



## Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

### ***Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Friday 14 October 2016 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall***

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**Present:** Parish Councillors – Roger Pettit, Michael Binks, George Collins, Carol Dougill, Lester Napper (minute taker), David Ball, Sohrab Sorabjee  
Tony Berry – District Councillor  
Shaun Parsons – County Councillor  
Eight parishioners present, see below, plus Andrew Lennard

Alistair Wilkinson, Michelle Heaven, Amelia Heaven, Ashley Heaven, Oakley Heaven, Debbie Garner, Jason Fursland.

Alistair Wilkinson representing the above group, delivered a presentation and presented a petition to the council on the accident on the A429 on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of October when a pedestrian crossing A429 on path from West Hay into The Oaks, was hit by a car travelling south. The group, and the petition, was asking for a speed reduction from 40mph to 30mph and for other ways of slowing traffic e.g. more psychological approaches to be considered such as those used at Latton and Crudwell, on the A429 through Kemble.

Discussion followed with significant inputs from Shaun Parsons, Roger Pettit, Alistair Wilkinson and Tony Berry. Points raised included:

- In police survey, it was noted that though the average speed of traffic was between 41 and 42mph the maximum speeds were recorded at 75 and 76mph.
- A reactivating of the parish Speedwatch group would also help to slow the traffic down but would require a regular presence, once a week to be effective.
- Average speed cameras could be hired and used to slow down traffic.
- As the A429 sweeps through the village with wide verges it can appear as if the road doesn't go through a village and so vehicles reduce their speed less unlike in Crudwell where the houses are on the road.
- What will happen at the new crossing point across the A429 between Top Farm and the railway owned road to the Tavern side of the station.

The group passed on details of the Latton scheme. KEPC will look at supporting operations of Speed Watch. SP took the petition to Gloucestershire Highways. RP spoke on behalf of the meeting when he said how pleased we were to see that Amelia was recovering well from the accident.

Highways Update – agenda 4a) covered here as SP was available to be consulted.

The missing grill drain covers on the A429 have been replaced. This isn't a problem unique to Kemble but one across the area. The handrail and the road markings at the crossroads by the Green still haven't been repaired. There is still a blocked drain at the entrance to the school car park. Amey, the GCC contractors, are very good at big projects but less so at the smaller tasks; SP will look into it. He is also happy to organise

Amey representative to visit a KEPC meeting. SP pointed out that over the years he has allocated lots of local money to Kemble. His next priority is to complete repairs on Windmill Road up to its junction with the A433.

Fast Broadband connections – agenda 4 m) BT and Gigaclear – SP gave us a brief description of the history of the initiative. Stage 1 completed by BT but the county found that they weren't going to remote areas. Gigaclear is doing stage 2 which includes Ewen. If any in Kemble want to get updated to Gigaclear service in Kemble then 35% of Kemble must want to do this. Stage 3 will mop up the rest. Only 70% of Kemble can get Infinity. If we give SP the postcodes of those in Kemble who can't get Fast Broadband he will find out what is happening. The county is not allowed to upgrade twice.

SP left at 8.30pm.

### **Report from Tony Berry, District Councillor**

- CDC has set up a committee to try to sort issue of broadband.
- Will talk to PC Weedon about Speedwatch and average speed cameras.
- He has talked to relevant members of the CDC about the Conservation document. Was informed by RP of the Landscape Appraisal.

TB left at 8.38pm.

### **Formal Meeting began at 8.36.**

- 1. Apologies were received from Eric Silk, Nicky Baber, Liz Hall – Clerk.**
- 2. No interests were declared**
- 3. The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016 – approved and signed**
- 4. Matters arising from previous meetings:**
  - a. Highways update** – see pre agenda section of the meeting
  - b. Police crime report / Neighbourhood Watch** – LN. Noted that the crime stats for September were down. Sadly, it was reported that a motorbike had been stolen from outside a Kemble house. People must remain vigilant.
  - c. Update on possible cemetery site** – GC – nothing to report.
  - d. Update following playground inspections** – After discussion led by DB it was decided that the large multiplay slope and the spring for the gate into the play area would be replaced at a cost of £340 (+ VAT) and £153 respectively. DB will also research mobile cleaning company for jet washing the play equipment.
  - e. Appearance of the village:**
    - Trees on A429 next to WHG and Oaks; now time of year for taking down mature and replacing. DP to look into this.
    - Hand rails and West Lane pavement to be raised with Amey and Richard Grey by RP.
    - CD to meet manager of grass cutting contractors to cut back brambles on A429.
  - f. Neighbourhood Development Plan** – Adjourned to next meeting.
  - g. Sports grant for changing rooms on the football field** – RP. No progress.
  - h. Maintenance of wall at Lydwell Spring** – RP reported that the estate is going to repair it soon.
  - i. Ewen Bus Shelter** – still not fixed.
  - j. Conservation Area Statement** (see item n.)

