



Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council on Friday 8 January 2016 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall

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Present: Parish Councillors – Roger Pettit, David Ball, George Collins, Michael Binks, Sohrab Sorabjee, Nicky Baber, Lester Napper, Eric Silk.

Clerk - Liz Hall

District Councillor, Tony Berry

Several members of the public

Apologies – Cllr Carol Dougill

To hear any contributions from local residents before the meeting begins.

Representatives for the Kemble Community Gardens Group raised two concerns. Firstly, whether there had been any developments with regards to the land on Station Road and secondly whether the PC could support their stance that all building on the site should be objected to. The chairman confirmed that there had been no news to date regarding the site. On the second point he referred to the many previous discussions about the land, the support that the PC had given to develop the community gardens and the proposals that were now being discussed. He stated that the PC had taken all opinions into account when reaching the decision to support the proposal to build 12 houses and for the remaining land to be gifted to the Parish. This land could be used provide allotments and wild areas as needed.

Andrew Lennard of Pheasant Hill House provided the meeting with a summary of his ideas and plans regarding the application [15/05131/FUL](#) (see below). A brief discussion followed.

Councillor David Ball gave a short presentation to the meeting of a proposed planning application for the land he owns on Washpool Lane. A brief discussion followed.

Report from Tony Berry

a) Green Space Allocation – this runs alongside the Local Plan and will come out at the same time. TB confirmed that all 3 of our locations had been accepted.

b) Flood Outside the School – TB to contact Amey

c) Chesterton Development – as a statutory consultee, the Parish Council will have an opportunity to comment. To consider cycle paths

1. Apologies from Carol Dougill were accepted
2. There were no declarations of interest
3. The minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2015 were approved and signed
4. **Matters arising from previous meetings:**
 - a. Highways update – Bollards have been put in at Jarvis Cottages making the area

safer. Meeting noted that the handrail at the crossroads on West Lane has been removed and agreed a replacement is needed - RP

- b. Trees on A429 - these have been planted and are looking good.
- c. Kemble Station – item discussed under planning (see below)
- d. Neighbourhood Watch/ 'Our Watch' report – nothing to report
- e. Police crime report – no report (PC Weedon on leave). Meeting noted a spate of burglaries. LN to get together with Neighbourhood Watch to determine a response.
- f. Update on repeat of First Aid training from St Johns – LH tried to contact but no response – to chase.
- g. Update on possible cemetery site – nothing to report
- h. Update on action to be taken following RoSPA playground inspection. Meeting noted that future works planned reflected the content of the report, mainly to clean up the area. It was noted that the new playhouse doesn't fit the current base. A concrete base is to be considered.
It was agreed that Mr J Aylett should be offered the job of village orderly as there were no applicants when the job was last advertised.
- i. Appearance of the village – Grass cutting and village gates – DB has been round the village with the contractors to agree the areas to be cut.
It was agreed that the overhanging trees on the green need attention. A sum of £450-£500 would be needed to prune and tidy area - RP
- j. Windfall housing numbers - As confirmed in an email from Chris Vickery (CDC) these are applied across the whole district not individual settlements.
- k. Review of tenant allocation policy for Housing Association homes in Kemble – These are now overseen by Bromford Housing. RP to contact TB to determine who controls the housing list.
- l. Neighbourhood Development Plan. Meeting noted there had been little interest following the meeting on 19 November 2015. LH to find out if the PC is registered re Data Protection if we collect email addresses from volunteers.

5. To decide Precept – Agreed to apply for the same as last year - LH

6. To decide on renewal of Office 365 and Anti Virus Software on Laptop Agreed

7. To decide Audit arrangements from 2017 - agreed not to opt out.

8. To consider applying for a sports grant for changing rooms on football field. It was noted that as the PC don't own the site such applications may be difficult. RP to contact Bathurst Estates for more information.

9. To review winter maintenance around the Parish (KFL). – the historic wall across the river at Lydwell is falling down and some maintenance is needed– RP to review

10. To consider a new dog bin by Mill Farm - agreed to purchase - LH

11. Planning items

- a. Top Farm - playground area. An email was received this afternoon from HAGS SMP. Plans showing playgrounds for all ages on one site. PC had wanted three separate areas around the village. CD to be asked to contact HAGS regarding the change.
- b. Update on the 'Kemble Airfield' – nothing to report
- c. Update from Planning Committee Meeting held on 17 December - minutes were accepted and decisions noted.

Planning Applications Pending and Planning Decisions reported by Cotswold District Council were noted.

New Planning Applications – decision required

a) 5 Kemble Park School Road Kemble Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6AA 15/05415/FUL
single storey rear extension

Decision – objection 1) The proposed extension is not in keeping. 2) The proposed extension would be seen clearly by the public from the fields and detract from the harmonious views currently enjoyed.

b) Pheasant Hill House Windmill Road Kemble Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 6AW 15/05131/FUL
Demolition of Pheasant Hill House and erection of 3 dwellings and detached garages. Provision of new link footpath to railway station

Decision – objection 1) This application lies outside the New Development Boundary for Kemble highlighted in the Local Plan p.127. 2) If the application is allowed the preference would be for 2 house with garages so the site is not crowded. 3) Could a covenant be applied to the field next to the site to prevent future building

c) Equestrian Centre Home Farm Old Vicarage Lane Kemble GL7 6AD

15/01553/FUL Use of land for the stationing of two mobile homes occupied by equestrian workers

Decision – Objection. Same comments as last time

d) Land Parcel Adjacent To The Tavern Station Road Kemble Gloucestershire GL7 6AX 15/00786/FUL
Full Application for Change of use from agricultural use to car park, Associated landscaping, lighting and fencing. New access road from A429 and new pedestrian access route to station (revised scheme)

Decision – Full support for this application.
However, there is concern regarding the level of lighting in the proposal. To be commented on to CDC -
To determine whether there is to be a weight restriction on the listed railway bridge on Station Road.

12. Finance matters

Schedule of accounts – Payments for December 2015 to 8 January 2016 – approved and signed.

13. A.O.B.

- a) Future planning applications - Agreed in principle to set aside funds to pay for professional / legal advice if required.
- b) From May, the Village Hall to take on the payment re. broadband for VH
- c) Noted that in the emerging local plan, figures for Kemble keep changing – ES to update.
- d) Youth Group - NB has sent an email to parents at the school
- e) Water Tower – RP confirmed Network Rail as the owners who have said there is no prospect of restoring the capability of providing water. NR will carry out inspection and maintenance of the structure and propose to repaint sometime after 2019 (their next financial period)

Meeting ended at 11.15pm