

Kemble & Ewen Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of Kemble & Ewen Parish Council held on Friday 22nd July 2005 at 7.30pm in School Hall.

Present: Councillor R. Pettit, Chairman Councillor M. Bainbridge Councillor S. Sorabjee
 Councillor G. Collins Councillor G. Moreman Councillor L. Hetherington
 Councillor D. Ball, Vice Chairman

In attendance: John Birch, District Councillor Isobel Yates, Clerk John Lees
 10 members of the public

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence. All councillors were present.

2. Receipt of Declarations of Interest. DB declared an interest in item 7 (community centre proposal).

3. Approval and Signing of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Friday 8th July 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).

May05/4 DB to request copy of public liability insurance from Gardenia – carried forward.
May05/10 It was agreed that the skate ramp & cycle track signs be low cost options with replaceable polycarbonate faces. KAP confirmed RoSPA had agreed the cycle track sign could be attached to the fence in view of its vulnerability on a free standing pole by the track.
May05/12 Guidance still awaited from GAPTC re Clean Neighbourhood Bill. IY to chase.
May05/14 DB reported comments from GCC Highways about footpath use. SS to speak to Marion Gilliland about the horse rider using the footpath.
July05/7 RP confirmed the village hall valuation had been done. Moore Allen had given a figure of between £200,000- £275,000 depending on whether future plans included a single or upper storey.
July05/8 IY spoken to John Whittaker, GCC Highways, who is willing to come to an evening meeting with the councillors. **IY to arrange. LH to draft initial letter to John Whittaker, outlining the items for discussion, for circulation to councillors for comment.**
July05/11 IY to send details of signs needing replacement to Mike Barton who had agreed to undertake work in August.
July05/12 Public meeting on proposed wind farm in Somerford Keynes had taken place on 21st July. Well attended (over 100 residents). Concerns about potential noise levels but overall no strong opposition or support expressed. At pre Planning Application stage.

5. Highways suggestions for West Lane, Kemble. John Lees suggested that both ends of the slip road be closed and landscaped, and a site for the new village hall be found in farm yard, with the closed off end of West Lane becoming the car park. DB raised the idea of a new farm entrance being made from the West Lane slip road on the main road side of the blockade, to avoid farm traffic having to divert through the village to reach Top Farm. It was agreed these proposals would be raised with John Whittaker.

6. Report on the Bledisloe & Calor competitions. MB reported that the second round of the Bledisloe competition ran until 24th July & he would then hear if Kemble & Ewen had made it through to the third round. Re the Calor competition, MB was delighted to report that the Kemble, Ewen & Kemble Wick entry had won 2nd place overall, 1st in the youth category (£500 prize) & 2nd in the web site category, going through to the regional stage. RP thanked MB for all his work & it was agreed that the £500 prize money would go to KAP.

7. Community Centre Report. RP reported that plans were in hand for a public meeting to discuss the proposals, to be held over a Friday evening & during Saturday. A questionnaire was being prepared to establish public feeling on the proposal. Dates to be announced shortly. It was noted that Melanie Tarrant, GRCC, could provide help with business planning & sourcing funds for a new centre.

8. PLANNING.

8.1 The Planning Committee's report was noted.

8.2 Station Road application. Councillors to meet CDC Planning Officer & John Birch to discuss the proposals on Wednesday 27th July at 6.30pm in the village hall. Members of the public gave their views during the public recess.

9. KAP.

9.1 KAP report. The report was noted. SS confirmed that KAP was awaiting a quote from Playsafe Playgrounds for a wooden cycle track system. It was agreed by the meeting that the existing bumps needed to be levelled out.

July05/13 DB to arrange levelling bumps with Kemble Farms.

9.2 Adoption of Child Protection Policy. Following discussion, it was agreed that the policy would be considered again at the next meeting, & specifically to decide the appointment of the Child Protection Officer.

July05/14 LH to copy working with children guidelines to GC to consider adding to the policy.

10. PUBLIC RECESS. A summary of the points raised by the public about the Station Road proposals is attached.

11. FINANCE.

11.1 The financial report was noted.

July05/15 RP to chase response from Network Rail re station fencing grant.

