



Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Friday **12 October 2012** at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors – R Pettit (Chairman), D Ball, M Binks, G Collins,
A Dyke, L Napper, G Somerville, S Sorabjee

Clerk: N Spindler

Four members of the public, and press (Wilts and Glos. Standard)

There were no contributions from local residents before the meeting began. The chairman welcomed Ian Craig from the Standard.

1. No apologies for absence, all Councillors present

There was a brief discussion about the attendance of District Councillor Birch. It was agreed that RP should approach him again about attending these meetings, as his reports can be useful to members and it may have seemed that he was being criticised as our representative at CDC, over concerns that had in fact been directed to the CEO of Cotswold District Council.

2. Declarations of interest were made re item 7a from DB, GC and SS, plus 7d for DB.

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2012 and the additional meeting of 5 September 2012 were approved and duly signed.

4. Matters arising from previous meetings:

a. **Highways** report – GS reported no particular progress though AD has seen people measuring parking spaces who may be from Glos Highways. GS will again seek to arrange meeting with Mr Macauley-Lowe. See item 5 also.

RP will discuss with Mr Andrew Lennard about building up his driveway, and to consider 'sets' (kerbs) or plastic bollards to prevent parking outside his home.

b. **S106 (Station Road)** – update on recent installation of new aerial runway. GS confirmed installation was now complete; AD has the key to unlock it. NS confirmed it is now insured. Only a suitable sign is outstanding and NS and DB will liaise on wording. ACTION – NS and DB to check wording with insurer/RoSPA.

c. Kemble Station

- Update on garden improvement and Prince Charles' support – RP advised that plans are being finalised on planting and other features. A representative of First Great Western is ready to go to their Board for approval. Funding for additional feature requires sponsorship which they are seeking. It would benefit from late autumn planting if agreed in time.
- Update on car parking expansion – see Planning application below in item 7. RP said that the number of spaces has been reduced to 42 from 66 as this larger number would have required removal of a listed platform.
- Update on contact with Conservation Officer - LN has heard nothing more about the signage, and would pursue this via Michelle Scogings the Network Rail senior sponsor for the track-widening scheme.

- d. **Ewen Electricity Sub Station** update – SS had received an update earlier today. The base will be started on 8 Nov with workman expected until 23 Nov, with installation to follow. Ultimately, next summer the pylons will be removed in liaison with Kemble Farms Ltd (KFL).
- e. **Ewen bus shelter** – update on graffiti clean. NS said this had been passed around from CDC to Glos CC. MB offered to have a go at it himself.
- f. **Neighbourhood Watch** report – LN reported that NHW is changing and there will be a co-ordinator for each area covering all residents. The name will be changing to Our Watch, as it will be also concerned with non-criminal matters such as looking out for vulnerable residents. NHW is also concerned about the impact of parking and the risk of accidents with vulnerable people trying to cross the road where cars are parked (see item 5). It was noted that the Police and Crime Commissioner elections are on 15 November in the Village Hall. Speedwatch leaflets have now been supplied, though NS had been unable to elicit any recruitment material so would be creative based on what is available.
- g. **Update on playground repairs**. GS reported the contractors installing the zip wire had removed the damaged climbing net, fixed the swing D rings, but advised replacing a rotted post to the junior swing. ACTION – NS to chase alternative quote, DB will arrange repair to metal gate
- h. **Update on tree works affecting The Oaks**. NS said he was unable to identify the relevant trees. ACTION - DB said he would arrange for KFL tree surgeon to deal with the ones the PC is responsible for, and then identify those for the County Council to deal with.

5. To discuss options and agree approach to complaints about commuter parking around Station Road, Windmill Road, West Hay Grove, Old Manor Gardens and Clayfurlong Grove

It was agreed there had a been a notable increase in complaints and inconsiderate parking, often near junctions. Although no-one was keen on yellow lines this might be an option to consider seriously. There may be options such as a local landowner who might release a suitable area of land to turn into a car park, though it would need planning permission and funding for construction. Also this would not be a short-term answer. Residents didn't appreciate the marked bays were not for them, and no-one had a call on the space in the road outside their property. A residents parking scheme was another possibility.

Decided a Working Group was needed to move this ahead – members to be RP, GS, AD, LN and DB. ACTION – this group to meet within the next 2 weeks.

6. Update on interest expressed in filling vacant Councillor position

NS reported there are four names who have previously expressed an interest and in response to the recent publicity, and he would update members after the closing date of 31 October. Agreed to book an extra meeting in the third week of November as a 'hustings' to meet applicants ahead of voting on 30 November.

