



Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Friday 15 March 2013 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

District Councillor: John Birch

Apologies: Cllr Eric Silk (pre-booked holiday)

There were no members of the public present.

Public Session

There was a brief presentation from Mark Willis of Willis & Co, Town Planners, and David Ball of KFL, on draft plans of the Kemble Farms Ltd proposal to relocate the Top Farm buildings to Smerrill Dairy, to get feedback from members. It was agreed RP would respond when members had reflected and given their feedback on the drawings and the potential impact on the surroundings.

DC Birch gave a report:-

1. Local elections will be on Thursday 2 May, and this parish is now in South Cerney division. County Councillors are reducing from 9 to 8 in number. The District boundaries may change in 2015.
2. He has to respond on The Byre planning application next week and wanted to understand why the PC objected. This was explained.
3. Along with the PC, English Heritage has opposed demolition of the railway station platform. This shouldn't affect provision of 10 extra parking spaces.
4. The 'Building 430' application at the airport has been approved.
5. Youth Funding – has Sapperton PC spoken to us? No. ACTION - GS to contact Adele and there is £1,136 available and need to agree to keep it together or divide up.
6. Flooding at Smerrill – have spoken to Gill Portlock, the culvert isn't blocked but cannot cope with flooding. JB will log with Glos Highways flood management system; the work may require traffic management.
7. The District Council budget has been cut by 5% by sharing resources amongst other things. There will be £1 million help for deposits for first-time homebuyers.
8. DB reported on a 'flood meeting' he attended along with G Clifton-Brown MP, 5 from Thames Water, 5 from CDC, 4 from Environment Agency, 4 from Glos CC, etc. The Thames and Churn rivers were the subject. The County Council is apparently responsible for flood issues, but landowners are responsible for maintenance – therein lies confusion, and the fact that some maintenance can worsen flooding if uncoordinated. The EA have carried out some remedial work locally.
9. Asked about the S106 benefits from Top Farm, JB explained you lose control of this during an appeal, but as this is only an outline application the opportunity will arise again when application is made for detailed planning consent. Community Infrastructure Levy is being introduced and DCs are being trained on this in 4 weeks.
10. Asked about the Fosseway footpath around the airport runway, JB suggests speaking to Mike Barton at Shire Hall (Glos) or the Rights of Way people at Wilts CC.

- 1. Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Silk.**
- 2. Declarations of interest on item 5a from DB, GC and SS.**
- 3. The minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2013 were approved and duly signed.**
- 4. Matters arising from previous meetings:**
 - a. Highways report inc. commuter parking update – GS reported that at the last minute Harry Hill replaced Jim Daniels but the meeting went ahead. The Area Highways Manager (Scott) will discuss options over the next couple of weeks with the Glos County Council parking manager, offering his resources to support a suitable scheme. The basis of the scheme will probably be a daily 1-hour parking ban. The preference is to introduce a temporary scheme initially, which will avoid some of the normally required preliminary consultation and so speed up implementation. This will also provide an opportunity to assess the impact on residents and provide for any necessary adjustments to the rules. The intention is to minimise signage etc. It is understood that the new parking enforcement contractor can carry out enforcement. We should hear back by the end of April.
 - b. Kemble Station
 - Update on line doubling following Network Rail letter dated 22 Feb to residents – nothing to report other than Kemble Wick residents being omitted from circulation which RP has addressed.
 - Update on contact with Conservation Officer – RP will check progress of JB's contact with Railway Heritage
 - c. Ewen Electricity Sub Station update – SS advised that the over-ground high voltage cables have now gone, with power routed under the road. There is still some overhead work to do, and removing pylons could apparently take up to two years. Agreed topic concluded from the need for regular reports.
 - d. Neighbourhood Watch/ 'Our Watch' report – LN advises nothing to report as next meeting not until 10 April.
 - e. Review of Speedwatch applications received (now 5 to date, 2 this month) – NS says total number now 5, one short of absolute minimum needed for training/operational needs. Hoped that Annual Parish Meeting and improving weather may encourage more interest, along with further mentions in parish Magazine and AD will mention to the school headmaster
 - f. Update on playground repair quotes – NS has quote from Playdale totalling £1768.45 + VAT, around £530 less than previous best, helped by swing pole being replaced FOC under warranty. Work likely in April. GS passed on Invoice from Feb for replacement zipwire seat.
 - g. Update on review of GRCC Parish and Community Led Plan database – this was completed and submitted on 21 Feb.

