



Kemble and Ewen Parish Council: Minutes

Meeting of Kemble and Ewen parish council was held on: **Friday 14th October 2011 at 7.30pm**

in: **Kemble Village Hall**

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

In attendance: District Councillor J Birch

Apologies: Councillor G Collins

Visitors: J Hadfield, A Mount, P Waldron, P Carling + 8.

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- a. **Parking and road safety;** J Hadfield concerned about parking on the pavement and safety for pedestrians in the lay by on the A429 between 41 Clayfurlong Grove and 179 Malmesbury Rd. He has seen as many as 8 cars parked on the pavement and was concerned particularly about the safety of young people. Parish council will take it up with the residents and landlord as a first step.
- b. **Top Farm planning application;** Concerns and comments
 - **Short timescale for comments,** 3rd Nov. District Council has had it for a month and it only went on the web site on Thursday 13th October. J Birch explained that there were a vast number of planning applications in 'pipeline'. In his opinion it would not get to the planning committee until January. He agreed to ask for an extension for the consultation and would have an answer on 17th Oct. Planning is in a very fluid situation at the moment. The local plan ends this year.

- **What were the parish council's plans for consultation?** There will be public meetings and possibly a referendum/ questionnaire to gather opinions.
- **Would the parish council use a planning barrister?** It wouldn't be ruled out but would depend on outcome of consultation with parish. J Birch suggested that the parish should consider what it would want from this application IF it should be passed. The Chairman considered that this would imply acceptance of the proposal. JB also suggested that all stakeholders/ groups should put thoughts on the application in writing.
- **How different is this version of the development to the last two?** This version is completely new. Forty three residences up to 5 bedrooms and 34 extra care units for the elderly. The development will have three access points including Vicarage Lane which won't be closed off.

1. **Apologies for absence:** see above
2. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting:** minutes for September 2011 approved and duly signed.
3. **Report from District Councillor J Birch**
 - a. **Boundary Commission:** The county council divisions in the Cotswolds are being reduced from 9 to 8 from the 2013 election. It looks likely that Kemble and Ewen will go in with South Cerney. The District Council wards will be next for change.
 - b. **Changes to planning:** will keep us updated on planning. There will be a definitive definition of sustainability in the new planning regulations. The fluid state of planning laws made this a dangerous moment. Greenfield sites threatened. Fiona Reynolds of the National Trust praised for her critical look at the new planning proposals.
 - c. **County council four year programme of grants for youth activities:** the money mentioned in the last meeting is going to the church for the first year to take 11 – 19 year olds to the New Forest on a residential activity course.
4. **Declarations of interest:**
 - a. D Ball and S Sorabjee - planning application for Top Farm
 - b. A Dyke, G Somerville and L Napper – KGC
5. **Matters arising from previous minutes:**
 - a. Bus shelter on Windmill Rd – GS has talked to a company in Stonehouse who have given a quote. Will continue to work at this.
 - b. Parking on Station Rd – painting of 'hockey stick' lines to be completed and in some cases moved. More drop curbs to be put in. A thick white line to be put on Station Rd opposite entrance to Railway Terrace and on to bridge. GS
 - c. Parking on Windmill Road – bollards needed to protect grass and services underneath from parked vehicles. Oak bollards will be put in if PC pays for them. Letter to Bromfords, the landlord, has not yet been sent. A meeting with council Highways representative on site will take place soon. GS

- d. Notice boards – have been ordered
- e. West Hay Green stumps – have been removed.
- f. S106 – follow up to consultation. A quote for wall with a tarmac area, for kicking ball or playing tennis against, was £6,747. Wall will be 7m X 7m and reinforced. Will get more quotes.
- g. Airport Complaints Process – has been re-advertised in Parish News.
- h. Community Gardens Lease – The lease extension to 2014 had been accepted in principle and the legal documents were being prepared.

6. Planning:

a. Top Farm – consultation process

- To put back the consultation deadline of November 3rd.
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- Public meeting in the weeks of either the 31st of October or 7th Nov.
- Special council meeting after public meeting.

7. Business Plan: Councillors to come forward with proposals ready for finalisation in January. Initial suggestions:

- scheme for Windmill Rd improvement and parking.
- Lichgate – need to repair the wall supporting the metal gates.
- Constructing a foot path from the playing field into the station car park.
- Refurbishment of the Ewen bus shelter.
- Signage from Station to the Thames Path.
- A permissible path from Kemble to link up with Jackaments Bottom and the paths there.

8. Finance: schedule of accounts for payment was approved and cheques signed. M Binks proposed and D Ball seconded.

9. Reports:

- a. Neighbourhood Watch –Safer Communities and Kemble NHW meeting 3rd Oct. Changes to NHW; local police and NHW to work more closely together who will come to the local meetings twice a year. On Tuesday 25th October a group of NHW will go into Cirencester Police Station to make up folders of information for each household in Kemble.
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- b. Cotswold Airport – nothing to report.
- c. Cotswold Water Park –nothing to report.
- d. Play area/playing field – fence to be repaired and second gate added. See the supplier of the equipment and G Collins.
- e. KCG – committee meeting on 13th Oct supported the extension to the lease. There will be a Halloween gathering on the KCG on the afternoon of the 30th Oct. Signs are going up at the entrances to the gardens. People are showing an encouraging interest in the gardens and are using them
- f. Village Hall – nothing to report.
- g. Highways/Traffic –see above.

- h. Youth club – nothing to report.
10. **AOB**
- a. **Clerk** – interviews have taken place but post still not filled.
 - b. **Broadband in Gloucestershire** – MB reported back on meeting. It is planned that by 2018 the county will have 30 mgb per sec everywhere. MB put his name forward as Broadband Champion for the parish. See Parish Magazine for details.
 - c. **Noticeboard in Ewen** – MB going to repair.
 - d. **Ewen Electricity Sub Station** – SS is still working away at trying to get facility relocated and working.

Meeting Finished at 9.55 pm. Minutes LN