



## Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

### *Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on Friday 22 April 2016 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall*

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**Present:** Parish Councillors– David Ball, George Collins, Michael Binks, Sohrab Sorabjee, Carol Dougill, Lester Napper, Eric Silk, Nicky Baber – arrived 7.45

Liz Hall - Clerk

District Councillor, Tony Berry – arrived 7.50

Guest Speaker - Sam Knowles: Community Safety Manager from Bromford Housing

No residents present

#### **Presentation by Sam Knowles**

Sam went through the application procedures and allocation policy for housing tenants with Bromford Housing. Potential tenants have to bid on a property, after which if suitable, they are shortlisted. Bromford can refuse an application for a number reasons including, a recent criminal conviction, a history of rent arrears or if they're past tenants with a poor history. If a problem occurs with a tenant, Sam explained the procedure that Bromford can use that could lead to eviction.

Nikki Mann is the housing manager for Kemble

#### **Report from Tony Berry**

a) Local Plan – the final 6-week consultation period is due shortly. A key difference to Local Plan Reg.18 document is that the proposed housing requirement has increased to 8400 (from 7600). The increase in housing numbers required in the CDC area has led them to disregard all previous site assessments and make a unilateral decision. For Kemble the SHLAA was revisited, and now includes the K5 and K1B sites with 11 and 12 homes proposed respectively. Frustration was expressed by the PC given there had been a village wide consultation process for this. TB said he would enquire at CDC if there was any opportunity for the PC to have any influence over the outcome.

b) Youth Fund – is currently going to the benefice but could go to a youth group if an application was made to CDC

c) The PC noted that Tony had supported the planning application 16/00683/FUL for the field near Parkers Bridge. Currently there is little to object to, as the applicant has said the land is for pasture only. However, it was agreed that should any further applications be made for the barn there would be strong objections.

1. Apologies from Roger Pettit were accepted
2. Councillor David Ball declared an interest under 11. Planning; a. i)
3. The minutes of the meeting held on 18 March were approved and signed
4. **Matters arising from previous meetings**
  - a) **Highways update** – nothing to report
  - b) **Neighbourhood Watch/ 'Our Watch' report** – nothing to report
  - c) **Police crime report** – figures circulated. It was noted all the beautiful tubs outside the school have been vandalised.

- d) **First Aid training from St Johns** – booked 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 playground inspection.**  
Work has yet to be completed on Wendy house and basketball hoop. LH to review the inspection company used, compare with Greenfields used by the school. Agreed £225 to clean/pressure wash the play equipment.
- g) **Appearance of the village** – Grass cutting has commenced, DB to keep an eye on areas being cut. Overhanging trees on West Lane have been trimmed. Noted that the litter problem seems under control.
- h) **Review of tenant allocation policy for Housing Association homes in Kemble**  
See report from Sam Knowles at start of meeting. Agreed the PC now has a better understanding of how the association works and who to go to when an issue arises.
- i) **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – nothing to report
- j) **Sports grant for changing rooms on the football field** – nothing to report.
- k) **Maintenance of wall at Lydwell Spring** – nothing to report
- l) **Purchase of dog and litter bins** – should be able to obtain three from CDC. Agreed to purchase the others required. Noted a concern from the equestrian centre regarding dog mess on the farm track. Happy for them to put up signs to direct dog walkers to the bin at the end of Vicarage Lane.
- m) **Report on Station Road / KCG site** – nothing to report
- n) **Adult Drug Education for Parents and Grandparents** – booked for Wednesday 25 May at 7.30. The course is aimed at adults.
- o) **Kemble and Ewen Community Grant Scheme 2016-17** – see finance section
- p) **Broken fence next to playing field** – broken post has been removed and area looks safe.
- q) **Overhanging Beech Hedge on Station Road** – will need to be cut back in the autumn. (Birds are nesting now) NB to talk to neighbours
- r) **Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations** Mugs and coins ordered. Event taking place at The Tavern on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May. RP will distribute mementoes to the Children
- s) **The Annual Parish Meeting** - Speakers to be Shaun Parson (GCC), Tony Berry and Paul Waldron (NW). Annual Report is with the printers, to be distributed w/c 25 April.

5. **Commonwealth War Graves Commission** – agreed that if necessary, the parish could cover the £56 previously paid to CWGC. LH to liaise Brian Ayres now that the funding has been cut.

6. **Ewen Bus Shelter** – Keith Harrison has been asked to repair

7. **Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund** – PC is not minded to support this as part of an election campaign.

8. **Hedges on West Lane** – RP to confirm which these are.

9. **Bollards on the junction** – LH to report to highways

10. **Broken waste bin** – agreed to order a replacement.

11. **Planning items – ongoing**

- a. Top Farm - playground area – PC would prefer to be responsible for the area.
- b. Kemble Airfield –nothing to report.
- c. Planning Committee Meeting on 11 April 2016 – decisions were noted

**New Planning Applications** – decision required

The Old Bakery School Road Kemble CIRENCESTER Gloucestershire GL7 6AD

16/01310/FUL - Two storey extension, alterations to windows, doors and new Dutch gable tabling, new dormer windows and removal of chimney

Decision – support as happy with the extension in principle, but to highlight concern regarding the use of Dutch Gables, as out of character with the rest of the village

The Willows Ewen Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6BT  
16/01262/FUL - Change of use from field to residential garden  
Decision - support

Land to The North of 190 Windmill Road Kemble Cirencester GL7 6AL  
Full Application for Erection of a detached dwelling and new vehicular access  
16/01267/FUL - amendment to permission 15/00825/FUL for the addition of first floor gable to rear elevation)  
Decision – no objection

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

## 12. Finance matters

- i) Schedule of accounts – Payments for 18 March to 22 April 2016 – approved and signed.
- ii) Agreed to appoint an Internal Auditor through GAPTC
- iii) Kemble and Ewen Grant Scheme 2016 – there were 5 applications in total. Agreed to distribute as follows. Kemble and Ewen WI - £100; Kemble and Ewen RBL (women's section) - £150; Open the Book - £200; Little Fishes - £200. It was agreed not to give a grant to the playgroup.
- iv) Business Plan – item forwarded to next meeting

## 13. A.O.B

- a) It was agreed that the PC would like Edward Allsop to come and talk - RP to invite.

Meeting finished at 9.50pm

## KEPC Finance – Payments for April 2016 (to 22 April)

Chq No.	Date	To	Purpose	Total £ (inc VAT)
102216	11/04/2016	Cottage Garden Services	March invoice – grass cutting	318.00
102217	11/04/2016	Kemble Village Hall	Hall Hire 14 hours (Jan-March)	78.00
102218	11/04/2016	Mrs E A Hall	Clerk's Salary - April	██████
102219	22/04/2016	Horizon Telecom Ltd	Broadband for village hall - April	57.60