



Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Friday 25 November 2016 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall

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

Tony Berry – District Councillor

Two residents – Debbie Garner and Michelle Heaven (present for discussion of A429 only)

Debbie Garner and Michelle Heaven handed in additional signatures for the petition regarding the accident on A429 and safety concerns. RoSPA has been contacted for advice and there has been a lot of interest in the issue from several sources. The Standard and local BBC have covered the accident.

Shaun Parsons, County Councillor will present the petition at the next meeting at GCC. The PC support the need for an audit regarding road safety in the village and it was agreed to wait until after the meeting with GCC to formulate a plan of action to address the problem. In preparation, the speed watch programme is being reviewed and information about funding and grants is being explored.

Presentation by Bovis Homes regarding the proposed play area on Top Farm development.

An earlier meeting between Carol Dougill, Parish Councillor and Adrian Winstone from Bovis, showed the proposal had not been changed. As a result Bovis did not attend to present to the PC. The agreed plans and site map were shown to the meeting. Carol confirmed that the Management Committee for Top Farm would be responsible for the upkeep of the play area.

Report from Tony Berry, District Councillor (TB left at 8.20)

Car parking scheme - There is a consultation process to work through. TB and RP to arrange a meeting with GWR to discuss the draft proposals for parking restrictions.

Gigaclear – work ongoing in Ewen. If Kemble want the service, at least 35% of homes would have to sign up.

21 Windmill Road – TB happy to support the PC objection to the application.

TB noted comments from SS that the new road surface is already starting to break up and that the soft verges in Ewen have been destroyed by Ubico on bin days. SS to put in writing to TB.

Formal Meeting began at 8.20.

1. **Apologies** were received from Nicky Baber,
2. **Carol Dougill declared an interest** in item 8, security at the school
3. **The minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2016 were approved and signed**

4. Matters arising from previous meetings:

- a. **Highways update** – drain by school has been unblocked, handrail on West Lane still missing. Church Road footpaths had been repaired. Noted that some pavements and road surfaces need monitoring.
 - b. **Police crime report / Neighbourhood Watch** – there has been an increase in minor crimes in the parish. Need to be vigilant.
 - c. **Update on possible cemetery site** – Five sites were identified, GC to confirm ownership before PC can consider.
 - d. **Update following playground inspection** – meeting agreed to proceed with Jettaclean, a mobile cleaning company, to steam clean equipment, including the zip wire at a cost of £365. Agreed to order replacement equipment, as identified in the Inspection Report and for KH to fit if necessary.
 - e. **Appearance of the village:**

Trees on A429 next to WHG and Oaks – agreed action for removal and replacement of 8-10 trees - DB to order. Noted that TB has donated 2x crab apple trees, to be planted opposite Washpool Lane. To consider 'spindle trees' for future planting.

DB was thanked for lopping the copper beech in the church yard, making grass cutting easier. 1000 crocus bulbs have been planted at the school and daffodils in the hedgerows.

DB and RP to provide CD with a list of trees planted/planting schedule.

Tree Preservation Orders – Oak Tree near Parker's Bridge and those in Kemble Park could be considered. LH to approach tree warden at CDC
 - f. **Neighbourhood Development Plan** – nothing to report. Struggling to recruit volunteers, only have 3 currently and need a min of 10 to be effective. Need to start the next stage of producing a 'housing needs survey'. ES to make enquiries.
 - g. **Sports grant for changing rooms on the football field** – nothing to report.
 - h. **Maintenance of wall at Lydwell Spring** – has been repaired. PC noted the slope at edge of bridge has been removed.
 - i. **Ewen Bus Shelter** – still not fixed.
 - j. **Hole in the fence between the playground and 17 Clayfurlong Grove.** Hole is still there. LH to ask Bomfords to repair the fence and not leave to the tenant.
 - k. **Gigaclear** – Ewen has been set up
 - l. **Kemble Village Landscape Appraisal** – 95% of the research has been completed. It was noted that the consultants have been very impressed with the knowledge and enthusiasm of residents. A draft should be ready soon and will be open to review by residents
 - m. **Footpath to Kemble Wick** – LN has contacted GCC and Wilts CC. Waiting for an explanation re the blocked footpath.
 - n. **I Dig Trees 2016** – Agreed to order 1x pack of Parkland trees (free to community groups)
 - o. **Consultation for Kemble Parking Scheme** – see report by TB
 - p. **Business Plan 2017/2018** – outline plan agreed. GC to prepare and circulate final version.
 - q. **Memorial Bench** – RP to monitor situation until replaced
 - r. **Review of Cemetery Fees** – need to compare fees with other cemeteries – GC
- 5. Shrubs on junction of School Road/Washpool Lane** – quote in from CGS and waiting for two others. RP and SS to chase. Brambles on A429 also need to be cut back. (RP to ask KH)

6. **Hare Sculptures** – Decided not to pursue. It was considered an outlay of £850 would not be best use of parish funds.
7. **Road Safety** – see discussion at start of meeting
8. **Security at the School** – Children at Kemble school and others schools in the area, have been approached by a stranger in a car. As a result, CD (head teacher) needs to erect a mixture of fencing and hedging along the boundary wall. As the school is in a conservation area CDC have been approached and given their approval. The PC are in support of this proposal.
9. **PC Planning Meetings 2017** – Agreed to move to 12 meetings a year
10. **Little Fishes request for funding to replace unsuitable equipment** – agreed to give £200 to the group.
Decided to bring forward the application process for the 'Kemble and Ewen Community Grant Scheme' to January.

11. Planning items - ongoing

- a) Top Farm – see report at start of meeting.
- b) Kemble Airfield – Chevron Technical Services are moving out.

New Planning Applications

11 Station Road Kemble GL7 6AT

16/03256/FUL - Raise height of roof, full width gable to front, rear box dormer and 2 storey side extension. New Details

PC to object to the application. The application remains over-ambitious in the confined setting of the plot, over-shadowing neighbouring properties and out of scale and character with its location.

Ewen Manor Ewen GL7 6BX

16/04734/TCONR - Tree works detailed in submitted schedule
No objection

Barnstone Cottage Ewen GL7 6BU

16/04557/FUL - Erection of a 2-storey detached house
No objection

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

12. Finance matters - Schedule of accounts approved and signed

13. Any other business for discussion, and not requiring a decision, subject to the Chairman's approval

- i) The PC are happy for Anne Wilton to review the provision of defibrillators in the parish
- ii) First phase of repairs to Village Hall roof are due to start.
- iii) PC need to prepare a 'wish list' of infrastructure projects likely to be needed
- iv) Gatehouse/No5 Kemble Park and Gateway – PC agreed that these should be listed if possible. LN to start process with Historic England

Meeting Finished 10.50

KEPC Finance – Payments 15 October to 25 November 2016

Schedule of Accounts for Payment

Chq No.	Date	To	Purpose	Total £ (inc VAT)	Power to spend
102267	19/10/2016	Mrs E A Hall	Salary (Oct) – reissue of cheque 102265 (voided)	████████	LGA1972 s112(2)
102268	31/10/2016	Grant Thornton UK LLP	Audit of 2016 Annual Return	240.00	LGA 1972 s.111
102269	VOID	VOID			
102270	16/11/2016	Cottage Garden Services	Grass cutting - November	636.00	HA1980 s.96
102271	16/11/2016	P D Measures	Mowing – Cemetery (July to November)	540.00	LGA 1972 s.214(6)
102272	16/11/2016	Mrs E A Hall	Salary (November)	████████	LGA1972 s112(2)