



## Kemble and Ewen Parish Council: Minutes

Meeting of Kemble and Ewen parish council was held on: **Friday 8 July 2011 at 7.30pm**

in: Kemble Village Hall

Present: Councillor D Ball Councillor A Dyke  
Councillor S Sorabjee Councillor L Napper  
Councillor R Pettit Councillor G Somerville  
Councillor M Binks Councillor G Collins

Apologies: District Councillor J Birch

In attendance: F Garnet-Lawson, clerk Visitors: T Mant

0. Discussion about problem of emails not being received by council members consistently, both from clerk to councillors and to a lesser extent between councillors. Clerk to change email address to see if this resolves the problem.
1. **Apologies for absence:** see above
2. **Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: DB/GC/SS** 179 Malmesbury Rd if discussion takes place – as opposed to notification of public domain action by clerk.
3. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting:** Minutes for May and June 2011 were approved.
4. **Matters arising**
  - a. Windmill Road bus shelter proposal – GS bring forward. Waiting for Glos Highways to extend hard surface so that can measure for timber and obtain final quotes and dates. GS
  - b. Station Road – RP reported meeting with Glos Highways: white ‘hickey-stick’ markings to be placed across driveways and entrances to deter commuter parking. Highways will also put posts adjacent to the transformer to prevent parking on the verge at this point. Can’t get a residents’ parking scheme in place for 3-4 years unless KEPC pays for this from precept. Glos Highways also to insert posts across footpath entrance on station end to deter residents from driving down the footpath. RP
  - c. A426 pedestrian crossing – Kemble will send the parents’ reports to M. Binks for follow-up with police/highways. MB
  - d. Church Road – ask Glos Highways to return to examine pavement and ask local resident to accompany visit. GS
  - e. Lych Gate – repairs to go ahead. Paint colour needed RP
  - f. Old Vicarage Lane – not aware of any further requests by residents or Glos Highways for consultation. Matter closed until re-raised.
  - g. Notice Boards – Exterior of shop not authorised as suitable for notice board. Clerk to re-send information about of-the-shelf boards, and also obtain quotes from local suppliers to make a larger board to replace existing one by shop. Also re-approach Village Hall committee for member to repair/refurbish hall board. Clerk

- h. Section 106 suggestions: zip wire (as at Siddington); monkey bars; kick-wall+hard-standing. Clerk to find brochures and quotes. Clerk
- i. Skate ramp needs repair following damage by children, who are now buildings fires under it. DB
- j. Cemetery bench – clerk to contact Mr Smith about securing it to floor. Clerk
- k. Clerk reported that had not as yet received comments from other parishes about the proposed Complaints Procedure. Councillors agreed to launch Kemble phone line and section on web site. Clerk to agree draft wording for publicity and re-contact neighbouring parishes again Clerk
- l. Bus service consultation – now closed
- m. Land registry – clerk needs to speak personally to advisor as the language on the forms is complex Clerk
- n. Village Shop – yellow lines have been re-painted to delineate access for bungalows, but unfortunately cars still tend to park on them anyway.
- o. Community Gardens lease – see later
- p. West Hay green (Electricity cable renewal) – agreement was that the electrical contractor would remove the stumps. This has not been done. Clerk to follow up. Clerk

**5. FINANCE**

- a. The Schedule of accounts for payment was approved unanimously.
- b. Clerk not to issue P45 for self until new clerk appointed.
- c. Finance report – accounts on track and on budget.

**6. Kemble Fete**

Small stand space has been taken for fete. Will promote need to fill one councillor vacancy and encourage more applications for clerk's role.

RP/LN/  
AD/MB

**7. Councillor Vacancy – will need to announce and appoint through CDC electoral channels.**

Clerk

**8. Training courses – clerk to investigate reimbursement of expenses for councillors when attending courses.**

Clerk

**9. PLANNING**

- **Application:** Kemble Business Park. Clerk reported that an objection had been lodged on basis on lack of traffic impact survey and the effect on the A429/A433 junction which is at capacity
- **Application:** 179 Malmesbury Road. Clerk reported that the 'new details' comprised one plan which showed no change to the original application. Clerk reported that an objection had been lodged on the grounds of the minutes of the June meeting (see earlier minutes). No discussion took place on this matter.

Wiltshire Waste strategy – agreed not to comment.

Noted current consultation on Gloucester Waste plant at Gloucester.

**10. REPORTS**

**Neighbourhood Watch/policing:**

- N. Watch next meeting is in October. D Wragg and other co-ordinator are not being replaced due to budget reductions.
- Noted that police can only take action on parking when there is an obstruction (eg on a corner) and that residents/parish councillors should draw this to their attention and not take independent action.

**KCG Community gardens/allotments:**

- Lease expires Feb 2011. KEPC to re-open discussions with CDC regarding security of lease/purchase of site for the future
- Discussed difficulties of maintain active participation in light of lack of security of land use
- Noted that case for lease extension is stronger if there is a vibrant and active group using the land – Catch 22.

**RP**

**Kemble Village Hall:**

- Playgroup is moving to school premises in September
- There will be more fundraising activity later in the year.

**Highways/traffic:**

- New flashing 40mph VAS sign installed and working by Clayfurlong Barns. Still waiting for crossing sign alteration on the VAS sign at Malmesbury end of A429.
- See also report about bus shelter and Windmill Road and Station Road earlier
- RP has raised issue of having a roundabout at the junction of the A429/A433, especially in light of Kemble Business Park planning application

**Airfield Liaison:**

- Formula 1 track days happening frequently in July. KEPC is notified in advance although often at short notice.
- Noted that airport is open to visit by KEPC. Agreed that this would be of interest if the Airport owners and board were present.
- Clerk received report from CDC's S Gargett about the Cotswold Airport Advisory Group which took place on the 21st June 2011 on 12 July ie after this meeting.

**Bring forward to Sept meeting**

**Youth Club:** Still very popular and still needs more adult volunteers. Is about o break for summer holidays. Some issues arising from older youths who are no longer eligible to attend, but who are still coming along.

**Kemble School**

MB attended governors meeting. The issue of traffic through Ewen and parking was mentioned. Parking outside the school by parents dropping off children is an issue that should be resolved by the governors, not parish council.

**Playing field and play area:**

- Rubbish bin has had lid broken again, rubbish strewn over field.
- Skateboard ramp damaged and needs repair.
- Rospa report did not identify any other urgent repairs but did suggest that an extra gate is added to enclosed area. Clerk to research costs.

**clerk**

**Rail/canal**

- Track dualing may start in 2012 and end in 2014.

**11. AOB**

- Wysis Way – LN noted that the route is incorrectly marked on the OS map, and has contacted the OS to resolve. **LN**
- LN has contacted Network Rail and Thames Path Association about placing signage at the station to show the route of the Thames Path. **LN**
- GC – raised pavement on West Way/Windmill Road is crumbling underneath. Clerk to contact Highways. **Clerk**
- Water Pressure. RP expressed concern about level of water pressure. Clerk to contact Thames Water. **Clerk**

Meeting adjourned at 10.15 pm.

**Next meetings:**

There is no meeting in August.

Friday 16 September 2011, 7.30pm

Friday 14 October, 7.30pm

Friday 25 November, 7.30pm