



Kemble and Ewen Parish Council: Minutes

Meeting of Kemble and Ewen parish council was held on: **Friday 7 January 2010 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

Apologies: District Councillor J Birch; Councillor S Lawlor

In attendance: F Garnet-Lawson, clerk Guests: Andrew Lennard
 Lester Napper

0. Team from Hunter Page Planning presented plans for prospective re-development of Kemble Farms' Top Farm site, plus adjoining field, for housing, prior to the formal submission of planning permission.

This would be a substantial potential application, covering the area that the barns and drying store currently occupy (a 'brown field site') together with the adjoining field.

The architects wanted to understand the position of the parish council before presenting a formal plan to the CDC planning authorities. KEPC will reflect and consult more widely, as this might have a significant impact on the village environment, character, facilities and infrastructure.

1. Apologies for absence: S Lawlor; J Birch

2. Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: G. Somerville: (KCG lease)

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Minutes for November 2010 were approved subject to one amendment.

4. Matters arising

- a. Windmill Road bus shelter proposal – quotes and references received. KEPC approved total costs for wood and labour, pending enlargement of base. GS to ask for copy of contractor's public indemnity insurance. GS
- b. Clayfurlong-to-Station permissive path – path and fencing complete to specification. Need to finish off the 'ends' the border the road and the car-park. DB to discuss with Glos Highways and RP to discuss with Network Rail. Kemble Farms will kindly plough and re-seed the grassed area. DB/RP
- c. Dilapidated property on Windmill Road – CDC are working with estate agents around the county to try to bring empty properties into use. However, the CDC has contacted this particular land owner in the past, and they have not been willing to sell the property.
- d. Community Gardens Lease:
 Independent professional valuation of the site for three different types of land use has been obtained (current use; affordable housing; open market housing).

Councillors approved the proposal to offer to buy the land from CDC, in its entirety, at the mid-point of the lowest value range of its current use. CDC has acknowledged receipt of offer but made no response.

The majority of councillors approved the Chairman's letter as an initial starting point for discussions, whilst at the same time agreeing to develop and formulate strategies that support it ie financial model; legal advice; potential format for ownership and management of the site, in the event that the matters progress any further.

RP

[For: 4; against 1; abstain due to declaration of interest: 1]

5. **2011-2012 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET** All
- Bring forward to February meeting.
6. **FINANCE**
- a. The Schedule of accounts for payment was approved unanimously.
 - b. Councillors approved completion of the station permissive path project (in advance of budget), using contingency funds to take advantage of good value contractor quotation. Clerk
 - c. Precept agreed at £18,000 for year 2011-2012, ie the same as last and this year. Clerk instructed to send form to CDC. All
 - d. Councillors approved the appointment of Ms D. Spiers as the independent internal auditor for the financial year ending March 2011: (the same person as last year, but new surname).
 - e. Councillors approved budget of £700.00 for the Parish Community Fund grant allocation. Clerk to invite local community groups to bid for an award of funds. Clerk
7. **COUNCILLOR VACANCIES** clerk
- Welcomed Lester Napper a new councillor, - approved unanimously. Clerk to ask LN to complete forms and inform CDC etc as appropriate. All vacancies on the KEPC have now been filled.
8. **PLANNING**
- No new planning applications received
 - Noted that an appeal has been made regarding application reference no: ct.5541/c; appeal reference no: app/f1610/d/10/2140921 Mr Joel Hagan regarding erection of two storey extension to rear Windrush Cottage Kemble Wick
 - Councillors attended the public consultation about proposals for the former RAF Kemble (now Kemble Enterprise Park) on 14th and 16th December. No planning application has yet been made. KEPC has asked for (but not yet received) a copy of the traffic impact assessment. clerk
9. **REPORTS**
- **Neighbourhood Watch/policing:** schedule of meetings received. WC and P Burns to attend WC
- KCG Community gardens/allotments:** see earlier
- Kemble Village Hall:** minutes received,.
- Highways/traffic:** A429 road works by Wilts County Council starting in Jan2011. These are general road repairs and nothing to do with the Hunter Page proposal for the Enterprise Park. Road will be closed for 2 weekends in April.
- Airfield Liaison:-** no report clerk
- Youth Club:** More adult helpers needed.
- Playing field and play area:** nothing major to report.
11. **AOB**
- Signs to the church requested. KEPC agreed that residents can put up temporary signs to guide guests for weddings etc, but that additional signs were unnecessary..
 - Curb by garden Cottage still not repaired – and glass following a recent accident not removed. GS to ask Glos Highways to resolve GS

Meeting adjourned at 10.40 pm.

Next meetings:

February 2011 Friday 11th

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