7. Planning matters

a. Top Farm proposal

Top Farm proposed residential development – RP reported that it might take more than the allocated time to resolve this, though he hoped that would not arise. As previously advised the adjourned inquiry is due to resume at **10:00am on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th November 2012** at Ingleside House (Music Room), 5 Beeches Road, Cirencester, Glos GL7 1BN.

b. Other planning items

[12/04290/TCONR](#)

Date: 27 September 2012

Location: All Saints Churchyard, Vicarage Road, Kemble

Proposal: Fell self seeded Yew

DECISION to Support was ratified

[12/03182/FUL](#)

Ward: Thames Head

Date: 28 September 2012

Location: 133 West Lane, Kemble, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6AG

Proposal: Erection of two-storey extension to the rear [a revision to plans already supported]

DECISION to Support was ratified

[12/03437/FUL](#)

Date: 03 October 2012

Location: Kemble Railway Station, Windmill Road, Kemble, GL7 6AW

Proposal: Extension of car park [revised]

DECISION required by 17 October – Support subject to GS speaking to resident of Western Ville and being satisfied the plans have enough detail.

DECISIONS made by CDC, for information only: -

Application: [12/03209/FUL](#)

Date decided: 14 September 2012

Decision: Application Permit

Location: 2 Railway Terrace, Station Road, Kemble, GL7 6AU,

Proposal: Erection of first floor rear extension

Application: [12/04152/NEI](#)

This application type was for information purposes only and was not open to consultation.

Date decided: 19 September 2012

Decision: No observations

Location: Area E, Kemble Enterprise Park, Kemble Airfield, Kemble, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6BA,

Proposal: Continued Use of Temporary Refuel Surge Test Facility for the Airbus A350

c. Cotswold Airport, Kemble

RP and SS had held meetings with Rodmarton and Ashley & Culkerton parish members in connection with the Airport's application for a CLEUD for general aviation and a Voluntary undertaking for Non-Aviation use. The Solicitor has advised that the existing approval does not have to be replicated. The judge in the CDC judicial review considered certain issues, but other questions were not asked and can be pursued now – possibly resulting in a different answer. The Solicitor will prepare a letter collectively objecting to Wiltshire Council, seeking to apply reasonable constraints to timing of flying activity, not to damage the businesses but to provide reasonable protections for residents. We have been asked to see if residents wish to object, which will require a limited 'doorstep' consultation exercise, using a draft letter or their own. Weight of public opinion can be influential though it is not the topic easiest to explain.

A second application for retrospective consent for a range of Non-Aviation activities was a further concern because this proposed a substantial intensification of use. The solicitor was also lodging objections to this on collective behalf of the group of Parishes, both in principle and detail.

There is not a specific deadline, but early in November would be preferable. Some aspects have been called in by the Secretary of State so await his response. ACTION – MB will put an item in the Parish Magazine; RP will draft a letter for printing.

d. Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment

Discuss and agree response to Senior Planning Policy Officer at CDC on possible development sites (re-circulated CDC email of 30 May refers).

After considerable debate a proposal to respond that none of the three proposed housing sites in Kemble was suitable was passed by 6 votes, with one against (GC) and one abstention (DB).

8. Finance matters

- a. Receive and approve accounts for cheque payment. Agreed with the addition of late items already agreed in principle from Merrett & Co for the letter of objection re the Airport (£528), and Came & Co re the additional insurance premium for the new zip wire (£25).
- b. Update on insurance claim involving BMX ramp – NS said the insurer's assessor had suggested the claim was being resisted, and an update is expected next week from them.

9. Any other business subject to the Chairman's approval

- a. GC said he recalls the grass cutting is due for retendering for 2013. ACTION – clerk to check.
- b. SS mentioned that traffic speeds through Ewen seem to be getting worse. Speedwatch will be welcome when it comes.
- c. SS observed that the field to the east of Mill Farm in Ewen seems to be becoming a garden. A developer is believed to own the land, and SS is unsure who to speak to. ACTION – NS and SS to liaise, possibly with someone at CDC.
- d. LN suggested discussion the future of the Kemble Community Gardens on the next agenda. ACTION – Clerk to place on agenda.
- e. GS asked if there was any more news about the incomplete development at 41 Clayfurlong Grove. NS advised he was expecting an update from CDC planning department and would chase.
- f. GS asked DB if development work on the slurry lagoon had stopped. DB said it had thanks to the adverse weather.
- g. DB reported he had attended the workshop for assessing Tree Preservation Orders, and had learned the TEMPO method.
- h. RP and SS will be attending a meeting about the Airport on 22 October at 5.30pm at the café known as 'AV8' on site.