- k. Hole in the fence between the playground and 17 Clayfurlong Grove.** DB checked and found hole reduced but not closed. Ask Bomfords to repair the fence and not leave to the tenant.
  - l. Review of plans for Top Farm – RP.** The pedestrian accesses to houses at the entrance to the farm road/footpath are in the original plans.
  - m. Gigaclear –**see pre-agenda discussion
  - n. Kemble Village Landscape Appraisal – RP** fed back on progress. Had one meeting of stakeholders and second will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October in Village Hall.
  - o. Poor State of pavements –** discussed those along A429, on West Lane and opposite bus stop at Clayfurlong Grove. RP to bring up at meeting with Highways.
- 5. Annual Playground Inspection Report –** see 4d)
- 6. Footpaths in Kemble Wick – LN.** Produced map showing footpaths south of Kemble Wick as recorded on OS and the reality on the ground. Ask LH to contact GCC to find out what the reality is. The area concerned was moved from Wiltshire to Gloucestershire. This may have led to some confusion. DB reported on the blocked stile on Windmill Road just north of Pheasant House. This is the access path from Kemble Station to the Thames Path and is much used. DB reported that it is still blocked. He has tried to contact GCC official, Mike Barton, but with no success. He will continue to chase this up.
- 7. I Dig Trees 2016: Free Trees for Community Groups –** discussion about where we would put them. CD suggested along roads such as Washpool Lane or Kemble Wick road, by the railway bridge, but only if they were a good size as if they were too small it was likely that they would be damaged by verge cutting. Ask LH to find out about size of trees.
- 8. Consultation for Kemble Parking Scheme – RP** has spoken to both Gloucestershire Highways and GWR. Consultation process will only start when the money for this (£10,000) has been passed from GWR to the GCC. The car park cannot be opened until the parking scheme is in place. GWR want to consult with KEPC about the scheme.
- 9. Business Plan 2017/2018 – GC.** Much of the previous plan is still in place because it started only recently and so much of it will be retained in the new plan. Councillors to email GC with anything they wish to put in. CD would like money for bulb planting.
- 10. Government's consultation on the possibility of referenda principles being applied to all English parishes in respect of future council tax increases.** GC pointed out that for an increase of the precept, by say £2000, there would have to be a referendum which would cost the KEPC and therefore the Parish, £1000 to run. It was felt that the parish would be the losers if this should happen.
- 11. Housing in Kemble & Ewen – Straw Poll requested by Mark Harris Mayor of Cirencester.** Though the KEPC sympathised with the mayor the KEPC was also aware from previous consultations and the battle to prevent the construction of Top Farm that there was no enthusiasm in the parish for any more houses than the ones they had been forced to have. RP/LH to reply.
- 12. Planning items - ongoing**
- a) Top Farm – no news.
  - b) Kemble Airfield – no news

**The Minutes from the Planning Meeting held on 6 October 2016 were approved**

### **New Planning Applications**

The Byre Mill Farm Ewen 16/02425/FUL Proposed side extension. New details  
No objection

**Planning decisions reported and planning applications pending as per agenda - noted**

**13. Finance matters - All**

- Schedule of accounts approved and signed
- NS&I forms signed to confirm authorised signatories as RP, DB and SS for the two accounts.

**14. Any other business for discussion, and not requiring a decision, subject to the Chairman's approval**

- i) RP gave feedback on Landscape Appraisal. Second meeting of stakeholder volunteers on 20<sup>th</sup> October.
- ii) CD announced that the school having a small extension built and at the same time external changes including a new classroom. Should be completed by the end of February.
- iii) DB confirmed the Lawlor family had removed the memorial bench next to the Beehive. They intend to replace. RP to look into details.
- iv) Clayfurlong Grove phone box - BT have offered it to the parish as they are going to decommission it. Agreed to let BT take the phone box away. LH to reply.
- v) Cemetery. GC would like to do a review of fees. Also, trouble with undertakers not following proper procedures e.g. digging a grave without applying first. Ask LH to write a strong letter to undertakers to remind them.

Meeting Finished 10.35

L. Napper

**KEPC Finance – Payments 10 September to 14 October 2016**

Chq No.	Date	To	Purpose	Total £ (inc VAT)	Power to spend
102259	21/09/2016	Cottage Garden Services	Mowing - August	636.00	HA1980 s.96
102260	21/09/2016	Mrs E A Hall	Salary (Sept) and expenses	██████	LGA1972 s112(2) s.111
102261	21/09/2016	John Aylett	Playground inspections x 5	██████	PHAAA 1907 s.76(1)
102262	21/09/2016	The Play Inspection Company	Annual Inspection	108.00	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19(3)
102263	5/10/2016	Cottage Garden Services	Mowing - September	636.00	HA1980 s.96
102264	6/10/2016	Cotswold District Council	Purchase of 4 litter/poo bins	1008.00	LA 1983 s.5
102265	11/10/2016	Mrs E A Hall	Salary (Oct)	██████	LGA1972 s112(2)
102266	13/10/2016	Kemble Village Hall	Hall hire – 10 hours	60.00	LGA 1972 s.134(4)