use of green for West Hay BBQ in June

?? Parish and local council elections take place this May. Any councillors who do not wish to stand for re-election should contact the clerk immediately.

Meeting adjourned at 10.45 pm.

**Next meetings:**

March 2011 Friday 18th

April 2011 Friday 15th

May 2011 Friday 6th Public Parish Meeting for all residents at 7.00pm

Friday 20th Parish Council AGM - for election of officers, approval of accounts etc