



Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Friday 15 September 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 Carol Dougill
Clerk - Liz Hall

Tony Berry – District Councillor

Residents – Steven Jenkins and Martin Leay

Steven asked the PC why the trees on the A429, by the footpath, are to be cut down as he considers they help with air/noise pollution and help slow down traffic. RP explained the PC has an ongoing maintenance programme for the village trees. Many of those planted along the A429 were deemed not suited to the location and so were being replaced where necessary with more suitable specimens.

Martin introduced himself, volunteering to help with aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Tony Berry, District Councillor –

- *BT Exchange* – has been upgraded and is now fibre enabled. Should mean faster broadband. MB to send recent questionnaire to TB.
- *Kemble to Cirencester Light Railway* - CDC hoping to get funding for a feasibility study
- *Planning Applications*
4 Railway Terrace - approved by CDC
Randall's Barn – CDC likely to object to application but may go to appeal
Off the Rails Café – this was approved, none of the statutory consultees had objected. Licence to be renewed annually and can be refused if there are issues.
- *RP asked TB to convey to CDC his frustration in gaining access to staff and obtaining information from planning and building regulation departments.*

1. Apologies were received from Nicky Baber

2. Declarations of interest – none declared

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 11 August 2017 were approved and signed

4. Matters arising from previous meetings

- a. Highways update – PC noted the recent storm damage had been cleared quickly by highways. Flooding by Smerrill has been reported.
- b. Police crime report / Neighbourhood Watch – report from PC Owen noted. Nothing to report from NW.
- c. Update on possible cemetery site and fees – see item 5
- d. Playground inspections – waiting for reports from weekly inspections. LH to contact Annabel.
- e. Appearance of the village – planting of autumn bulbs to start this weekend. Some tree maintenance needed on main road – RP to contact KH

- f. Neighbourhood Development Plan – Martin Leay offered to help with the Village Design Statement. Martin Kingston has arranged for a consultant to meet the NDP group on 2nd October.
More residents are still needed to help with the NDP
- g. Sports grant for changing rooms on the football field – nothing to report
- h. Repair to wall at Lydwell Spring – SS met with Mike Patch who confirmed the work is to be done.
- i. Kemble Village Landscape Appraisal – nothing to report
- j. Consultation for Kemble Parking Scheme – waiting to hear from GCC re. next stage. TB to consult with Shaun Parsons.
- k. Memorial Bench next to Beehive – installed.
- l. Road Safety – see item 9
- m. Land at Windmill Road & Clayfurlong Grove – still with TB at CDC
- n. Kemble Churchyard – Report and survey on yew tree has been prepared. Waiting for permission from PCC before work can begin.
- o. Permissive path between Kemble and Ewen – likely cost of new cinder path to be around £1,500 to £2,000. Meeting agreed to approve the spending.
- p. Hedges on Station Road – LH to write to residents on Station Road asking for the hedges to be cut back.
- q. Topple testing of gravestones in Cemetery – carried out and report prepared.

5. To review fees charged for Cemetery – Meeting approved the increase in fees proposed in GCs report. To be reviewed in 2 years.

6. Local Plan – RP to attend the hearings on behalf of PC

7. Grass cutting contract – to be advertised throughout village and in The Standard with applications to PC by December. LH and DB to prepare details of the tender.

8. Activities for the playground - a car boot sale was not considered feasible as site is grass rather than hard standing and there is limited vehicular access. PC would be supportive of a fun run if all legal requirements could be met by the organisers. Carol to liaise with Annabel regarding a 'fantasy playground' project with the school children.

9. Speed watch signs – quotes being obtained for 8 signs, approx. £50 each. PC approved spending up to £400 to purchase the signs. RP to liaise with highways to determine if the signs can be permanent or only used on an 'as needed' basis.

PC noted the speedwatch programme is well organised and motivated.

10. Planning items - ongoing

- a. Top Farm – RP to chase Bovis again regarding installation of new staggered gates
- b. Kemble Airfield – nothing to report.

New Planning Applications – to decide response

10 Windmill Road, Kemble

17/03537/FUL - Erection of one house with garage and construction of a driveway. (Revision to permission 16/01355/FUL including single storey side extension and revised porch and fenestration)

No Objection to the application

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

11. Finance matters

- i) Payment for Annual Insurance Premium approved and cheque signed.
- ii) Schedule of accounts – payments 12 August to 15 September approved.
- iii) Bank Reconciliation – 7 September 2017 – noted and signed.

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

- a) Village Archive and School Reunion Event – Saturday 9th September. LH to write a note of thanks to the Pat and Kelsie Hall of the WI. Carol was thanked for the school's contribution to the event.
- b) Parking at School Road/entrance to The Piece. LH has received a letter and photo from a resident as cars have been blocking the exit. Carol to liaise with playgroup, so letters can be sent to parents of school and playgroup children. LH to reply to resident.
- c) Football Nets – have yet to be found.
- d) Business Plan to go on agenda for next meeting – all councillors to consider their requirements.
- e) Christmas Angels appeal (GC) - PC happy to see angels displayed in the village.
- f) Pikes Cottage - DB advised PC the planning application is to be resubmitted with some revisions.
- g) White transit van and trailer parking on verge along Windmill Road – LH to contact Bromford.

Meeting Finished at 11.00