

Kemble & Ewen Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of Kemble & Ewen Parish Council held on Friday 8th July 2005 at 7.30pm in the School Hall.

Present: Councillor R. Pettit, Chairman Councillor M. Bainbridge Councillor S. Sorabjee
In attendance: Isobel Yates, Clerk Member of the public

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence. Apologies were accepted from Councillors Glen Moreman, George Collins, Laura Hetherington & David Ball.

2. Receipt of Declarations of Interest. There were no declarations of interest made.

3. Approval and Signing of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 20th May 2005 were approved, and signed by the Chairman.

4. Report on matters arising from the minutes - items not on the agenda. (Uncompleted actions or those with matters to note are reported).

April05/1	Re 19 Windmill Rd, CDC Planning Enforcement had visited the tenants & confirmed the need for an application for consent to drop the curb, & to park on road which tenants appear to be doing. The council decided to await events, & also seek advice from County Highways about use of 'no parking on verge' signs.
May05/4	DB to request copy of public liability insurance from Gardenia – carried forward.
May05/5	Mr Measures confirmed he has his own public liability insurance arrangements in place.
May05/6	Done - Memorial Application Form with PCC, to be discussed at their next meeting.
May05/7	IY had an example of a support post on loan to show the councillors. It was agreed to discuss the use of posts at the next meeting – item carried forward.
May05/8	Done - Archdeacon had visited & supported request to consecrate remaining plot apart from wide verge along edge next to East Barn. Legal document now being prepared by Registrar.
May05/9	Following discussion about options for dealing with recurring problem of stones coming up on cycle track, it was agreed that SS to ask KAP to go ahead & obtain a quote for getting the track remade professionally.
May05/10	Several quotes received proposing playground signs be made with polycarbonate face. The meeting agreed this was not viable & further quotes are awaited for acid etched / engraved metal signs. IY to follow up.
May05/12	Guidance still awaited from GAPTC re Clean Neighbourhood Bill. IY to chase.
May05/14	DB to check footpath regulations re horses – carried forward.

5. Filling councillor vacancies. The following actions were agreed:

July05/1	IY to put advert in Parish Mag & Newshound column, & on fete stall.
July05/2	RP to speak to Mr Leonard.
July05/3	SS to speak to Kate Lawlor about any 18+ candidates.

6. Report on the Bledisloe & Calor competitions. MB reported that Kemble & Ewen were through to the second round of the Bledisloe Cup which will run from 9-24th July. Re the Calor competition, the awards will be announced at a ceremony on 20th July - MB attending & to ask other village group reps if able to go as well.

7. Consider highways proposals from John Lees re West Lane, Kemble. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

July05/4	IY to invite John to the next council meeting.
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8. PLANNING. The Planning Committee's report was noted. Re 05/1 Brookside Cottage, Ewen, the meeting queried having an amendment to an application which had been previously withdrawn. To be raised with CDC Planning. Re the Station Road application, RP reported that a special meeting would be arranged between councillors & the CDC Chief Planning Officer & District Councillor John Birch. The meeting agreed that the proposal was an improvement on the earlier one but that there remained a number of issues causing concern.

9. PUBLIC RECESS. A member of the public raised a number of points about the planning application for Station Road, Kemble. In particular, he was concerned about safety on Station Road with the significant increase in the number of cars using it. He also queried the way all affordable housing was concentrated in one area of the site

adjacent to existing properties. Concerns about the possible removal of a mature Aspen & a Silver Birch were also noted.

July05/5 RP to ask if the public can attend the meeting with the planning authority.

10. FINANCE.

10.1 The financial report was noted. The Clerk reported that the previous year's accounts were still with the internal auditor.

10.2 Approval of pay increase from £5.50 to £6/ hr for the Play Orderly. This was approved unanimously by the meeting. It was agreed that the pay rate would now be reviewed annually at the same time as the Minimum Wage increase was implemented.

