



Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Friday 29 November 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

Absent: Cllr. A Dyke

Clerk: N Spindler

District Councillor: J Birch

One member of public

To hear any contributions from local residents before the meeting begins:-

A Ewen resident explained the frustration she had experienced in trying to get Glos Highways and other CDC departments to maintain the pathway between the villages, where the gutters need weeding and general clearance is necessary. The street cleaning gang will not cover it because it is beyond the 30mph zone. After some debate, the Chairman asked DC Birch if he could ask CDC to include in their 'rounds' as it is so close the area they do maintain.

District Cllr Birch said there was not a lot to report, though he had seen a draft Ward Boundary map for 2015, which has not yet gone back to the Boundary Commission. Thames Head ward seems likely to expand from around 1500 to 2200/2400 including Coates, Tarlton, Rodmarton, Poole Keynes and Somerford Keynes, but not South Cerney. Sapperton and Frampton Mansell will be party of another ward. A one-member ward is the aim, he added. It was noted that this ward would be similar to the Benefice boundary. Mr Birch felt it would be an onerous size for any future District Councillor. Lastly, he said that a draft report on the Community Gardens land was due to be reviewed on the coming Monday and he would update the Chairman on this.

- 1. There were no apologies for absence. Cllr Dyke did not attend.**
- 2. Declarations of interest were received from DB on item 4b.**
- 3. The minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2013 were approved.**
- 4. Matters arising from previous meetings:**
 - a. Highways report – GS reported that once again she has reported the VAS (Vehicle Activated Speeding Sign) and the Glos CC lighting department couldn't even trace the item. ACTION – GS to chase to expedite repair. The replacement handrail in West Lane is too low and awaits remedial repairs. There was further debate about the Ewen pathway mentioned by a member of the public above, and DB said that Kemble Farms could cut back branches but not work in the road. ACTION – GS to ask Highways to clear silt from roadway.

- b. Kemble Station - update on car park extension. DB confirmed discussions are at an advanced stage with First Great Western for the acquisition of land from to provide parking for in excess of 100 cars. LN noted recent observations that the car park is full at around 1pm on most weekdays, except Friday when it is much quieter. There is no further news on the redoubling and no disturbances either, he added.
- c. Neighbourhood Watch/ 'Our Watch' report – LN reported on a Police meeting the previous night, held three times a year. Crime stats are up through thefts from sheds and garages, and two recent burglaries in Kemble including an unpleasant distraction burglary in Station Road. Engagement with the Police was encouraging with the new local officer committed to attending Parish Council meetings or sending reports in advance.
- d. Speedwatch update on next training dates – ACTION – NS to chase for any earlier dates for training
- e. Update - Young persons' skate park idea – AD was absent, so carried forward.
- f. Update - A429 Ash tree residents' contribution – GS reported no developments, and offers to attend a Council meeting had been declined. Agreed to close the matter.
- g. Update - panels for Jubilee bus shelter – LN will chase for completion of the work.
- h. Update – advising 2014 meeting dates to Village Hall and to PC Weedon – NS has completed this.
- i. Update – Airport helpline cancelled – MB has completed this.
- j. Update – letter issued to the Rank family – RP has sent this.
- k. Windmill Road landscaping – proposals from GS will be forthcoming for next meeting and must be completed in the current financial year.

5. Planning items – All

[13/04728/TCONR](#)

Date: 11 November 2013

Location: Barnstone Cottage, Main Street, Ewen, Cirencester, GL7 6BU

Proposal: T.1 - Beech tree - crown reduction and sides trimmed. New height - 50 feet, new width - 18 feet

No reply required.

[13/04722/FUL](#)

Date: 18 November 2013

Location: 26 West Hay Grove, Kemble, Cirencester, GL7 6BE

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

Supported.

[13/04788/FUL](#)

Date: 21 November 2013

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

Proposal: Demolition of existing and erection of a replacement dwelling house, linked garage and new access

Supported.

Decisions made shown for information only:-

Application: [13/04197/TCONR](#)

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

Date decided: 07 November 2013

Decision: No objection (County)

Location: Forge House, Limes Road, Kemble, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, 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 (5) 3 fruit trees near old pool

Application: [13/04449/FUL](#)

Date decided: 15 November 2013

Decision: Application Permit

Location: 15 West Hay Grove, Kemble, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6BE

Proposal: Single storey side extension to provide kitchen, dining room and lounge, and erection of porch

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

Date decided: 18 November 2013

Decision: Application Refused

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

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

6. Report from Village Design Statement working group and decision on next steps

ES reported on the recent meeting and the various parties he had contacted. There is a timetable for the CDC plan, which runs through to approval in March 2015. There are no other VDSs in the CDC area. He had gleaned that if this was village-led and supported by the PC it would be better than if PC led. CDC does offer a pack of information and advice on different approaches. ACTION – RP to speak to Philippa Lowe at the CDC about this. There was some debate about the ultimate benefit this would bring, and it was concluded that the PC should nevertheless try to progress a VDS. ACTION – ES to contact Helen Richards of GRCC to attend a future meeting. NS to see if he can find the previous Village Plan (GC thought he might have an e-copy).

7. Finance matters - ALL

- a. Receive and approve items for cheque payment – approved.
- b. To debate and agree items and initiatives for inclusion in the 2014-15 Business Plan, and for precept setting. A number of initiatives were debated including gateways for Ewen village at the 30mph signs, a paid individual for Youth Club work, engaging experts on any local plan, to compile a list of 'village environment' ideas, encourage the production of a 'welcome pack' for new residents, extension of website functionality to support potential need to consult widely on a VDS (see item 6 above), smartening up the main road bus stop (depending on ownership), complete the Ewen footpath with possible Glos CC matching.

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

- a. Consider Cirencester Ramblers' footpath report. This had been circulated and had highlighted the once available Fosse Way path across the airfield. Members vaguely recall a once-a-year opening, but the Ramblers are seeking a permanent arrangement.
- b. The playground orderly, David Dyke resigned with effect from 26 November. ES and LN will inspect the ground while NS tries to get a replacement. ACTION – Site visit to be carried out by DB, RP and GC. ES will review insurance provisions.
- c. DB reported that the Thames path footbridge near the A429 had been replaced.
- d. MB said that the Village Hall should soon have a dishwasher but the replacement notice board is on hold as urgent repairs to the doorframe are required.
- e. Parking on the corner of Limes Road was a recurring problem, and Gill Portlock of Glos CC has been asked to reinstate white lines to encourage accurate parking. Agreed that NS should ask the owners of Bradley Lodge to monitor and encourage safe and thoughtful parking by those using the lodge in the grounds.