

Kemble and Ewen Parish Council: Minutes



Meeting of Kemble and Ewen parish council was held on: **Friday 9 July 2010 at 7.00pm**

in: Kemble Village Hall

Present:	Councillor R Pettit Councillor D Ball Councillor G Collins	Councillor G Somerville Councillor S Sorabjee Councillor W Cole District Councillor J Birch
Apologies:	Councillor S Lawlor	
In attendance:	F Garnet-Lawson, clerk	Residents: Mr Oxford; Nicky Whelan; Liz Dancer; Mr & Mrs Postlethwaite; Mark Wilton; Mr & Mrs Plunkett; Rose Somerville; Mr & Mrs Dyke; Sherie Bradbury; Averil Davies; Marjorie Goldsby-Hatto; Margaret Busson

- Oa. 15 residents were present**, representing Kemble Community Gardens, to express their concern about the CDC proposals for using 2/3 the land at the end of the current lease in 2012, to build affordable housing.

JB stated that this was still at early stages of discussion. CDC has an obligation to provide affordable housing, and to have at least 5 year's worth of development land in place (which it does not have). The latter has already resulted in private developers obtaining permission to build 300+ houses against the wishes of many residents and the CDC at Little Rissington and Moreton in Marsh.

Residents stated that the existing use of the site as a community garden provided a heart for the village - for children to play; for other residents to walk in and enjoy as well as the vegetable growing by plot holders and local groups. Believe that this outweighs the benefit of housing for a relatively small number of people, as the facility could never be replicated if built on.

Ob Guest - Martin Hutchings, GRCC

Concern expressed by KEPC about the circulation of the report before it was agreed by the parish council, and its subsequent use by CDC to inform housing development plans. Disagreement over the conclusions drawn from the data collected in the Affordable Housing report. It became apparent that a compromise was unlikely to be reached, and its therefore agreed that the report would not be published or used as evidence by the CDC to support housing development.

Discussion followed about the definition and types of 'affordable housing'. It was acknowledged that the current economic climate meant that many new affordable housing schemes are now likely to result in houses for shared-ownership rather than for subsidised rent.

Discussion with residents present concluded that this would mean that most of these 'affordable houses' would be beyond the economic means of most local residents ie they would be unaffordable.

1. **Apologies for absence:** received from Sara Lawlor
2. **Declarations of Interest** on items on the agenda:
D. Ball (rail barriers/Kemble Farms); G. Somerville (Kemble Community Gardens)

3. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting:** Minutes for May AGM 2010 were unanimously approved.

4. **Matters arising**

Kemble Wick barriers - meeting took place between CDC; Joel Hagan of Kemble Wick and GCC Glos Highways (Network Rail pulled out at the last minute). JH is evaluating the new risk assessment guidelines issued by Network Rail.

Noted that this issue would never had arisen if Network Rail had adopted proper consultation and communications procedures. Agreed that it was increasingly unrealistic to expect that the new barriers will be removed - due to the initial cost; cost of replacement and risk-adverse culture within Network Rail and Local Government.

Will seek to reduce visual impact of the barriers by planting.

However, separate issue of inability of farm vehicles to access nearby fields remains an issue with potential economic consequences for Kemble Farms.

Action: JB to ask GC-B to raise issue of inadequate consultant by Network Rail as a general point - especially if/when dualling of rail track takes place.

Action: JB to raise issue of farm access at next meeting, as needs resolving before harvest.

JB

Station Road parking: leaflets distributed - some minor effects noted.

clerk

Windmill Road - cars and vans still parking on grass verge. **GS/SL** to ask Fosseyway to remind contractors and residents again. Agreed that KEPC does not want to install bollards to prevent parking if alternative solutions can be found.

SL/GS

Bus Shelter - initial estimated costs for new bus shelter are less than £1000. Agreed to use wooden shingles for roof covering.

Action: GS/SL to provide 3 firm quotes for Sept meeting.

5. **FINANCE**

a. The Schedule of accounts for payment (plus Kemble Farms invoice) was approved unanimously. Clerk to get cheques circulated for signature.

clerk

b. Council instructed clerk to proceed with purchase of 2 additional dog bins and signs when locations confirmed.

clerk

c. Clerk has replied to External Audit queries. Now awaiting conclusion of audit.

clerk

d. Clerk instructed to ask Dike & Sons to complete repairs to oldest headstones. Clerk to first put up notice in cemetery about proposed works.

6. **Parish councillor vacancies** - councillors agreed to approach Kemble and Ewen residents direct and report at September meeting.

clerk

7. **Revised standing orders** - Council agreed to adopt the new 2010 Standing Orders.

8. **Play area - ROSPA report:** equipment starting to show signs of minor wear and tear.

clerk

Action: **clerk** to research costs of repair to wet-pour surface and build up edges; and authorised to obtain tightening tool for climbing wall

D Ball

D. Ball to check platform surface of tower slices for wear/tear and advise on action to be taken.

9. PLANNING

- a. Agreed no objections to the following applications: Kemble Station
- b. Clayfurlong Barns appeal - letter sent. Notification of judgement not expected for several weeks
- c. Tree preservation order: 126 Vicarage Lane - householder has appealed against order. Appeal hearing is on 5 August at CDC offices. Time to be notified. KEPC to send a representative. **SL**
- d. Kemble airfield.
Letter sent to Wits and CDC regarding monitoring of 28-day activities. JB reported that he was not aware of any further discussions between CDC and Kemble airfield management. However CDC is seeking a clear, detailed definition of 'General aviation' on behalf of Ashley and Culkerton parish. **JB**
- e. A429 road improvements on Glos/Wilts border in Jan 2011. JB to find out purpose of works. **JB**

10. ENVIRONMENT

Permissive path from Windmill Road to Railway Station.

Agreed to start first part of works to create path (insufficient funds to create the whole path in this financial year), by erecting a fence to separate the playing field from the path. **D Ball**

Action: DB to scope work and obtain quotes to present at September's meeting.

Clerk to advise residents of parish, and invite residents to KEPC's September meeting to discuss proposals. **clerk**

11. REPORTS

- a. **Neighbourhood Watch/policing:** WC reported trial in other counties on use of speed guns by local residents and subsequent reporting of results back to police. WC to investigate further.
- b. **KCG Community Gardens:** See point 0a
- c. **Kemble Village Hall:** no report. Clerk instructed to find out date of its AGM **clerk**
- d. **Highways/traffic:** A429 diseased trees to be cut down when birds finished nesting. **GS**
- e. **Airfield Liaison:-** no report
- f. **Youth Club:** regularly get 25-30 kids to youth club. Hoping to visit Waterpark as 'end of term' event following successful fund raising.
- g. **Playing field and play area:** see ROSPA report.

12. AOB -

- Land Registry - cemetery and Village Hall land is not registered with the Land Registry. Clerk instructed to find out processes and prices involved to get this land registered. **clerk**
- THE dog bin at the end of Old Vicarage Lane is full, Clerk to contact CDC waste team.
- KEPC to consider having a stall at next year's village fete. **clerk**

Meeting adjourned at 10.00 pm. Next meetings: Friday 3 September - 7.30pm, Friday 15 October - 7.30pm, Friday 26 November - 7.30pm