



## Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

### ***Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Friday 11 August 2017 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall***

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**Present:** Parish Councillors – Roger Pettit, Michael Binks, Sohrab Sorabjee, David Ball, George Collins, Lester Napper, Eric Silk and Nicky Baber  
Clerk - Liz Hall

Tony Berry – District Councillor

Resident – Sara Lawlor

Sara wanted to know if it was possible to have any involvement in discussions at CDC regarding the development of KCGs. The PC confirmed its understanding that 12 houses are to be built and that given recent appraisals at the site, a final plan of the site should be finalised shortly. RP expressed confidence that the outcome will have due respect to the nature of the site. Tony Berry confirmed he has made a request to the Legal and Services department at CDC that the PC be consulted.

#### **Tony Berry, District Councillor –**

- *Chesterton Development* – A Special Council Meeting to consider the outline application for development at Chesterton has been scheduled for Tuesday 26 September. The meeting will begin at 1 pm and accommodate as many members of the public as possible.
- *Kemble Parking Scheme* – GWR have committed to fund parking permits for residents, this arrangement to be part of any franchise agreement. A PR event to officially open the car park is expected.
- Planning
  - *4 Railway Terrace* – PC noted that TB has been asked by CDC to give a 'statement of support' for this planning application. PC confirmed its objection to the application.
  - *Randall's Barn* – TB was advised that the barn is near Kemblewood, which has status as an ancient woodland. There is an Anglo-Saxon wood bank surrounding the wood.
  - *Off the Rails Café* – see item 7
- *Local Plan* – TB to chase CDC re consideration of the Landscape Appraisal and Conservation Statement in the emerging Local Plan.
- *Two parking spaces created near to the Wild Duck* – GCC has responsibility for this part of the highway and would need to be approached if wished to pursue.
- *Cirencester Market Place* – there are plans to review with the town council, the ongoing issues in the market place. PC noted an action group called ROMP (review our market place) has been set up for ongoing comment.

**1. Apologies** were received from Carol Dougill

**2. Declarations of interest** – none declared

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2017 were approved and signed**

#### 4. Matters arising from previous meetings

- a. *Highways update* – PC noted the recent road repairs are looking good and seem to be holding up to wear and tear.  
The speed limit sign has been reinstated on the A429 (south) but it may be necessary to review speed and car park signage at this junction.
- b. *Police crime report / Neighbourhood Watch* – NW has welcomed 6 new members from Top Farm.  
Meeting noted that PC Weedon is leaving with a replacement starting in September. LH to send a note thanking PC Weedon for all his help, most recently with speed watch.
- c. *Update on possible cemetery site and fees* – nothing to report
- d. *Playground inspections* – the high wire seat is still intact, hopefully the posters and letter to residents have helped with the matter.
- e. *Appearance of the village* – autumn bulbs planned and ordered. PC noted the entrance to the playground is looking scruffy. A resident has asked for help with a tree overlooking her garden, it is also covering the 'no fly tipping' sign. DB to look at. There are heaps of rubbish next to the footpath to playing field, same in parts of KCGs – looks as if dumping is done regularly – PC to consider letters/posters.
- f. *Neighbourhood Development Plan* – see item 6
- g. *Sports grant for changing rooms on the football field* – RP hopes to meet with Edward Alsop in September.
- h. *Repair to wall at Lydwell Spring* – SS to chase
- i. *Kemble Village Landscape Appraisal* – the draft is presently being finalised
- j. *Footpath to Kemble Wick* – LN produced a map of the area, SS followed up with landowners. Would seem footpath now follows a slightly different route. Landowner to put be asked to erect a sign to notify walkers of a RH turn
- k. *Consultation for Kemble Parking Scheme* – PC have asked to have a look at the scheme before the final public consultation
- l. *Memorial Bench next to Beehive* – New bench with plaque will shortly be installed.
- m. *Road Safety* – Seven speed checks have been carried out to date. The system appears easy to use and flexible, to look at using in Ewen and at commuter times. PC to consider funding signs such as 'Community Speed Watch Area'  
LH to cost provision of 'speed limit' signs or similar, to put on wheelie bins for additional awareness.
- n. *Land at Windmill Road & Clayfurlong Grove* – this is with TB at CDC
- o. *Grass PC cut for GCC* – invoice sent to GCC in July – LH to chase
- p. *Kemble Churchyard* – PCC to obtain permission from the Arch Deacon before work can begin on the Yew tree.
- q. *Permissive path between Kemble and Ewen* – PC noted the grass verge is narrower than thought and so the cinder footpath will only be of a single-breasted width. Footpath in the field has been strimmed by Bathurst Estates.
- r. *Hedges on Station Road* – these have been cut recently but still not clear of the footpath. Will need to be cut again in Jan/Feb next year.

**5. Topple testing of gravestones in Cemetery** – ES confirmed the PC need to show 'reasonable' testing has taken place. ES and GC to carry out and prepare a written report on the gravestones in the cemetery and churchyard.

#### 6. Neighbourhood Development Plan, Village Design Statement, Parish Plan –

Unfortunately, steering group numbers have dropped to four residents. The group have reviewed the process and consider preparation of a Village Design Statement (VDS) as an ideal first step. This document together with a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), Parish Plan (PP), the Landscape Appraisal and Conservation Statement should give the village a strong hand in handling future planning proposals. PC agreed to the preparation and funding of a VDS, ES to talk to Martin Leay as a suitable consultant for a VDS. It was noted that professional help would also be needed for the NDP and PP. NB to research consultants for these.

## **7. Planning items - ongoing**

- a. Top Farm – For safety reasons, new staggered gates need to replace the existing bollards on footpaths to the development, in particular by the entrance onto the main road – RP to chase Bovis again.
- b. Kemble Airfield – nothing to report, however meeting noted increased activities at the airfield.

## **New Planning Applications – to decide response**

### Off the Rails Shop, Kemble Railway Station

C/17/00909/PRMA New Premises Licence - New Licensing Application

- Application is for permission to sell alcohol all day from 7.00am to 9.00pm Monday to Friday and all day at weekends albeit for a slightly shorter time. Also, to have a licence to play recorded music for these hours.

Objection – the application to sell alcohol is strongly opposed. The café premises are tiny, the only place to consume any alcohol purchased is in the public domain of the station platforms. Toilet facilities are limited and this could become a problem should refreshments be available all day.

## **PC noted planning applications pending and decisions reported (as Agenda)**

### **8. Finance matters**

- i) Schedule of accounts – payments 15 July to 11 August approved.
- ii) Bank Reconciliation – 7 August 2017 – noted and signed.

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

- a) Trees on A429 - SS has received a request from a resident not to cut down the trees just above the footpath as they currently provide a noise barrier for his property. PC agreed to review the trees in the autumn when considering the look of the roadside.

Meeting Finished at 10.40