



## **Kemble & Ewen Parish Council**

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on Friday 8 February 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

There were no members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Amy Dyke and District Councillor John Birch

There were no contributions from local residents before the meeting began

- 1. Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Dyke**
- 2. Declarations of interest received from DB, GC and SS re item 5a**
- 3. The minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2013 were approved**
- 4. Matters arising from previous meetings:**
  - a. Highways report and commuter parking update – GS said that 7 March was a potential date to meet the Glos Highways people about parking around the railway station. RP reminded the meeting that the consultation and survey requirements would necessarily be an extended process, and had to await completion of the additional spaces in the station car park. Further matters to debate included an 'education' process to inform users what restrictions applied in due course.
  - b. Kemble Station
    - Update on garden improvement – LN confirmed this was being progressed by the Agricultural College, and the curving wall was already visible.
    - Update on line doubling and Network Rail meeting of 30 Jan - LN
    - Update on contact with Conservation Officer – RP said the new toilet improvements had been agreed by the CO. There was no funding for the water tower, as the Railway Heritage had declined, so he had raised this with District Councillor Birch who will approach Network Rail. ES suggested it might be worthwhile approaching a Trustee of the Railway Heritage
  - c. Ewen Electricity Sub Station update – SS reported that there had been no action since Christmas, RP had written a letter and the response was that they are waiting for the weather to improve. ACTION – SS to chase.
  - d. Neighbourhood Watch/ 'Our Watch' report – there was brief discussion about minor local robberies.
  - e. Review of Speedwatch applications received (3 to date) – NS advised that only 3 volunteers had come forward so far, including MB. ACTION – readvise Pat Owen so that further publicity can be arranged.
  - f. Update on playground repair quotes – NS said he is awaiting revised quote from

Playground Services where a new swing may be a similar price to the repairs, which included original equipment replacement post at c £400 from Playdale. ACTIONS – NS to find original invoice from Aug/Sept 2003 in case warranty claim can be made. Also circulate revised quote when received. GS to chase installer to tighten zipwire cable and replace seat zipwire seat at a cost of £57.50.

- g. Update on review of GRCC Parish and Community Led Plan database – review team have not met yet, and will complete before the month-end deadline.

## 5. Planning matters

### a. Top Farm proposal

RP confirmed that through the inquiry had now gained consent for residential development, albeit with some conditions, and it is outline permission only. The only S106 contribution sought by CDC was for the mobile library, which was included. MB advised that the chairman of the Village Hall was taking up that aspect with the CDC. RP wished to record his appreciation for the help of Harry Wolton QC throughout the inquiry.

### b. Other planning items – ALL

#### [12/04629/FUL](#)

**Ward:** Thames Head

**Date:** 22 January 2013

**Location:** Building 430, Kemble Airfield, Kemble, Gloucestershire

**Proposal:** Two storey extension to commercial unit and associated works including revised parking layout (revision)

Response required by 21 Feb for CDC, and by 12 Feb for Planning meeting at WDC.

**Agreed to support**

Further discussion about a new application for The Byre, Ewen, received since the agenda was published and its general out-of-character design for what was originally a cow byre. Agreed that the Council should register its objection.

### Decisions for Information only

**Application:** [12/05652/DD](#)

**Date decided:** 03 January 2013

**Decision:** No objection (County)

**Location:** Ewen Manor, Main Street, Ewen, Glos., GL7 6BX

**Proposal:** Fell dead Crab Apple.

**Application:** [12/05113/LBC](#)

**Date decided:** 04 January 2013

**Decision:** Application Refused

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

**Proposal:** Demolition of 25m of disused platform to install new road, rail access point and terminal stop including 10 new parking bays and associated works

