



## **Kemble & Ewen Parish Council**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Friday 25 October 2013 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall.**

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

Clerk: N Spindler

District Councillor: J Birch

Five members of the public

Dr Richard Graham, his architect, and a representative of Hunter Page, presented their proposals to redevelop the site of Laburnum Cottage, Ewen. In summary, it is a larger property, more centrally located on the plot and set back from the road, with a driveway and double garage, and designed to resemble the existing dwelling but using modern standards of insulation whilst retaining Cotswold vernacular features typical of the area. Dr Graham stressed he wished the development to be acceptable to his neighbours and the Parish Council.

After some discussion about the design and various features the Chairman thanked Dr Graham for coming. A formal application will be forthcoming in due course.

District Councillor Birch had no specific updates. On the matter of the Kemble Community Gardens, he said that any future development on the site would most likely be in the context of CDC's overall strategy, which would need to go first to cabinet and then full Council, but not before 2015. Meanwhile he will continue to push for an extension of the lease.

- 1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dyke**
- 2. There were no declarations of interest**
- 3. The minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2013 were approved and duly signed**
- 4. Matters arising from previous meetings:**
  - a. Highways report – GS reported that the culvert barrier has been repaired, the replacement handrail in West Lane is too low, the VAS (flashing speed limit sign) is still not working at the top end of the village, and she will speak to Bromfield Housing, owners of the Abbots Way homes, to ask them for a No Cycling sign. ACTION – GS. ES added that he has found the two online pothole-reporting services seem to work as he has used them. They are:- <http://www.fillthathole.org.uk/> and <http://www.fixmystreet.com>

There is also Gloucestershire Council's own:-

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/reportit>

- b. Kemble Station - Update on car park extension – DB reported that there would be additional parking available, subject to planning permission, as First Great Western can lease land from Kemble Farms Ltd for around 120 spaces. This initiative arose from discussions with the MD of FGW and is likely to provide a longer term and more cost-effective scheme than those previously considered. LN reported that the line itself has now been moved as part of the re-doubling scheme and villagers on the west side have had letters confirming that phase is complete. Most of the noise was away from the residential areas and therefore did not appear to cause any problems.
- c. Neighbourhood Watch/ 'Our Watch' report – LN reported on the 9 October meeting where Peter Burns stood down and Paul Waldron took over as Chair. PC Neil Lightfoot is moving to Cirencester town centre from 22 October and our new local PC will be Mark Weedon. Crime has reduced although those arrested for a spate of non-dwelling burglaries are believed to have been released recently so residents should remain alert. ACTION – LN to email Councillors a link to the crime website for local news.
- d. Speedwatch update – NS reported that the next training event might be as much as 6 months away. This was seen as disappointing, and he was asked to enquire if it could be brought forward. ACTION – NS.
- e. Update on young persons' skate park idea – As AD was not present no report was available.
- f. Update on Community Emergency Plan – ES reported this remains in place and he is shortly updating the WI and Neighbourhood Watch.
- g. Update on Kemble Community Gardens discussions with CDC – this was covered by DCllr Birch (see above).
- h. Update on A429 Ash tree proposals – GS reported no further developments from the interested residents. They know the position (as described in 20 Sept 2013 Minutes).
- i. Update on next year's meeting dates – NS had circulated a revised list and this was approved. For reference it is attached as an appendix to these Minutes. He will reserve the dates with the Village Hall. ACTION – NS.
- j. Update on panels for Jubilee bus shelter – Cllrs confirmed approved expenditure per quote provided to LN by Jason Fursland for £137.00.
- k. Update on Chairman's meeting with Inspector Clifford – RP recently met the Inspector with Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, MP. GC-B had been surprised at the peak in crime recently compared to previous years. He will accordingly enquire about figures specifically for our parish in future. The constructive outcome was that PC Weedon would aim to attend some future meetings and would submit a brief report if attendance was not possible. ACTION – Clerk to pass on meeting dates.

## 5. Planning items – All

### [13/03935/FUL](#)

**Date:** 25 September 2013

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

**Proposal:** Erection of single storey extension (amendment to 13/02792/FUL) and

### [13/03936/LBC](#)

**Date:** 25 September 2013

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

**Proposal:** Erection of single storey extension (amendment to 13/02794/LBC)

**Deadline 24 October (extended to 28 Oct)**

**Supported.**

**[13/04197/TCONR](#)**

**Ward:** Thames Head

**Date:** 04 October 2013

**Location:** Forge House, Limes Road, Kemble, Cirencester, GL7 6FS

**Proposal:** Fell the following trees:-, (1) Sycamore, (2) Norway Maple (3) 6 Hornbeam stems - overgrown hedge (4) Poplar - one of group of three

The recently received plans for **15 West Hay Grove** were also discussed, as although they arrived too late for the published agenda, the deadline is before the next meeting.

