



## **Kemble & Ewen Parish Council**

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Friday 4 January 2013 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall**

**Present:** Parish Councillors – R Pettit (Chairman), D Ball, M Binks, G Collins, A Dyke  
L Napper, S Sorabjee

Clerk: N Spindler

Two members of the public

Apologies: Cllrs E Silk and G Somerville, and District Councillor John Birch

There were no contributions from local residents before the meeting began

- 1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Silk and Somerville, and via RP from District Councillor Birch**
- 2. Declarations of interest received from DB, GC and SS re item 5a**
- 3. The minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2012 were approved and duly signed**
- 4. Matters arising from previous meetings:**
  - a. Highways report and commuter parking update – GS was absent for a report, however RP reported that a meeting this month with the Parking Manager from Glos CC was anticipated, and his initial suggestion of a parking restriction for one hour per day would preclude the problem all-day parking. In any case, the planned 42 extra spaces at the station need to be provided first, with a possible further 10 proposed by First great Western. Although CDC have refused the changes to the listed structure relating to the 10 spaces, it should still be possible for FGW to accommodate some extra spaces.
  - b. Zip wire sign – DB reported sign now fitted, and an invoice for £19 is being prepared by supplier for the Council to pay.
  - c. Kemble Station
    - Update on garden improvement – RP reported that the scheme now favoured is from the Royal Agricultural College, which means the PC no longer has to contribute to the funding. It also means there is no liability for maintenance as that falls to the College. Prince Charles may still open it, as he is patron of the College. Agreed that the PC can withdraw.
    - Update on line doubling and Network Rail contact – LN reported that Michelle Scogings had replied yesterday to various matters, such as a request for letters to villagers near any workings, an update re the lorries in Kemble Wick, and clarification of working times. DB said there had been no activity since before Christmas, and that there would be a need for 'banksmen' to control the flow of lorries, perhaps on a one-way basis.. LN suggested a meeting with Network Rail during the working day and

prior to the next Council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. He will arrange this, together with a 'wish list' to include whether permission was needed for the footpath extension.

- Update on contact with Conservation Officer – LN reported no further contact re the water tower and general maintenance.
- d. Ewen Electricity Sub Station update – SS reported this had come to a temporary standstill as there were 2 or 3 wayleaves needing permission. One pole with a stay wire near The Timbrells may be a problem if the landowner doesn't want it. They are hoping to restart in mid-February. ACTION – RP to send email to his contact.
- e. Neighbourhood Watch/ 'Our Watch' report – LN reported the next meeting had not yet been held; it is due on 9 Jan in The Tavern. ACTION – Clerk to post Speedwatch advert on village noticeboards to gauge interest.
- f. Update on playground repair quotes – AD reported that Playquest had suggested to GS that a whole new swing would cost c £800 so spending several hundreds on repairs seemed out of proportion. ACTION – Clerk to review quotes received and question swing costs and repair costs for quick-pour surfaces.
- g. Thames Path repairs update – MB reported the repairs around Brookside Cottage had been completed, though a return visit to put ballast on the footpath was likely. There was apparently no blockage, and it was put down to the sheer volume of water from exceptional recent rainfall.
- h. New sign re dog fouling at Windmill Park – MB reported CDC had called to say sign should be in place and there will be increased patrols of dog warden.

## 5. Planning matters

### a. Top Farm proposal

Top Farm proposed residential development – awaiting inquiry decision. Carried forward to February meeting as decision expected in January.

### b. Other planning items

#### [12/05215/FUL](#)

**Date:** 14 December 2012

**Location:** 133 West Lane, Kemble, Cirencester, GL7 6AG

**Proposal:** Alterations to previous approved scheme (12/03182/FUL) - Erection of a two-storey rear extension and side conservatory

**ACTION – Support, as previously.**

#### [12/05363/FUL](#)

**Date:** 14 December 2012

**Location:** Kemble Railway Station, Windmill Road, Kemble, GL7 6AW

**Proposal:** New stone and hardwood seating and new lighting

**ACTION - Support**

### Decisions for Information only:-

#### [12/04783/FUL](#)

**Ward:** Thames Head

**Date decided:** 05 December 2012

**Decision:** Application Permit

**Location:** Bradley Lodge, Limes Road, Kemble, Cirencester, GL7 6FS

**Proposal:** Change of use of existing ancillary outbuilding to an independent residential dwelling (C3 Use)

#### [12/04651/FUL](#)

**Date decided:** 19 December 2012

**Decision:** Application Permit

**Location:** Building 427, Kemble Enterprise Park, Kemble Airfield, Kemble, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 6FD

**Proposal:** Two-storey extension to commercial unit and associated works including revised parking layout

**c. Cotswold Airport, Kemble** Update on meetings and permissions granted, contact with adjoining Parishes, and legal input. RP reported that Wilts DC had considered the Unilateral Undertaking and had approved it with a reduced number of events and reduced F1 testing. The CLEUD is about to be issued with two other features. It defines General Aviation (from the CAA) and a maximum number of movements on the consent, based on the lowest number over the last ten years. This comes from the airfield's own log which is made available to the local authority. Military and Royal Family are permitted to use the airport at night (and it was noted night flying had been a concern last autumn). The next airport liaison meeting is in February, and it was felt there are clear communication channels now available – ACTION - RP to advise SS of the date of the meeting.

**6. GRCC Parish and Community Led Plan database – discuss review of plan**

Decided that LN, DB, MB and SS would review various actions, several of which have been completed or are no longer relevant. ACTION – complete spread sheet with revised entries and return to NS to resubmit to GRCC.

**7. Finance matters - ALL**

- a. Receive and approve accounts for cheque payment – agreed.
- b. Input and agree on Business Plan items for 2013-14 budget and agree resultant precept submission – debated outline budget and concluded increase justified after higher level of expenditure in current business year. Precept submission to be £20,000. ACTION – Clerk to complete return to CDC by end of Jan.
- c. Brief update on Grant process, closing date 1 February 2013 – NS reported no applications yet received, but would be summarised ahead of next meeting.
- d. The future of Kemble Community Gardens – plan approach to CDC for longer-term use. LN advised that Sarah Lawlor was back on the KCG committee – the whole scheme had been her vision. Agreed RP would speak to John Birch about renewal of lease from 2014. The ideal longer-term aim would be to acquire ownership of the land at a nominal fee.

**8. Any other business subject to the Chairman's approval**

- i. MB reported the website traffic that he and Steve Marsh (the webmaster) had monitored, and one month it received 1288 individual visitors, a surprisingly large number.
- ii. MB reported there have been 'low voltage' issues with the mains several times in December, which can adversely affect farm equipment, broadband services, strip lighting and automatic garage doors, amongst others.
- iii. MB has agreed to take over production of the village leaflet from Christian Brann. LN asked if a copy could be circulated which MB agreed. He aims to add it to the village website with a review every three years. DB said that if footpaths could be shown on the map it would be very helpful. The Parish Council noted its appreciation to CB and Penny Wheeler for their work on this valued document over the years.
- iv. DB recorded that the tree work on the A429 had been completed, those on the South East side of the road being the Council's responsibility.