



Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on Friday 18 March 2016 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall

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Present: Parish Councillors– Roger Pettit, George Collins, Michael Binks, Sohrab Sorabjee, Carol Dougill
Liz Hall - Clerk

District Councillor, Tony Berry

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

Apologies – Councillors Eric Silk, David Ball, Lester Napper

Parishioner, Tony Mant had a number of concerns to raise with the council.

- a) Litter around the village, especially on and near the Bovis development at Top Farm. CD agreed to approach Bovis (on behalf of the children of the village)
- b) Deterioration of the roads, in particular Church Road and Vicarage Lane – RP and Highways to look at.
- c) Kissing gate on footpath to Poole Keynes from Kemble Wick Road. This lovely old gate needs some restoration work. RP to mention to Bathurst Estates.

Report from Tony Berry

- a) The policy of free parking (certain car parks) after in 3.00pm has been extended for the rest of the year.
- b) Station Car Park – The application has been approved. A review to introduce parking restrictions in the village can now be undertaken.
- c) GCC have allocated Kemble an allowance for completion of road repairs in the village.
- d) There is to be a feasibility study for a light railway between Kemble and Cirencester (Chesterton)
- e) There has been additional money allocated to Fastershire to help improve broadband service.

1. Apologies from Eric Silk, David Ball and Lester Napper were accepted
2. There were no declarations of interest
3. The minutes of the meeting held on 12 February were approved and signed following a couple of typo corrections.

4. Matters arising from previous meetings

- a) **Highways update** - RP to meet with Highways in mid-April for update
- b) **Neighbourhood Watch/ 'Our Watch' report** – nothing to report
- c) **Police crime report** – figures noted and PC pleased to see crime remains low
- d) **First Aid training from St Johns** – agreed to book for Saturday 25 June, morning session. To advertise throughout parish -LH
- e) **Update on possible cemetery site** – nothing to report

- f) **Update on action to be taken following RoSPA playground inspection.**
Report satisfactory, agreed to order a new toddler swing - DB
- g) **Employment of a Village Orderly/Playground Inspector.** A £10 hourly rate has been agreed. John Aylett to start 1 April on a contracted basis. DB/LH
Agreed £225 to clean/pressure wash the play equipment.
- h) **Appearance of the village** – Grass cutting and trees on village green
RP to chase Keith Harrison. Bathurst Estate are checking the health of all trees in the village.
- i) **Review of tenant allocation policy for Housing Association homes in Kemble**
Roger to contact Bromford and invite to next meeting.
- j) **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – nothing to report
- k) **Sports grant for changing rooms on the football field** – looking to extend the lease, waiting for Edward Allsop to come back to RP
- l) **Maintenance of wall at Lydwell Spring** – RP to contact Farm Manager
- m) **Purchase of dog and litter bins** – To be obtained through CDC. From April, Tony Berry should have some money to spend in the parish. 3 poo bins (Mill Farm, Washpool Lane, near Home Farm) and 2 litter bins near the Thames
- n) **Report on Station Road / KCG site** – RP and LN met with CDC. The lease to be extended for another year with minor changes agreed. A planning consultant to assess the site, with a view to minimise disruption to the allotments and building away from Railway Terrace.
- o) **Children's First Aid** – A basic first aid course booked for KS2 children on 15 June
- p) **Adult Drug Education for Parents and Grandparents** Zoe Wolton looking to arrange some sessions in May
- q) **Kemble and Ewen Community Grant Scheme 2016-17** – two applications to date
- r) **Bike Racks** - have arrived. Keith Harrison to be asked to install - RP
- s) **Broken fence next to playing field** – Bromford have confirmed the fence is theirs and will fix
- t) **Overhanging Beech Hedge on Station Road** - nothing to report
- u) **Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations** Mugs and coins ordered. Event taking place at The Tavern on Sunday 15th May.

5. Online petition 110489 – Give parish councils the right to appeal planning decisions.

Agreed to support this petition – LH to sign for PC

6. The Annual Parish Meeting - Speakers, Annual Report Production and Distribution
Speakers to be invited – Tony Berry, Paul Waldron, Shaun Parsons and Edward Allsop.
Distribution of report w/c 25 April. Sue Hill to be asked if her son would distribute as last year

7. Planning items - ongoing

- a. Top Farm - playground area – CD confirmed the PC will not be liable for maintenance of play area. Agreed to have a wet pour surface.
- b. Kemble Airfield –nothing to report. RP to try and resurrect the liaison meetings.

New Planning Applications – decision required

Field East of Parkers Bridge Ewen Gloucestershire 16/00683/FUL

Retention of alterations to existing access including laying of hardstanding and installation of hard-surfaced farm track

Agreed to strongly object to this application

The site borders The Thames Path, a national footpath and it lies within the Ewen/Kemble Special Landscape Area

The proposed works, already near completion, have resulted in a negative visual impact to the landscape. The intrinsic character and beauty of the area has been spoilt. The Parish Council cannot see what has been gained from this application with regard to agricultural use of the land.

There is great concern that the works carried out are in preparation for a future application, for non-agricultural development of the barn and the area enclosed by the fence.

Planning decisions reported and planning applications pending as per agenda - noted

Following distribution of the agenda, planning application 16/00448/FUL was received for Pikes Cottage, 166 Washpool Lane. A Planning Meeting has been arranged for Monday 11 April at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, to discuss this and any other applications received.

12. Finance matters

Schedule of accounts – Payments for 7 February 2016 to 18 March – approved and signed.

13. A.O.B.

a) Clean for the Queen – it was agreed that a good job had been done throughout the village, the difference was noticeable.

b) CD has tidied up the triangle on Washpool Lane, sorting the mess left behind by a lorry which had been driven over it.

c) Conservation Area Statement.

RP had been approached by Martin Kingston, asking for the PC to support a Conservation Statement for Kemble which he has commissioned. (A copy has been sent to all councillors) He has not been able to generate any activity on this with CDC and now seeks our support in setting up a public consultation.

Agreed to hold a public consultation for the village on Monday 9th May in the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 9.50pm