**Supported.**

**Decisions made are shown below for information only**

**Application:** [13/03123/CON](#)

**Date decided:** 17 September 2013

**Decision:** Application Permit

**Location:** Forge House, Limes Road, Kemble, Cirencester, GL7 6FS

**Proposal:** Demolition of stable/office building and wall

**Application:** [13/03815/TPO](#)

**Date decided:** 27 September 2013

**Decision:** Application Permit

**Location:** The Brook House , Ewen, Kemble, Cirencester, GL7 6BU

**Proposal:** Cut back overhanging growth from 6 Lime Trees to the inside of the boundary of Bourne House

**Application:** [13/03544/TCONR](#)

**This application type was for information purposes only and was not open to consultation.** No initial alert would have been sent.

**Ward:** Thames Head

**Date decided:** 27 September 2013

**Decision:** No objection (County)

**Location:** Honeystone House, Main Street, Ewen, Kemble, GL7 6BU

**Proposal:** T.1 - Field Maple - reduce height and spread by 1/3 and remove dead branches;  
T.2 & T.3 - Conifers - reduce height by 50%

**Application:** [13/03661/NONMAT](#)

**Date decided:** 30 September 2013

**Decision:** Application Permit

**Location:** Ewen Mill, Ewen, Kemble, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6BT

**Proposal:** Non-material amendments to 10/04438/FUL for the stable block to be repositioned and amendments to fenestration

**Application:** [13/03599/FUL](#)

**Date decided:** 15 October 2013

**Decision:** Application Permit

**Location:** Bradley Cottage, Windmill Road, Kemble, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6AL

**Proposal:** Erection of a dwelling with car port to rear and widening existing access

**Application:** [13/03860/CLOPUD](#)

**Date decided:** 16 October 2013

**Decision:** Application Permit

**Location:** Laburnum Cottage, Main Street, Ewen, Kemble, Cirencester, GL7 6BT

**Proposal:** Certificate for a Proposed Use or Development under Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for additions to existing property

**Application:** [13/03941/TCONR](#)

**This application type was for information purposes only and was not open to consultation.** No initial alert would have been sent.

**Date decided:** 17 October 2013

**Decision:** No objection (County)

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

**Proposal:** Works detailed in Schedule

## **6. Finance matters - ALL**

- a. Receive and approve items for cheque payment – Approved.

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

- a. Cotswold Airport – RP reported on a recent Airfield Liaison meeting. There were concerns that a plane had been circling low one weekend. It transpired this was a Canberra, the only remaining one its type which has been carefully restored. The point was made it could have been tested other than at a weekend. The matter would be pursued with the CAA. Going forward, it is unlikely there will be any more air shows, as they are not financially viable. The overall level of activity has reduced and there are no longer any acrobatic teams or businesses on the site. The District Councils were keen to discontinue these meetings but RP and those from Ashley & Culkerton and Sapperton, together with the airport management agreed to retain them twice a year. Kemble will host the next one in Spring 2014. It was agreed by this meeting that the airport complaints line should be discontinued. Although complaints had been received via other means, the line has not had a single call for over a year. ACTION – MB to write to supplier to cancel.
- b. RP asked if Highways would be repairing the Thames Path bridge, near the Thames Head stile, which remains wrecked. DB said he could probably arrange to have it repaired.
- c. Village Design Statement – ES said LN had been helping him with the village history. He has had several calls with a CDC adviser and also the GRCC. For CDC to adopt it, extensive public consultation would be necessary, and the existing Cotswold Design Code already defines many relevant features. Although the idea seems sound, it is disconcerting that no other Cotswold Council has a VDC, so we would be 'guinea pigs'. ACTION – NS to add to next Agenda.
- d. Village Hall – MB reported that the VH will be getting a dishwasher, and a new 3-pane Notice Board with room for PC notices.

- e. SS suggested a letter to the family of Kemble Farms would be appropriate in view of the support they have given to the village over generations. All agreed. ACTION – RP to draft and circulate for input.
  - f. Youth Club – GC reported that Amy and David Dyke were no longer running this and volunteers were needed urgently. ACTION – ES to provide GC with the GRCC number.
  - g. Windmill Road landscaping – GC reminded the meeting there was budget provision for this scheme. ACTION – GS to consider and present proposal.
  - h. Thames River meeting – DB reported there is now a date for the multi-party meeting.
  - i. Kemble Station garden – RP reported that the dissolved Gardening Club would be providing spring bulbs, snowdrops and tulips for the new garden from their remaining funds.
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#### **Appendix to Minutes dated 25 October 2013 – item 4i refers**

#### **Dates for KEPC meetings in 2014**

All days are FRIDAY

- 10 January
- 21 February (14<sup>th</sup> is Valentines!)
- 28 March
- [N.B. Good Friday 18 April, Easter Monday 21 April]
- 25 April
- 16 May – Public Parish Meeting
- 30 May – Annual meeting (for election of Chairman etc)
- No meeting in June
- 18 July
- No meeting in August
- 12 September
- 17 October
- 28 November
- No meeting in December