10.3 Payment of accounts. Payment of the following accounts was agreed by the meeting:

10.3.1. I Yates salary @ £8.509/hr x 5hrs/wk for 7 wks	£297.82	cheq 733 LGA 1972 s112
(progression to next scale point on gaining CiLCA qualification)		
+ mini skip for Bledisloe Cup	£79	RD(A)A 1978 s6
10.3.2 J Telling @ £4.85/hr x 4hrs/wk for 7 wks	£135.80	cheq 734 LGA 1972 s112
10.3.3 B Robbins @ £6/hr x 1hr/wk for 7 wks	£42	cheq 735 LGA 1972 s112
+ footpath maintenance to 20 June	£35.80	HA 1980 s43
10.3.4 M Hall delivery of Parish Walk letter	£25	cheq 736 LGA 1972 s142
10.3.5 Thumbprint – sign for wilderness area	£47	cheq 737 LGA 1972 s137
10.3.6 Gardenia Landscapes April cuts	£540.50	cheq 738 HA 1980 s.96
10.3.7 Emily Lawlor – planting for Bledisloe Cup	£58.45	cheq 739 HA 1980 s 96
10.3.8 Sewell Mullings Logie - work on Open Spaces	£188	cheq 740 LGA 1972 s 111
10.3.9 P Measures cuts 1-9	£450	cheq 741 OSA 1906 s.10
10.3.10 Gardenia Landscapes May & June cuts	£1,081	cheq 742 HA 1980 s.96
10.3.11 Village Hall rental to 20th May	£42	cheq 743 LGA 1972 s134
10.3.12 Kemble Farms rental of playing field & play area	£50	cheq 744 LG(MP)A 1976 s19
10.3.13 Kemble Farms concreting play area	£235	cheq 745 LG(MP)A 1976 s19

To note: cheques 731 £900 (Wickstead) & 732 £186.57 (I Yates – Bledisloe Cup items) have been paid since the last meeting.

11. Report on the Community Centre proposal. RP reported that Kemble Farms had agreed to offer the site of the Centre & parking area on a freehold basis. There had not been a similar offer to date for the play area.

July05/6 RP to speak to Peter Burns about arranging a public meeting as soon as possible.

July05/7 IY to arrange a valuation of the hall & site via Moore Allen.

12. Review of Cemetery Fees. It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

13. Approval for a Diocesan Faculty to undertake remedial work on unsafe headstones. It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

14. KAP Report. SS gave his report. The meeting agreed that the council would cover the cost of VAT on the picnic tables which had now been ordered, based on being awarded a grant for the cost less VAT. KAP to decide where benches should go. SS to raise with DB at next meeting whether area behind low funball unit can be added to grass cutting contract. SS reported a number of incidents of vandalism which are being followed up by PCSO Clive Wilkes. The meeting discussed the concerns raised by KAP about speeding on the A429 & cars going through the traffic lights on red, which they had been pursuing with the Area Traffic Manager & the local MP. MB also raised the suggestion from KAP that the Station Road developers should be asked to fund a flashing speed sign. The following was agreed:

July05/8 IY to invite John Whittaker to a special meeting to discuss a range of highways issues & concerns.

July05/9 MB to speak to KAP about road safety issues being raised with parents at Kemble School.

15. Management of Parish Council business. Following discussion, it was agreed that KAP should be invited to take over responsibility for its maintenance budget. It was also noted that setting up a working group with spending authority to manage the best kept village competitions would be a good idea in the future.

July05/10 SS to speak to KAP about taking over authority to spend its maintenance budg et.

16. Arrangements for the Church Fete. These were confirmed. It was agreed to have a questionnaire to identify areas of local concern.

17. AOB.

17.1 MB reported that the Beating the Bounds Walk had been well received & attended.

17.2 MB noted that some footpath signs were missing.

July05/11 IY to check signs & arrange replacements.

17.3 MB to speak to DB about possibility of footpath along the disused railway line.

17.4 IY reported a call from Nick Brown of Future Wind Company about a public meeting in Somerford Keynes on 21st July at 7.30pm.

July05/12 IY to advertise public meeting on notice boards & via Newshound column.

SIGNED

DATED

The meeting was closed at 10.50pm. The next meeting will be on Friday 22nd July in the School Hall.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING:

ITEM	ACTION	BY WHOM
May05/4	Request copy of public liability insurance details from Gardenia.	DB
May05/10	Obtain quotes for cycle track & skate ramp signs.	IY
May05/12	To seek guidance from GAPTC re Clean Neighbourhoods Bill.	IY
May05/14	To check footpath regulations re horses.	DB
July05/1	To put advert in Parish Mag, Newshound column & at fete about councillor vacancies.	IY
July05/2	To speak to Mr Leonard about councillor vacancy.	RP
July05/3	To speak to Kate Lawlor about any 18+ candidates for councillor vacancies.	SS
July05/4	To invite John Lees to the next meeting to discuss West Lane suggestions.	IY
July05/5	To confirm whether the public can attend the special planning meeting re Station Rd.	RP
July05/6	To speak to Peter Burns about arranging a public meeting re the Community Centre.	RP
July05/7	To arrange a valuation of the village hall & site via Moore Allen.	IY
July05/8	To invite John Whittaker to a special meeting to discuss a range of highways issues.	IY
July05/9	To speak to KAP about road safety issues being raised with parents at Kemble School.	MB
July05/10	To speak to KAP about taking over authority to spend its maintenance budget.	SS
July05/11	To check footpath signs & arrange replacements as needed.	IY
July05/12	To advertise wind farm public meeting on notice boards & via Newshound column.	IY