

Kemble and Ewen Parish Council: Minutes



Meeting of Kemble and Ewen parish council was held on: **Thursday 14 May 2009**

at **7.30pm**

at: **Kemble Village Hall**

Present:	Councillor R Pettit Chairman Councillor D Ball, Vice-Chairman Councillor G Collins Councillor W Cole Councillor S Sorabjee Councillor G Somerville Councillor S Turner	Apologie S:	Councillor S Lawlor John Birch, District Councillor not present: Councillor G. Moreman
Guests and public:	Martin Hutchings GRCC		
In attendance:	F Garnet-Lawson, clerk		

Election of officers

1. **Election of Chairman.** Roger Pettit was re-elected as Chairman. This was carried by the meeting.
2. **Election of Vice Chairman.** David Ball was re-elected as Vice Chairman. This was carried by the meeting.
3. **Declarations of Acceptance of Office and Code of Conduct.** This was done by all the councillors and unanimously agreed to abide by the Code of Conduct
4. **Register of members interests** - declared that these are unchanged from 2008-09 **all**
5. **Apologies for absence**
Councillor G. Moreman, Councillor S Lawlor, and Councillor John Birch
6. **Declarations of interest on items on the agenda**
GC - item 7
7. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting**
Minutes for 17 April 2009, were approved and signed by R Pettit
- 8 **Distribution of duties**

a) Planning Committee	RP, DB, GC, GS	j) Foot paths and Grass Cutting	DB
b) Village Hall Committee	ST	k) Community Gardens	SL, GS
c) Airfield Liaison	SS	l) Highways & Road Safety	SL, GS
d) Cemetery & War Graves	GC	m) Publicity	WC
e) Finance	GC	n) Schools Liaison	GM
f) Web site	GC	o) Canals and Thames Awareness	GM
g) Tree Warden	SL	p) Police and Neighbourhood Watch	WC
h) Footpaths	DB	q) Quality Council	GC
i) Playing Field and play area	GM	r) Youth Liaison	ST

Opportunity for guests and the public to raise any matters.

0. Martin Hutchings GRCC
MH explained the difference between the CDC and the GRCC settlement surveys. The CDC is a sample, and so can't be related to specifically to Kemble's needs, whereas a GRCC questionnaire would be sent to every household in the parish. The two surveys have a slightly different emphasis - GRCC focuses on the need for affordable housing, whereas the CDC survey is more general.
MH explained that there is a presumption against granting planning for new 'market' housing (as opposed to affordable housing) in locations like Kemble, unless the permission was granted some years ago and has been regularly renewed. Whilst newly -built affordable housing has to be given priority to those with connections with the parish, if it were as part of a bigger scheme sanctioned/promoted by the CDC or government, the affordable housing would be more widely offered

within the county. These residence qualifications do not apply to older properties.

The GRCC affordable housing needs survey is respected by local planning authorities and would provide reliable supporting evidence of the level of need in Kemble and Ewen, together with an estimate of the housing turnover in the properties currently available for rent (excluding private rented) in the parish. GRCC would operate and analyse the survey, whilst KEPC would pay for postage and printing (about £100 depending on how the replies were collected). KEPC could include a small number of additional housing related questions if desired.

The parish council resolved to progress with the survey by GRCC. Clerk to circulate a sample survey/report, and to collate suggestions for changes of additional questions.

1. **Matters arising**
 - a. **Parkers Bridge** - .bridge surveyor to proceed with replacement of railings and bridge repairs. SL to be asked about status of pedestrian access. **SL**
 - b. **Memorial tree** - clerk is following up again.
 - c. **Insurance** - clerk reported that has received one quote, and is waiting for the final one. Clerk instructed to accept the lowest quote, providing that it is equal to (or better) than the current schedule. **GS**
 - d. **Village orderly** - advert placed in parish news, and will also be advertised in Newshound when the parish news is published. **clerk**
 - e. **Station road chicane** - should be being surveyed on 15 May **GS**
 - f. **Invoice** has been sent for Thames path. Waiting for info from GCC on who to invoice for grass cutting **GS**
 - g. **Dog fouling bins** - CDC now say that they will not pay for additional bins due to budget restrictions. Clerk to find out cost of buying two bins for consideration at a later meeting. **DB**
 - h. **Pallets** on play area - GS to ask older boys to remove.
 - i. **Swing bolts** - DB has checked the swings and it is fine. Supported by recent ROSPA inspection.
 - j. **Line painting** outside village shop - Kemble Farms will do this when time permits later in the year
 - k. **West Lane** (and other traffic issues): GS will contact residents in Ewen Road, and Washpool Lane about their concerns. Will go back to Highways again for their suggestions about West Lane traffic.
 - l. **Street Lighting** - selected switch off approved at Parish meeting. GC reported that action will not happen until 2010 as part of progressive light maintenance programme
2. **2009-2010 budget** - proposal for outline plans unanimously carried
3. **Planning:** Silvermead - no objections
4. **Financial report** and cheques for signature - were noted and approved.
5. **ROSPA inspection** - has been completed. The report is being circulated. No items for action or repair are required. **GC**
6. **Reports:**

Neighbourhood watch/police - WC reported that have a NW meeting 21 May at The Tavern to review and allocate areas of responsibility and to encourage others to join. Now have 18-20 residents taking part. RP thanked him and Peter Burns for their work in this.

Youth - council approved use of the Windmill Rd skate park for a tutor day on 6th September 1-3pm run by Claire Dowan, CDC Youth Participation and Development Officer as part of its Big Lottery programme of activities, 'Scratch N SK8' is an opportunity to learn MC'ing and skateboarding techniques. World Jungle will provide coaching and MC'ing opportunities - the only action required by KEPC is publicity. All staff are CRB checked and qualified. World Jungle will provide all necessary equipment and carry appropriate insurance.

There will be another open meeting in June, including parents (who are all very supportive).

Allotments - visits were made by Geoffrey Clifton-Brown and Shaun Parsons, and by Highgrove head gardener and estate manager. All praised progress and approach to community involvement and sustainable growing techniques.

Waterpark, Canals and Tree warden - nothing major to report .

Village Hall - held its AGM before the KEPC annual parish meeting on 8 May.

Play area/ground - see earlier

Highways and road safety - see earlier
7. Councillors gave permission for the West Hay Grove BBQ to take place on 14 June 09
8. **Training** - clerk to circulate dates to GC and WC **clerk**
9. **AOB**
 - i. .Kemble school - parent has reported to KEPC that a door to the gym had fallen. GS to raise this with Karen Pyman **GS**
 - ii. Ewen - SS reported that there is a risk that the project to place cables underground may be halted due to the economic climate, despite it being more than half-finished, and waiting 5 years this work to be done.

Meeting adjourned at 9.50 pm.

The next meeting will be on Friday 10 July at 7.30pm