



Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on Friday 27 November 2015 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall

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Present: Parish Councillors – Roger Pettit, David Ball, George Collins Carol Dougill, Michael Binks, Sohrab Sorabjee.

Clerk - Liz Hall

District Councillor, Tony Berry

Several members of the public

Apologies – Cllr Eric Silk, Cllr Nicky Baber,

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

Ewen residents Helen and Tom Sandman presented plans to build a single storey property to the rear of The Paddock, Ewen. The plans are at an early stage, they went away with some feedback from the Parish Council.

Station Road and KGC residents were looking for an update on the Station Road site. RP said he was still waiting for a response to his letter to CDC, in which he'd highlighted the concerns discussed at the last meeting. He hopes to have an opportunity in the next few weeks to discuss with CDC, how the land is likely to be divided up. Tony Berry confirmed CDC were fully aware of the concerns raised. He also confirmed a tree survey would be carried out if there are building plans.

The meeting noted the lease expires on 27th April 2016 and it was agreed to ask CDC whether a rolling lease could be issued until a decision about the site has been made (LH). TB to check on Local Green Space Designation and update the PC.

The public left at 8.20pm

Report from Tony Berry:

a) The road signs have been cleaned

b) Car Park at the Station - Full CDC planning committee due to visit next week.

Likely to be January before any decisions will be made.

c) Youth Fund – It was agreed that the funds be given to Church funds this year. If the youth club is restarted they may be eligible for funds next year.

1. Apologies from Cllrs Eric Silk and Nicky Baber were accepted
2. There were no declarations of interest

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2015 were approved and duly signed.

4. Matters arising from previous meetings:

- a. Highways update – schedule of works near completion. Need to plan for works next year.
- b. Trees on A429 update – ready for collection and planting soon. Need 24 stakes and ties, cost £58 + VAT. Expenditure agreed - DB
It was agreed that bulbs be planted in the grass. Item for June/July agenda. Planting could possibly be a school project.
- c. Kemble Station – parking – see TB’s report, RP to chase
Highways looking to agree traffic restrictions in the village. It was noted the Parish will need to contribute to this.
- d. Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report
- e. Police Crime Report – report circulated prior to meeting. No comments
- f. First Aid Training from St Johns – Volunteers to be recruited via posters, website. Clerk to arrange dates. LH
- g. Possible cemetery site – nothing to report – GC
- h. New playground equipment has arrived and due to be erected - DB
- i. Winter Maintenance – Estate manager is the contact, his details are with Ann Jackson.
- j. Bike Racks - Sites identified. However, all bikes racks distributed early summer. If similar offer is available next year, will apply early.
- k. Footpath linking Kemble and Ewen – to be included in business plan for next year.
Meeting noted that Roger has applied for a grant of c£3000 to extend the footpath to the Station.
- l. Appearance of the Village – DB to review the quality of grass cutting with Cottage Garden Services. Condition of village gates to be looked at – All
- m. Report from Town and Parish Liaison Meeting – circulated before the meeting. No comments - all happy. Philippa Lowe indicated that single house developments count as windfall against Local Plan allocations. LH to contact P Lowe to confirm and determine whether these have been included in the Kemble numbers.
- n. Report from SHLAA meeting – Roger reported that only additional and new sites were discussed. The recent planning proposals for Kemble Airfield were seen by SLHAA as speculative and ill thought out.

5. Review of tenant allocation policy for Housing Association homes in Kemble

There has been a lot of anti-social behaviour in Kemble and surrounding the HA homes. It was agreed to invite the housing officer from CDC to discuss the matter with the Parish Council – LH

6. Neighbourhood Development Plan

The meeting held on 19 November with Barbara Pond from GRCC, gave the PC a good idea of the process and the work involved. Noted was the fact that the NDP is a development plan and should not be seen as a way to prevent development.

ES to assemble suitable volunteers to move the plan forward. Suggest contact those who were involved in the 2006 plan and the Railway Terrace group amongst others.

7. It was agreed not to give Stroud Citizens Advice Bureau a financial contribution. Similar requests have been refused in the past. LH to notify John Hadfield.

8. Planning items

- a) Top Farm – playground area – no response as yet from HAGS SMP
- b) Kemble Airfield – nothing to report
- c) Planning Meeting - 6 November. The decisions made at the meeting were noted
- d) 1 Orchard Close – 15/04105/FUL. Application supported.

Details of listed CDC Planning Applications pending and decisions reported were noted, no issues found.

New Planning Applications have been received since agenda published. Agreed to hold a Planning Meeting on Thursday 17 December to discuss. LH to prepare and distribute agenda.

9. Finance Matters

- a) Schedule of Accounts - Payments for October/November 2015 – approved.

10. To fix dates and times for council meetings 2016

Dates agreed, LH to prepare a schedule

11. AOB

- a) Wood opposite Henry Coles. Ewen. Meeting noted that timber is being cleared from the wood. Forestry commission to be advised – LH
- b) Meeting advised that there is a water leak in the village hall - MB
- c) Councillors were asked to consider any projects they wish to be included in the 2016/17 Business Plan.

Meeting closed at 10.25pm