



## **Minutes**

### **Kemble & Ewen Parish Council**

#### **Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on Friday 14 September 2012 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall**

**Present:** Parish Councillors – D Ball (Chairman), M Binks, G Collins, G Somerville  
Clerk: N Spindler

One member of the public from the start and a second part way though

**Network Rail update** – before the formal meeting began there was an update presentation from Michelle Scogings - Senior Programme Development Manager (National Programmes) and her colleagues on the proposed twinning of the line to Swindon. She introduced Ross Mahoney, Project Manager, Robin Basu, the new Community Relations Manager, and Anna Holbrook, Sponsor (Observer).

MS reported that the car park issues raised had been passed onto First Great Western (FGW) and meeting held with interested residents. The footbridge renewal or repair is being reviewed for completion in 2014/15. The vandalised ticket machine is with FGW to respond. Timing issues with Lighting have been resolved. The sponsor is seeking to identify funding for refurbishment of the Water Tower.

RM presented slides illustrating typical similar schemes and how specialist equipment was sited and used to cut back and widen the track. Access will be from Station Road, along the stretch from the A429 towards the humped-back bridge.

The meeting queried a proposed installation of crash barriers near the Kemble humped-back bridge and suggested those at Kemble Wick should be examined as an example of what not to do (i.e. motorway-type barriers unsuitable for a narrow country lane). MS will consider if space will enable reinstating some recycling facilities. DB asked whether there was an opportunity to cut through from the Playing Field to allow pedestrian access to the station.

**There were no contributions from local residents before the meeting began**

- 1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dyke, Napper, Pettit, and Sorabjee**
- 2. Declarations of interest were received from DB in relation to items 7a and 7d.**
- 3. The minutes of the meetings held on 6 July 2012 were approved, and those for the additional meeting of 5 September 2012 were held over.**
- 4. Matters arising from previous meetings:**
  - a. Highways report – GS said this had been covered fully in recent emails correspondence with Scott Macaulay-Lowe.
  - b. S106 (Station Road) – as the previous promises of various extra grants had failed to materialise, GS met representatives from PlayQuest about installation of a 30-metre aerial runway (zip wire). After some negotiation, they have agreed to supply with free installation for £5200 + VAT. It was agreed this should be expedited as soon as permission was received from Kemble Farms re installation. ACTION: Clerk to write to KFL; GS to forward order-form from supplier to Clerk to complete and submit. [N.B. deadline for expenditure is 20 November 2012].
  - c. Kemble Station
    - Update on garden improvement and Prince Charles' support – see Minutes of 5

September. It was noted £1000 was in the business plan for the garden and some Councillors felt this should not be exceeded, though if interested parties wished to go fundraising that was their decision.

- Update on car parking expansion – see Planning application below in item 7.
  - Update on contact with Conservation Officer – in LN's absence, carry forward to next meeting.
  - d. Ewen Electricity Sub Station update – in SS's absence, carry forward, though MB understood work will be starting in November. He added that a substation fire elsewhere had caused the 3-hour power cut last night.
  - e. War Memorial registration and report on stonemason visit – GC had emailed around the conflicting advice, and it was agreed to take no formal action as recommended in one case. GC has offered to clean off moss with care (and a sponge) in due course.
  - f. Ewen bus shelter – brief report on work completed
    - Clean up, completed by KHMS.
    - Notice board improvements, completed and key provided to Clerk by MB.
- It was noted by MB that non-offensive graffiti had appeared and there was a fire in the waste bin on 21 July that had been reported to CDC and Neighbourhood Watch. ACTION: Clerk to ask CDC if they will clean the graffiti.
- g. Neighbourhood Watch report – in LN's absence, carry forward.
  - h. Update on quotes for repairs recommended in RoSPA report – NS has only quote because Wicksteed and others won't repair other brand's equipment. The one from Playground Services of Hungerford totals £2,569 though this includes items like £512 for a new entrance gate and £230 to clear weeds, which the meeting thought over-priced. ACTION: GS to ask PlayQuest to quote when then install new equipment early October.
  - i. Update on quotes for extra grass cutting around footpath to station along Windmill Road – NS has quote for £120 from KHMS and is awaiting quote from regular gardener. ACTION circulate second quote when rec'd, and proceed accordingly.