11.2 Payment of accounts. Payment of the following accounts was proposed by SS, seconded by GC & agreed by the meeting:

11.2.1. I Yates salary @ £8.509/hr x 5hrs/wk for 2 wks	£85.09	cheq 746	LGA 1972 s112
11.2.2 J Telling @ £4.85/hr x 4hrs/wk for 2 wks	£38.80	cheq 747	LGA 1972 s112
11.2.3 B Robbins @ £6/hr x 1hr/wk for 2 wks	£12	cheq 748	LGA 1972 s112
11.2.4 SLCC Clerks Manual: updates for 2005	£7	cheq 753	LGA 1972 s111
11.2.5 Junior Citizenship donation	£100	cheq 752	LGA 1972 s.137
11.2.6 M Hall delivery of Parish Walk letter	£25	cheq 749	LGA 1972 s142
cheque 736 cancelled 13/7/05 – replacement cheque			
11.2.7 Village Hall meetings hire to 20th May	£42	cheq 750	LGA 1972 s 134
cheque 743 cancelled 13/7/05 – replacement cheque			
11.2.8 Kemble Farms Ltd: field & play area rental	£50	cheq 751	LG(MP)A 76 s19
Play area works	£236		LG(MP)A 76 s19
cheques 744 & 745 cancelled 13/7/05 – replacement cheque			

The clerk noted that the 4 cancelled cheques, due for delivery by hand, had been posted in error.

12. Review of Cemetery Fees. It was agreed that the proposed fees be adopted, commencing 1st September. It was also agreed that a new category (children under 16 years of age) be included, to be at no charge. The reservation of plots to remain at present.

13. Review of headstones in Kemble cemetery. It was agreed by the meeting that a Faculty would be applied for to undertake a general mechanical test on the headstones.

July05/16 IY to speak to Tony Ferris, PCC, re GC attending the next meeting to discuss a PCC resolution in favour of this decision made by the parish council.

14. AOB.

14.1 GM stated that he had been advised by Mr Parsons that he was no longer a school governor. The meeting agreed that he should continue as School Liaison Councillor.

14.2 The meeting agreed amendments to the minutes as highlighted by the Internal Auditor as follows:

7th May 2004 item 13 Finance: corrected - 13.1.7 Gardenia Landscapes £540.50 cheq 613, 13.1.6 P Measures £150 cheq 612, 13.1.8 Land Registry £8 cheq 614.

25th June 2004 item 13 Finance: added- cheques 615 £20 & 616 £25 have been paid since the last meeting.

1st April 2005 Signed copy added to file.

14.3 The meeting agreed that Brian Robbins be asked to do routine maintenance work on the benches.

SIGNED

DATED

Isobel

minutes

4-08-2010

The meeting was closed at 10.50pm. The next meeting will be on Friday 2nd September 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
May05/12	To seek guidance from GAPTC re Clean Neighbourhoods Bill.	IY
May05/14	To speak to Marion Gilliland re horse rider using footpath.	SS
July05/8	To invite John Whittaker to a special meeting to discuss a range of highways issues.	IY
July05/8	To circulate draft letter for John Whittaker outlining highways issues to be raised.	LH to all
July05/11	To arrange replacement footpath signs as needed.	IY
July05/13	To arrange levelling of bumps at Windmill Park.	DB
July05/14	To copy working with children guidelines to GC.	LH
July05/15	To chase response from Network Rail re station fencing grant.	RP
July05/16	To speak to Tony Ferris re GC attending PCC meeting.	IY

Station Road development

Points raised by Railway Terrace residents:

1. 3 storey houses not appropriate in a village setting & will set a precedent for rest of site when it is developed.
2. Affordable housing all concentrated in one area & also up against boundary with Railway Terrace. Should be spread throughout site, with some larger houses against this boundary – these larger houses would have bigger gardens & therefore be further away from Railway Terrace houses.
3. Very concerned about boundary fencing, from both privacy & security points of view. Preferred option is 6' close boarded fencing: definitely not hedge or chain link.
4. Remove gate to other undeveloped half of site – would lead to dumping & loss of security.
5. Note that the number of 4 bed houses has risen from 4 to 14 ie more people will be living there.
6. Reconstituted stone not allowed in Railway Terrace – why should it be in this development?
7. Wildlife – concerns about what will happen to existing species. Ask what surveys will be done.
8. Station Road parking will get worse – already bad. What can be done – possibly have residents parking only or 2 hour parking slot.
9. Play area gone from plan. Seen as an advantage. John Birch suggested seek planning gain here, & financial support over 5 yrs for Windmill Park.
10. Make sure existing track which runs from Station Road behind houses on Windmill Road is retained. Need to ensure fire & ambulance services can reach old people's bungalows.
11. Make a point about keeping large trees on the site – losing a visual amenity by removing them.
12. Make sure stone wall at front of site is retained – mention of pavement being widened.
13. Want traffic calming on estate & on Station Road. Don't want bumps but not clear what else could be used.
14. Power supplies – how will existing poles & feeds to Railway Terrace be affected, as they sit in the development area.
15. Remind planners of need to go through County Archivist for his view on the finds on the site, which included a Bronze age grave.
16. Raise mains gas as a potential planning gain.
17. Architect's recent letter mentioned 23 houses, including 7 affordable. Why change in application?

22/7/05