**Application:** [12/04695/FUL](#)

**Date decided:** 07 January 2013

**Decision:** Application Withdrawn

**Location:** 9 The Oaks, Kemble, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6BH

**Proposal:** Replacement 2.5 metre high rear wooden boundary fence

**Application:** [11/04236/OUT](#) (per item a. above)

**Date decided:** 09 January 2013

**Decision:** Allowed on Appeal

**Location:** Land At Top Farm, West Lane, Kemble, CIRENCESTER, Gloucestershire, GL7 6AD

**Proposal:** Residential development comprising up to 50 dwellings

**Application for award of costs:** Refused

**Application:** [12/04045/FUL](#)

**Date decided:** 11 January 2013

**Decision:** Application Withdrawn

**Location:** Stanmore House, Main Street, Ewen, GL7 6BU

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing and erection of replacement dwelling house and garage, relocated access and change of use of pasture land (currently with an unauthorised use as amenity land) to form extended residential curtilage.

**Application:** [12/05363/FUL](#)

**Date decided:** 18 January 2013

**Decision:** Application Permit

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

**Proposal:** New stone and hardwood seating and new lighting

**Application:** [12/05412/COMPLY](#)

**Date decided:** 25 January 2013

**Decision:** Application Permit

**Location:** Jackaments Bottom Farm, Kemble, Cirencester, GL7 6PJ

**Proposal:** Change of use from workshop/storage/office to dwelling (revised scheme) Conditions 1-10

### **c. Cotswold Airport, Kemble – RP**

Update on meetings and permissions granted, contact with adjoining Parishes, and legal input.

RP recapped the limitations minuted at January's meeting. A number of activities that did not create issues for residents were left alone. RP will confirm if race testing is capped at 8 events per annum. SS asked if the complaints line could be wound up as it is so rarely used. Agreed the line should be continued into the Spring season then review again.

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

a. Receive and approve accounts for cheque payment – Approved.

b. Business Plan items for 2013-14 budget following Precept submission of £20,000. GC confirmed as previously indicated that he would complete this after today's meeting. Carried forward.

c. Review and decision on Grant requests per schedule circulated, including funding for NHW bi-annual newsletter.

After reviewing each application and the summary sheet, the following grants were approved:-

Kemble & District Royal British Legion	£150
Open The Book	£150
Kemble Spring Music Festival 2013-03-10	£200
Kemble & Ewen Neighbourhood Watch	£125
Kemble & Ewen Craft Group	£100

This totals £725, and includes £25 already earmarked for Neighbourhood Watch from a previous year. The Council wished to record their hope that the Music Festival continues beyond 2013, which will be its tenth event. It will also offer help from our existing partners to the Neighbourhood Watch for its printing, and ensure a free page is offered in the Parish Magazine. Additionally, it was agreed to send £100 to support the Parish Magazine.

- d. The future of Kemble Community Gardens – update on approach to CDC for longer-term use. RP said there is a meeting later this month at CDC, which we should try to make. Sarah Lawlor should be invited. ACTION – RP to advise date.

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

- a. Snow Warden – confirmed as DB.
- b. Grit Bin, Church Road. DB advised that grit is dumped on the verge in addition to the grit bins. There is one ton of grit stored at the farm if extra is required at any point.
- c. Parking in Ewen against oncoming traffic – MB asked what could be done about occasional parking opposite the bus stop. RP said he believed it was not actionable as there are no restrictions in place and it is essentially a straight road.
- d. MB reported that the Ewen phone box was vandalized on 28 Jan, and - after reporting it to BT and the Police - the glass was cleared the next day and it was repaired on 4 Feb which he felt was commendable.
- e. MB reported comments from villagers about extensive moss on the pathway alongside The Walled Garden, opposite Thursday Cottage, Ewen, making it risky to walk there. ACTION – NS to write to owners to see if hedge can be cut before nesting season
- f. LN suggested that in view of the volume of traffic it takes and the need for access to the railway, Station Road should be included in the gritting regime. ACTION – GS to take up with Glos Highways.
- g. DB reported considerable activity to clear drains at Smerrill and West Lane. Discussions with Glos Highways (Gillian Portlock) indicates they will clear ditches up to one metre from the road, though they consider these the landowner’s responsibility by default. If they have problems, booking a tanker can take 6 weeks.