- 5. To discuss and adopt a revised Code of Conduct** pursuant to section 27 of the Localism Act 2011, using the CDC version as attached. [N.B. Member's Register of Interests Form must be completed within 28 days of this adoption].

**Agreed to adopt the CDC version**, and noted that individual Register of Interests must be completed within 28 days.

- 6. Agree revised timescales for filling vacant Councillor position - ALL**

Decision to advertise position until the end of October, with an update for the next meeting on 12 October. MB to put a copy in Parish Magazine and inform Pat Ayres so as to get a mention in the Wilts & Glos Standard.

- 7. Planning matters**

**a. Top Farm proposal**

Top Farm proposed residential development – NS and MB gave a brief update on the four-day inquiry/hearing in July, which both felt was excessively drawn out, focussed on needless detail (like how much broccoli was stocked in Kemble Stores) and lacked pace. Each side required longer than envisaged and the chair seemed reluctant to press the parties to expedite their positions. There were eight 'versions of the truth' as regards the District's housing stock as this occupied a lengthy part of the inquiry. Cross-examination seemed to dwell on minutiae at the expense of the big picture.

The meeting noted from the CDC's letter of 6 September:

*...that the adjourned inquiry will resume at 10:00am on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at Ingleside House (Music Room), 5 Beeches Road, Cirencester, Glos GL7 1BN. The inspector will also sit at 10:00am on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012 for closing submissions and the site visit. The sitting days are at the Inspector's discretion and may be changed once the inquiry has opened. You may attend the Inquiry or have someone attend on your behalf and, at the Planning Inspector's discretion, give your views.*

**b. Other planning items – ALL**

**12/03209/FUL**

**Date:** 20 July 2012

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

**Proposal:** Erection of first floor rear extension

DECISION to SUPPORT subject to observations from nos 1 and 3 about overlooking windows being obscured and the wall being in stone not render.

**12/03182/FUL**

**Date:** 17 August 2012

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

**Proposal:** Erection of two storey extension to the rear

DECISION to SUPPORT

**12/03437/FUL**

**Ward:** Thames Head

**Date:** 30 August 2012

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

**Proposal:** Extension of car park to create 66 new parking spaces

DECISION held pending receipt of revised plans and consultation with residents of Western Ville who required better screening, though removal of platform would not be supported.

**12/03708/FUL**

**Ward:** Thames Head

**Date:** 31 August 2012

**Location:** Old Orchard, The Piece, Kemble, GL7 6AF

**Proposal:** Fencing in conjunction with proposed tennis court

DECISION to SUPPORT

**12/03563/FUL**

**Ward:** Thames Head

**Date:** 07 September 2012

**Location:** Kemble Airfield, Kemble, Gloucestershire

**Proposal:** Retention of 1.8m high bund and 'hit and miss' boarded fencing

DECISION to query the purpose and description of 'bund' which seems to be an earth bank

