

Kemble & Ewen Parish Council



Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Friday 11th September 2015 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors - David Ball - Chair, Nicky Baber, Carol Dougill, George Collins, Lester Napper – Minutes.

Apologies Councillor E Silk, Councillor R Pettit, Councillor M Binks
L Hall - Parish Clerk

Also Present:

District Councillor T Berry

Visitors: G Lawes + 13 visitors.

To hear any contributions from local residents before the meeting begins [5 minutes per person maximum; not exceeding 30 minutes in total].

Presentation by Mr G Lawes; council shown proposals for extension to the Gatehouse, 5 Kemble Park. Discussion on conservation issues. Surprise that property not listed. Conservation officer favours contemporary style to an extension which is 'separate' to the cottage.

(In the Buildings of England, Cotswold volume, the Tudor style cottage is dated to 1835 and the architect is named as PF Robinson who was also responsible for design of the old part of Cirencester Hospital.)

Councillors were unanimous in favouring a more traditional design to match existing.

Report from Tony Berry, District Councillor: Updated council on Kemble Community Gardens (Land at Station Road). The KEPC/ KCG lease on the area will end in April and won't be renewed. TB said that following the consultation set up in early 2014 by the CDC to find out the Kemble community's preference of 3 sites for housing proposed by landowners, the KCG area was chosen. As a result CDC Property Services have commissioned an ecological survey to help define an area for the building of 12 houses. After this the remaining land will be gifted to the Parish. He gave us a map showing an area where these houses might go but said that this boundary wasn't fixed. Discussion followed with questions from both visitors and councillors. When asked, TB was unaware of the Green Space designation process as part of the development of the new CDC local plan, and so was unable to tell us about the progress of the KEPC/KCG application to designate the KCG as a Green Space. He said he would look into it.

NB again raised the issue of the consultation on the 3 possible development sites, suggesting the results were misinterpreted by the PC. A robust discussion ensued.

TB reiterated that he has a small budget for environmental activities as cleaning up road signs, putting in poo bins and litter bins.

TB mentioned the planning application for new station car park, see later.

Comments on 'Kemble Airfield' proposed development – see 7 c.

NB thanked TB for his efforts at getting a larger bus for bringing students to Kemble School.

Visitors: *Didn't get Name*, keen to build own home and wanted to know how to go about it. They were advised to get in touch with the Bathurst Estate the major landowner in Kemble.

Peter Burns: mentioned anonymous leaflet which suggested that the A429, with the proposed development at Kemble Airfield and if this happened the subsequent closing of the airport, should be moved back to its pre 1938 route. He felt that there was a need for greater understanding of the local area and processes that shape it. This led him to suggest that the KEPC should invest in the skills of the community by sponsoring an interested parishioner to enhance their knowledge and skills through the Open University and so be able to enhance the work of the council.

Marion Gilliland: being concerned about the extremely poor state of roads in the parish gave to the council and visitors copies of a letter she is intending to send to Gloucestershire Highways, and asking people that if interested they would copy and send, as well. The council was able to give her the good news that GH is shortly going to resurface the road from School Lane in Kemble, through Ewen, to the crossroads on Sprattsgate Lane. MG was thanked for her efforts and it was agreed that there was still substantial work still to be done, such as to the road from the end of Windmill Road to the crossroads on the A433.

Tom Barrow: Gave the KEPC an article on the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign as part of the celebration of Her Majesty's 90th birthday celebrations, and asked for support.

All members of the public then left the meeting.

This section of the meeting finished at 8.40.

1 Apologies for absence: see above

2 Approval of minutes from previous meeting: minutes for 17th July 2015 were approved and signed.

3 Declarations of interest:

C.Dougill: planning permission for double garage at Pear Tree cottage.

4 Matters arising from previous minutes:

- a. Highways update – resurfacing of road from Kemble through Ewen to crossroads on Sprattsgate Lane will happen soon. However, need to push to get road from the end of Windmill Road to A433 resurfaced.

- b. Trees on A429 – it will soon be the optimum time for planting, November onwards. Suggested that wild pear and crab apple might be appropriate.
- c. Kemble Station Car Park - new plans are now on CDC website. Two areas of concern:
 - i. Car park lighting – obtrusive nature of, and
 - ii. One way system to be introduced on current roads resulting in difficulty for heavy vehicles and caravans, and reducing access of customers to the Tavern.

Council agreed that we need to make these concerns known to CDC and FGW, soon. RP to be asked to email concerns to FGW contacts. The Tavern and Arkell's are aware of the new plans. Action DB

- d. Railway Bridge listing – the process continues. Historic England is also in process of listing the Kemble war memorial. As owners, the KEPC have been asked to comment on this and we have agreed to the listing. At some point in the future Historic England will look at other possible sites for listing in the parish. Action LN.
- e. Neighbourhood/Our Watch – LN gave synopsis of notes taken by Paul Waldron at meeting of Cirencester Rural South Community Neighbourhood Panel on 18th August. LN will send out a copy of these notes with these minutes. No concerns. Crime is down on this time last year. Action LN
- f. See item e.
- g. Update on replacement Clerk - matter closed.
- h. Update on First Aid training – carried forward.
- i. Update on possible cemetery site – carried forward.
- j. Update on Santander banking arrangements – GC reported significant progress. We are now entitled to manage our own finances! Unfortunately with a new clerk we now have to initiate a change name and address. Action GC
- k. Update on action to be taken after RoSPA playground inspection – RP and DB looked at the site and saw that small items need changing. DB found a website where some of these can be purchased, however not all and so Playdale will be contacted to replace one item. Action DB
- l. Search for Village Orderly continues. Possible candidate who showed interest lives close to playing field. LN to enquire if he is still interested. Action LN
- m. Update contact names for Winter Maintenance – Clerk to refer Ann Jackson of CDC to Kemble Farms. Action LH

5 Bike Racks for the village: carry over.

6 Vicarage Lane Gate: email from RP to say that it is hand and being constructed.

7 Planning items - All:

a. **Top Farm:**

- i. Agreed that KEPC wants name to be Top Farm and not Old Top Farm. RP to be updated
 - ii. Proposal from HAGS SMP re provision of additional play area – carry forward.
- b. **Neighbourhood Planning Update** – carry forward.
- c. **Update on ‘Kemble Airfield’ outline development proposals** – it was noted by SS and others at the follow up meeting to the consultations at the Tavern, School etc that the developers had no comment to make about the traffic impact of such a development. Councillors queried the 2000 jobs that would come from the development. No information was given by the developers as to how this figure could be achieved. TB commented earlier that the quality of the presentation arguments and evidence was poor and suggested that it wasn't sufficient for the CDC to contemplate accepting the idea.

8 Details of planning applications, new, pending and with CDC decisions - the councillors went through the ten items and found no issues.

9 Finance Matters – All

- a. Receive and approve items for payment by cheque – Proposed GC and seconded LN. LN to post cheque (£636) to Cottage Garden Services and CD to post cheque (£77.40) to JACS.
- b. Notice of Conclusion of Audit – LH to display on notice board – action.
- c. VAT Repayment Advice – Bank statements checked and £2905.92 was present.

10 To fix the dates and times for council meetings for 2016 – carried forward.

11 AOB

- CD volunteered to take up the mantle for the ‘Clean for Queen’ campaign.
- CD informed us about a Citizenship Award Scheme, somewhat similar to the D of E scheme, which is starting in Kemble School. It will result in students attending council meetings and she would like councillors to become involved.

MEETING FINISHED AT 9.52 - LN