



Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on Friday 25 April 2014 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors – Roger Pettit (Chairman), David Ball, Lester Napper, Eric Silk, Gabi Somerville, Sohrab Sorabjee
Clerk: Nick Spindler

Apologies: Cllrs. Michael Binks and George Collins, District Councillor, John Birch

There were no contributions from local residents before the meeting began, and none was present.

- 1. Apologies for absence accepted from Cllrs Binks and Collins.**
- 2. Declarations of interest were received from LN and GS for item 5b.**
- 3. The minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2014 were approved.**
- 4. Matters arising from previous meetings:**
 - a. Highways report – GS said there was little to report aside from a further collection of potholes on the A429, though changes of personnel at highways was not helpful. It was agreed to raise road repairs with County Councillor Parsons at the Annual Parish Meeting in two weeks.
 - b. Kemble Station parking update – RP reported no news to advise, and he will speak to Bathurst's agents to check progress.
 - c. Neighbourhood Watch/ 'Our Watch' report – LN said there was a meeting on 9 April, with three main points raised:- i. reported crime has dropped, though not compared to 2012 and before, ii. Speedwatch certificates should be issued soon, iii. Concerns were expressed about cars overtaking as others slow down to 40mph on entering the village from Cirencester. After a discussion about support to victims of crime, it was agreed Clerk should ask PCSO what follow-up should be expected.
 - d. Windmill Road landscaping proposal – after a lengthy debate on the merits of any scheme to beautify the area and prevent careless parking, it was agreed that DB would choose and plant a few hardy shrubs to the value of around £100 to be reimbursed against receipts.
 - e. Ownership of Windmill Road verge – NS confirmed CDC owns the verge and had circulated email to that effect. CDC had received enquiries from residents about vehicular access to driveways, which they are currently considering. After further discussion it was agreed that no objection should be raised by the PC to proper access arrangements, and the Clerk will advise the Occupiers of nos. 20 and 21

accordingly.

- f. Refresh of Parish Plan – ES confirmed that the GRCC might be helpful in this, and that a ‘steering group’ was needed of residents to take this forward. A number of names were put forward, whom Cllrs will endeavour to speak to and Clerk to email or write accordingly, and all agreed it should be raised at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- g. Replacement village orderly – NS reported one interested enquiry, but it was agreed that someone over 18 was preferable, although the insurers would accept someone younger. To be raised at Annual Parish Meeting.
- h. Update on ‘keep fit’ classes – RP reported this starts on 30 April, at 9.45am on Wednesdays, at a cost of £3 per head. Will be communicated via Parish Magazine and word of mouth.

5. Planning items

a. Update on Bovis Homes contact re West Lane/Top Farm – NS confirmed he had tried to arrange suitable dates but this was proving tricky. He will revert to Ian Drew of Bovis next week.

b. SHLAA plans on 3 preferred sites – RP confirmed the return was submitted by the deadline along with a covering letter, now published on the village website. As several members were absent last meeting he recapped the Council’s consultation and decision process, and explained his disappointment at some reactions, which he felt did not reflect the PC’s on-going support to the Community Gardens. GS reported that the Gardens’ members would probably be meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss, and it was agreed that the PC would probably need to explain the process again at the APM.

c. Other applications - All

[14/01346/TCONR](#)

Date: 27 March 2014

Location: Ewen Manor, Main Street, Ewen, Kemble, CIRENCESTER, GL7 6BX

Proposal: Belt of young trees identified on the drawing. Thin to remove no more than 25% of stems

[Supported at last meeting, shown here for completeness]

[14/01207/FUL](#)

Date: 02 April 2014

Location: 20 Old Manor Gardens, Kemble, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6FF

Proposal: Erection of rear extension

SUPPORTED

[14/01564/TCONR](#)

Date: 08 April 2014

Location: York House, Tamesis Drive, Kemble, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6AD

Proposal: Ornamental Pear, Field Maple, Hawthorn and Cotoneaster:- Reduce height and spread by approximately 30% and shape, remove stubs and dead poor quality material and remove 2 small low branches from the field Maple to raise the crown slightly over the lawn

[14/01755/TPO](#)

Date: 16 April 2014

Location: 17 The Oaks, Kemble, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6BH

Proposal: T.1 - Ash Tree - remove all over to near previous, reduce height by approx 2m and spread by approx 1.5m; remove major deadwood; thin crown by approx 15 - 20%

14/01401/FUL

Date: 17 April 2014

Location: Pear Tree Cottage, 169 Ewen Road, Kemble, CIRENCESTER, GL7 6BT

Proposal: Proposed oak framed detached garage with hobbies room/storage area above
SUPPORTED

Decisions for information:

Application: [14/00867/FUL](#)

Ward: Thames Head

Date decided: 10 April 2014

Decision: Application Permit

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

Proposal: Erection of rear extensions, detached garage and new access

Application: [14/01346/TCONR](#)

Date decided: 15 April 2014

Decision: No objection (County)

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Gloucestershire, GL7 6BX

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6. Finance matters - All

- a. Receive and approve items for cheque payment – approved.
- b. Update on Business Plan 2014-15 – carried forward as GC not present.
- c. It was noted that the internal audit has just been carried out and the report is awaited. NS said no issues had been raised.
- d. To approve the accounting statement and annual governance statement – for submission to external auditors. Carried forward as not yet completed.
- e. To review the Asset schedule. Carried forward as insufficient time. ACTION: NS to check if Village Hall has been re-valued, and email the schedule to members.

7. Consider timing for co-option of ninth Councillor

Agreed to gauge interest when others are involved in Parish Plan. NS to advise previous two who put themselves forward

8. Any other business

- a. NS reported that the RoSPA inspector had called about the vandalised swing, which was contained in the annual inspection report just received this morning.
- b. NS has agreed with Sue Hill that she and her family will deliver the Annual Report for £50.
- c. ES suggested the next article in the Parish Magazine should major on potholes.
- d. SS reported that CDC and Wilts DC attended the Airfield Liaison meeting. No significant events are planned, except for a Bronco appreciation (one year since the Belgian pilot was rescued) and Spring fly-in on 3rd May. The tone of the meeting was friendly and open, and they are looking to be more consultative following revised Government guidelines.
- e. DB will check if the playing field has been mown, as it might have been missed.