**12/03570/FUL**

**Date:** 07 September 2012

**Location:** 6 Clayfurlong Barns, Kemble, GL7 6BS,

**Proposal:** Extension of time of extant permission 09/02713/FUL Single storey side extension and retention of fencing

**and**

**12/03571/LBC**

**Date:** 07 September 2012

**Location:** 6 Clayfurlong Barns, Kemble, GL7 6BS,

**Proposal:** Extension of time of extant permission 09/02714/LBC Single storey side extension

DECISION to support extension and query if fencing was already approved

**DECISIONS for information: -**

**Application:** [12/02618/FUL](#)

**Date decided:** 04 September 2012

**Decision:** Application Permit

**Location:** The Brook House , Brookside, Ewen, Gloucestershire, GL7 6BU

**Proposal:** Change of use of the land to equestrian and erection of a stable block

**Application:** [12/02686/TCONR](#)

**Date decided:** 02 August 2012

**Decision:** No objection (County)

**Location:** Barnstone Cottage, Main Street, Ewen, Kemble, GL7 6BU

**Proposal:** Fell Acacia and Silver Birch

**Date decided:** 01 August 2012

**Decision:** No objection (County)

**Location:** Brookside Cottage, Ewen, Kemble, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6BU,

**Proposal:** T. 1 Betula Pendula - fell.

**Application:** [12/02946/NEI](#)

**Date decided:** 20 July 2012

**Decision:** No observations

**Location:** Kemble Airport, Kemble, Gloucestershire, ,

**Proposal:** Certificate of Lawfulness - Primary Use of Airport For General Aviation Purposes

**Application:** [12/01261/FUL](#)

**Date decided:** 16 July 2012

**Decision:** Application Permit

**Location:** Grey Gables, School Road, Kemble, GL7 6AD

**Proposal:** Erection of replacement dwelling. Pitched roof to existing garage

**Application:** [12/01262/CON](#)

**Date decided:** 16 July 2012

**Decision:** Application Permit

**Location:** Grey Gables, School Road, Kemble, GL7 6AD

**Proposal:** Demolition of bungalow

**Application:** [12/01436/CLEUD](#)

**Date decided:** 06 July 2012

**Decision:** Application Permit

**Location:** Old Orchard, The Piece, Kemble, Cirencester, GL7 6AF

**Proposal:** Use of Land for purposes incidental to the dwellinghouse known as Old Orchard

**Application:** [11/03657/FUL](#)

**Ward:** Thames Head

**Date decided:** 02 July 2012

**Decision:** Application Permit

**Location:** Smerrill Barn, Kemble Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6BW

**Proposal:** Erection of two agricultural buildings and slurry storage

**c. Cotswold Airport, Kemble - ALL**

To note the next steps as discussed and agreed at the additional meeting on 5 September, since which time RP has updated adjoining Parishes.

Noted and potential expenditure of up to a ceiling of £5000 shared between Parishes noted.

**d. Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment - ALL**

Discuss and agree response to Senior planning Policy officer at CDC on possible development sites (CDC email 30 May refers)

Agreed that full Council should vote on this, as any development is controversial. Clerk confirmed that the policy officer does not need an articulated argument, simply a yes or no.  
ACTION: Clerk to resend item and all to vote next meeting.

**8. Finance matters - ALL**

- a. Receive finance summary and approve accounts for cheque payment. Approved.
- b. To note that the Annual Audit was completed on 9 July, and Moore Stephens fee of £162.00 is due. Noted.
- c. To note that the change of external auditor following the Audit Commission review has been confirmed as Grant Thornton. Noted
- d. Update on insurance claim involving BMX ramp – NS reported he had met Aviva's insurance investigator, James Newbold, on site on 5 Sept. He had been satisfied with the design and construction of the ramp in question and though the claim should be defended. He took photographs and said in due course he might need a witness statement from NS and/or the Playground Orderly. He advised in passing that some 'home-made' ramp alongside the lowest BMX ramp should preferably be removed because it was not part of the intend design, and the ground alongside two ramps needed levelling.

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

- a. GS asked for thoughts about how to prevent rain entering the Jubilee Bus Shelter in Windmill road by blocking the eaves, perhaps with Perspex or boarding, as when windy there was not much protection from the roof alone. ACTION – all to consider; Clerk for next agenda.
- b. MB reported he had attended the unveiling of the WI bench, bought with the PC's grant. He also reminded the meeting of the publicity about the new Plastic Recycling scheme using a white bag soon to be distributed. He would be putting a item in the Parish Magazine on this, and collections start 30 October, though CDC do not want people stockpiling before then.
- c. GC reported that he and NS recently attended a GAPTC-hosted Cemetery Management Course, which they had found surprisingly entertaining, given the topic. It had highlighted a few things for us to bear in mind going forwards.
- d. NS asked about properly identifying the trees recently complained of by residents at The Oaks, and examined by GC, DB and RP, as some were Highways responsibility and others we would need to get quotes on. It was suggested to get a 'snap' from Google Maps, which could be marked up.
- e. NS apologised that the previously circulated proposal regarding improved toilets at the Kemble Station was omitted from the planning items in item 7 above. It was agreed to support that proposal.