5. Planning matters

a. Top Farm proposal

Top Farm residential development – outline permission
This was covered during DC Birch's report, see above item 9.

b. Other planning items – ALL

13/00298/FUL

Date: 06 February 2013

Location: The Byre, Mill Farm, Main Street, Ewen, GL7 6BT,

Proposal: Proposed side extension
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[13/00299/LBC](#)

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Location: The Byre, Mill Farm, Main Street, Ewen, GL7 6BT,

Proposal: Proposed side extension

The above two applications were discussed on 8 Feb and objections have been submitted. Confirmed by meeting.

[13/00047/FUL](#)

Date: 07 February 2013

Location: Cramond Court (formerly Partridge Court), Old Vicarage Lane, Kemble, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6BB,

Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension, minor amendments to roof, and extension to outbuilding

For noting only – approved as below.

[13/00369/LBC](#)

Date: 14 February 2013

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

Proposal: Demolition of 25m of existing platform to allow modernisation of road/rail access platform and terminal stop to latest standards, including additional 10 parking bays and associated works.

Members ratified objection. (also mentioned above in DC Birch's report)

[13/00652/TCONR](#)

Date: 20 February 2013

Location: Lodore House, Church Road, Kemble, GL7 6AA

Proposal: Sycamore and 2 yew trees in neighbours garden. Remove three lower branches of the sycamore to crown lift to approximately 6 metres from ground level. The remaining crown to be reduced by approximately 30% of branch length to leave 2 metres of overhang on the boundary. 2 yew trees in hedge - Prune back overhanging branches.

Decisions for Information only

Application: [12/05215/FUL](#)

Date decided: 07 February 2013

Decision: Application Permit

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

Proposal: Alterations to previous approved scheme (12/03182/FUL) - Erection of a two storey rear extension and side conservatory

Application: [13/00047/FUL](#)

Ward: Thames Head

Date decided: 01 March 2013

Decision: Application Permit

Location: Cramond Court (formerly Partridge Court), Old Vicarage Lane, Kemble, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6BB,

Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension, render to sections of main building, minor amendments to roof, and extension to outbuilding

Application: [13/00537/TCONR](#)

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

Date decided: 04 March 2013

Decision: No objection (County)

Location: Kemble Grange, Church Road, Kemble, GL7 6AA

Proposal: T1 Lilac - 25% crown reduction. T2 Holly - reduce height by 3 metres. T3 Cotoneaster - 30% crown reduction, removal of crossed limbs. T4 Acacia - 25% crown reduction. T5 Prunus - 30% crown reduction.

Application: [13/00654/TCONR](#)

Date decided: 05 March 2013

Decision: No objection (County)

Location: Ewen Manor, Main Street, Ewen, Gloucestershire, GL7 6BX

Proposal: Crown reduction of 3 over mature Horse Chestnut trees

c. Cotswold Airport, Kemble

RP confirmed that the number of car testing sessions (not race car testing, as previously recorded) is limited to 12 per annum.

6. Finance matters - ALL

- a. Receive and approve accounts and items for cheque payment. Agreed, and Clerk explained cheques were renumbered due to a typo on the schedule. Grant to Neighbourhood Watch of £125 will be held pending their decision on use of funds, and/or opening bank account.
- b. Business Plan for 2013-14 budget following Precept submission of £20,000 is imminent, reports GC.
- c. re-appointment of Peter Newman as Independent Internal Auditor agreed.
- d. Update on future of Kemble Community Gardens, and meeting with CDC about longer-term use. RP had met CDC and confirmed an on going preference that the PC purchases the land and sublets to KCG. A second, much less favoured option is to be granted a 25-year lease. He felt that some progress was not necessarily outwith CDC's aim. He will draft a letter seeking to resolve by September to ensure KCG members have some security of tenure.

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

- a) AD reported that ten children had approached her about extending the skate park and are convinced they can raise funds. They would like to scrap the unused bike ramps and sell for scrap, but the meeting felt this was not appropriate. However, PC might in principle match funding up to £1000 if suitable equipment can be identified and priced. AD to investigate further; NS to provide any playground brochures received.
- b) GC reported the recent unauthorised tree pruning by a resident at The Oaks. Agreed to write expressing PC's concern and willingness to pursue legal remedy if repeated.
- c) GS said that residents on the West Hay Grove side of the A429 had asked for the self-seeded ash trees to be lowered too. DB said this was Highways' land so GS should approach Scott or Gill.
- d) Following a complaint about helicopters circling on 5 March by a non-resident, SS had pursued with the airport, but has had no replies from the complainant, despite several attempts.
- e) DB suggested extra mowing of verges from the village gates at the Cirencester side would improve the appearance. NS or DB to liaise with CGS (our contractors) to ascertain prices and practicalities.

The meeting end at 10pm.

Next meetings – 12 April, followed by Annual Parish Meeting on 3 May.