



Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on Friday 12 February 2016 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall

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Present: Parish Councillors– Roger Pettit, David Ball, George Collins, Michael Binks, Sohrab Sorabjee, Nicky Baber (arrived 8.45pm – departed 9.30pm), Lester Napper, Carol Dougill

District Councillor, Tony Berry

Minutes taken by Councillor Lester Napper

To hear any contributions from local residents before the meeting begins.

Councillor David Ball gave update on his planning application. The application has been made and is being processed by CDC

Apologies – Councillor, Eric Silk and Parish Clerk, Liz Hall

Report from Tony Berry

- a) Top Farm variations – removal of Ash tree (TPO) because of damaged roots, and three garages are being replaced with open car ports along West Lane.
- b) In approx 9 months' time Chesterton Development will come before Planning Committee.
- c) Market Place in Cirencester – work will start on 22nd February.
- d) There is a serious interest in reopening the branch line to Cirencester as a light railway.
- e) New station car park – because of the requirement of more landscaping, especially two hedgerows through the site, 24 parking spaces will be lost. These will have to be put further up the hill. Roger and Tony will both speak at the planning committee meeting in March.

1. Apologies from Eric Silk and Liz Hall were accepted
2. LN declared an interest for Item 9
3. The minutes of the meeting held on 8 January were approved and signed following confirmation that the amendments requested by DB had been made.

4. Matters arising from previous meetings

- a. Highways update – RP
RP is meeting Richard Gray of Glos Highways in March to discuss budget for a full resurfacing of the A429 at Clayfurlong. All agreed that this was a major priority.
- b. Trees on A429 update – RP
Trees have been planted and look good. More will be planted in the autumn. DB has completed pruning in Ewen in particular those on the Bus Stop green.
- c. Neighbourhood Watch/ 'Our Watch' report – LN
 - Leaflets for distribution across parish – Paul is waiting for template from PC Weedon
 - Concern about decline in the numbers of NHW members and low attendance at local police community meetings. Councillors will talk to people they know to encourage people to join. Will ask PC Weedon if they could come to the Monday coffee sessions in the Village Hall. Put NHW information on the noticeboard inside the Hall.
 - Ask Paul to talk about the NHW at the Annual Parish Meeting on 6th May.

- d. Police crime report – it was noted that there had been a reduction in crime compared with January 2015.
- e. Update on repeat of First Aid training from St Johns – St John's happy to do the training. Session in June on a Saturday afternoon.
- f. Update on possible cemetery site – GC – Nothing to report.
- g. Update on action to be taken following RoSPA playground inspection (All)
DB reported that most of the repairs and other work had been completed but there was still work such as replacing the basketball hoops to be done. Rubber mats needed for the play area.
DB is to discuss with John Aylett about taking on the post of Parish Orderly.
Suggested that he could be asked to do inspection and that for any one off jobs he could give us quote.
LH is to produce a check list for Parish Orderly.
- h. Appearance of the village – Grass cutting and trees on village green – RP – has spoken to the estate land agent about cutting the lower branches of the lime trees. At the moment estate is inspecting trees for disease so will wait till after this before acting. Agreed to pay £500 for clearing of ivy especially on beehive and for work on trees. DB will try to find out what the lime tree that was removed died of before it's replaced.
DB had noted how much litter was along our roadsides and was concerned it would affect grass cutting.
- i. Review of tenant allocation policy for Housing Association homes in Kemble – RP – has got the name of Bomfords Community Safety Manager. RP to talk to her to discuss criteria for removing a tenant and obtain a copy of the tenancy agreement. NB will talk to connections in Clayfurlong Grove.
- j. Neighbourhood Development Plan – no information.
- k. Sports grant for changing rooms on the football field – RP – mentioned this to estate manager and was encouraged by the response. Looking for a 25year lease on the field. If the estate wanted to develop the field they would have to relocate the playing field.
- l. Maintenance of wall at Lydwell Spring – RP – will report at the next meeting.
- m. New dog bin by Mill Farm – this was approved

5. Report on Station Road / KCG site – RP – had a meeting with CDC property services and councillor's Tony Berry and Nick Parsons. Two points:

- i) CDC not as far advanced in thinking on the site as had been thought. RP gave them the preferred areas for development. Discussion about purchases of small plots of land to tidy up the boundary for development. The CDC representatives were disposed to passing over the rest for the KCG subject to council approval.
- ii) CDC representatives agreed to renew the lease on short term subject to finalising. They do understand that the KCG needs to keep going.

