

Kemble and Ewen Parish Council: Minutes



Meeting of Kemble and Ewen parish council was held on: **Friday 4 September 2009** at **7.30pm** at: Kemble Village Hall

Present:	Councillor R Pettit Chairman Councillor D Ball, Vice-Chairman Councillor S Sorabjee Councillor G Somerville Councillor S Turner Councillor G. Moreman Councillor G Collins John Birch, District Councillor	Apologies:	Councillor W Cole Councillor S Lawlor
In attendance:	F Garnet-Lawson, clerk Martin Hutchings Bob Waglan		

Oa Bob Waglan reported that Ewen verges and roadsides are still in a state of disrepair following the completion of work at Ewen Manor by Manor1 - despite assurances that they would be restored. The council reported that Manor1 had made a small attempt to repair the verge around the gates of the manor itself and that Glos Highways is the only authority that can repair the side of the road. GS to follow matter up with Chris Franklin again.

GS

Ob Martin Hutchings - Kemble and Ewen affordable housing survey.

122 replies were received (response rate of 27%), with 12 households completing the second form as well. The practical definition of 'affordable housing' is 'subsidised rented housing' with occupancy restrictions to enable local residents have first priority, so people can stay within the villages (ie not cheap houses that residents can subsequently buy, although there may be opportunities for shared social ownership). The ex-council houses eg those in Clayfurlong and Windmill road can be allocated to anyone according to need regardless of current residence.

MH to provide final report when data complete

MH is still waiting for figures from the local housing associations about the quantity and turnover of existing provision of rented accommodation. It was noted that Kemble Farms own about 50 local properties available for private rental.

Until all the data is assembled it is not possible to draw conclusions about the extent and level of need for affordable housing in the Kemble and Ewen. In any case, it was noted that it is very unlikely that all households which may eventually be identified as being in housing need can be provided for, and that any housing development would be subject to planning law and land availability.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Councillors W Cole and Councillor S Lawlor
2. **Declarations of interest on items on the agenda:**

G. Moreman: airfield; D Ball: payment to Kemble Farms

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Minutes for July were approved

4. Matter arising

- a. CLEUD report judgement - JB still waiting for transcript of judgement. Hope that is will be available in October.
- b. Non-flying activities - JB reported that non-flying activities can take place for 28 days per calendar year. This includes car testing. The time taken to set up/breakdown events is not included in the number of days. Multiple event types taking place on the same day counts as one day of the allocation. An event which takes up only part of a day is counted as a full day.
- c. Station car parking - no response at all from either Great Western, or Network rail. JB will continue to pursue and copy G Clinton-Brown into correspondence.
- d. West Lane - noted that report was a list of possibles. These need to be thought through and presented as realistic recommendations for action. RP commended the TAG group on the style and presentation of the report. **GS/SL**
- e. Station Road and A429 junction. Chicane will be removed when Windmill Rd/A429 junction improvements are done. GS reported that it is most unlikely that KEPC will get the money refunded, but will continue to pursue. Clerk to find original planning documentation. RP to write to Shaun Parsons about refund. **clerk, RP, GS**
- f. VAS sign - despite three separate visits from highways engineers plus repeated letters, emails and phone calls - the sign is still not working. GS to pursue again. **GS**
- g. Hedges - clerk to re-send letter reminding residents to cut hedges back to the boundary, to ensure that road signs and footpaths are not obscured. **clerk**
- h. Village gates - GS has spoken to Glos Highways about the size of the proposed gates. Awaiting response. **GS**
- i. Village clean-up - re-consider in February 2010. **clerk**
- j. Dog bins - received, letter sent to CDC who will install them in agreed locations - probably in October.
- k. Parkers Bridge - DB reported that if Glos Highways have a gate in stock, it will be installed by Kemble Farms at the Kemble end of the permissive path (not the middle or river end). Glos Highways is also going to see if it has a footbridge in stock too (unlikely!). If items are not in stock, they will not be installed as no money available for additional items.
- l. Memorial tree - applicant informed of Kemble Farms response.
- m. Ewen sub-station - still in hot pursuit. The valuation of the easement has been agreed by the Housing Association. Kemble Farms proposal for lease is still current. The cables are present. SS progressing. **SS**

5. **PLANNING**

- Clayfurlong Barns - clerk to chase planning enforcement about fences on boundary wall. DB also notes that other un-approved changes have taken place eg installation of gates on parking areas, encroachment of domestic garden activities on non-garden area. **clerk**
- 21 Windmill Road - clerk to confirm ownership of land. KEPC expressed concern about granting vehicular access (by purchase or custom) across the grass verge and footpath to houses on the far side of the verge as this could affect telegraph poles, the bus stop and trees further down the road. It also goes against earlier public consultation which stated preference to landscape the area when funds permitted. **clerk**
- The Wiltshire Planning Strategy for South Wiltshire, Swindon Core Strategy and the Mineral and Waste Plan was noted. No comments to be made.
- The potential affects of the Killian Pretty Review on the quantity and quality of planning applications were noted.
- Council gave its approval to Glos Highways proposals for the improvement of the Windmill Road/A429 junction, which aims to encourage traffic to stop at the junction and not go through the pedestrian lights on red accidentally. Clerk instructed to write to Glos Highways regarding approval. **clerk**

6. **FINANCE**

- a. The Schedule of accounts for payment was approved unanimously.
- b. GS to revisit budget actions and recommend actions for October meeting. **GC**
- c. The council unanimously approved the revised figures for the External Audit, as reviewed by Peter Lacy of NALC. Clerk instructed to amend. **clerk**
- d. Council agreed that the National Insurance Bond was to be treated as a fixed asset, and Clerk instructed to amend the register accordingly. **clerk**

9. **REPORTS**

- a. Neighbourhood Watch/policing: concern expressed about anti-social behaviour reported at the allotments and elsewhere in Kemble. WC to ask community police to make foot patrols at Kemble Station; community garden/allotment; Thames bridge and playing field areas **WC**
- b. Allotments: harvest going well.
- c. Kemble Village Hall - minutes circulated
- d. Highways/traffic -.see earlier
- e. Airfield Liaison - SS to produce agenda for circulation and meet in mid-October **SS**
- f. Youth Club: progress restricted by availability of suitable venue for teens and storage space for equipment. Village Hall does not have enough space and is now 'too nice'. KEPC gave its encouragement and support to the football and youth groups to investigate potential funds **ST/GM**

and landowner permission to create a facility at Kemble playing field. This land is owned by Kemble Farms who may not want a brick/stone building there. Concern was expressed about having a wooden building, due to potential vandalism.

10. Kemble burial ground - to be brought forward to next meeting.

11. AOB -

- 747 and other arrivals - please give GM mobile phone number so that he can send a text message. **all**
He tends to get 6 hours notice of arrivals. **GS**
- West Hay Green - GS to get quotes for grass improvement
- Street Lighting - the turn off of non-essential lights during the small hours may take place sooner than expected. No date given yet. **GC**
- Kemble-Ewen permissive path - DB stated that the path is maintained by Kemble Farms, and sprayed periodically as crops permit.
- Digital switchover - clerk instructed to arrange for visiting speaker to advise residents of implications of switch-over in March 2010. **clerk**

Meeting adjourned at 10.45 pm. **The next meeting will be on Friday 16 October at 7.30pm**