6. Litter problem in village – RP – it was decided that two bins should be put on the highway at either end of the permissible path across the park next to Kemble House, and dog and litter bins on either side of the road at Clayfurlong Bridge.

7. Children's First Aid – CD gave out a paper prepared by her which was discussed and approved for fifty KS2 children at Kemble School.

8. Adult Drug Education for Parents and Grandparents – RP/ES – Paper prepared by ES was discussed. Training approved in principle for April. NB mentioned the Nelson Trust in Stroud as an alternative provider. She will speak to ES and then he will decide.

9. Kemble and Ewen Community Grant Scheme 2016-17 – Council approved. MB has a letter that was used last year. Group's will have to the end of March to submit.

10. Planning items - ongoing

- a. Top Farm - playground area – CD – emailed the provider but nothing back, yet.
- b. Kemble Airfield – LH has been contacted by the company responsible for the development plans. They plan to speak to the KEPC at some point.

New Planning Applications – decision required

Kemble Enterprise Park, A429 the Firs North to County Boundary, Kemble, 16/00320/FUL - New B8 (Storage & Distribution) and B1 (Office) Space Including Provision of New Vehicular Access and Associated Parking and Landscaping Works.
– happy, but would prefer a filter lane into the site rather than a roundabout.

Land At Chesterton Farm Cranhams Lane Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6JP
16/00054/OUT - Outline Application for application for a mixed use development
– concern about the impact on traffic and roads of a development of such a density and size. There is a need for a roundabout on the A429 where the new development will exit on to this road. There was a discussion about the impact of the proposed technology park between the Stroud and Tetbury road's.

Land At Top Farm Kemble Gloucestershire
16/00086/FUL Full Application for Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission
14/03638/REM to allow the removal of a protected tree (ref: T16)
– discussed. Not happy about the loss of the tree. Will get the CDC Tree Officer to take another look.

Planning Applications Pending

Larcum (formerly Grey Gables) School Road Kemble Cirencester GL7 6AD
15/04310/FUL - Alterations and extension

Laburnum Cottage, Ewen, Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6BT

15/04763/FUL - Excavation of topsoil and foundations from house and garage construction, and using same, (plus additional topsoil) to create two mounds and three raised planting beds – application rejected

Pheasant Hill House Windmill Road Kemble Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6AW
15/05131/FUL Demolition of Pheasant Hill House and erection of 3 dwellings and detached garages. Provision of new link footpath to railway station - KEPC Planning Committee to meet on 29th February to talk to architect.

Land Parcel Adjacent To The Tavern Station Road Kemble Gloucestershire GL7 6AX
15/00786/FUL Full Application for Change of use from agricultural use to car park, Associated landscaping, lighting and fencing. New access road from A429 and new pedestrian access route to station (revised scheme) – see report from TB.

12. Finance matters

Schedule of accounts – Payments for 9 January 2016 to 6 February 2016 – approved and signed.

Added to the items for payment was a cheque made to RP for building materials from Travis Perkins re Playground.

GC reported that the process had begun for changing the name of the Clerk on the KEPC bank account

13. A.O.B.

a) Discussion about the amount of cars parked by the school during a school day. CD informed meeting that this was almost totally staff cars. What would happen when a parking scheme for the village was put in place?

b) Bike frames for parking at shop and Village Hall – RP had talked to the estate and no problems. Discussion about location at the Village Hall and shop. SS to ask Kam about where it would best be located at the shop.

c) MB reported that the Village Hall Committee would pay for broadband at the VH from June not May as reported last meeting.

d) DB noted that fence by car park adjacent to playing field. The concrete support had been knocked down. Assumed the fence belonged to Bomfords, but not absolutely sure. LH to find out who owns and get them to fix.

e) GC mentioned that the houses at the bridge end of Station Road have beech hedges which are encroaching on the footpath. They need cutting back. Ask NB to take a look at this.

f) RP Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations on the 15th May at 2.30pm at The Tavern. A discussion followed about funding, underwrite up to £1000 and what to give to children on the day; mugs, coins, books etc. SS to do some research on this. Include on next agenda.

Meeting finished at 10.40