



## Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

### ***Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Friday 10 November 2017 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall***

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**Present:** Parish Councillors – Roger Pettit, Michael Binks, Sohrab Sorabjee, David Ball, George Collins, Lester Napper, Eric Silk, Carol Dougill, and Nicky Baber (left 8.15pm).  
Clerk - Liz Hall

Tony Berry – District Councillor – left 8.25pm

Residents – residents Luke Sherlock and Gabi Sommerville

Gary Day – Sales Director from Voneus, (superfast broadband provider) – left 7.50pm

Tony Berry introduced Gary Day who gave a short presentation on his company. Voneus specialises in bringing superfast broadband direct to homes and companies in rural communities across the UK using advanced wireless technology. It was noted that 40 residents would need to express an interest for the project to be feasible to the company. At such time a full presentation could be made to residents.

RP thanked GD for his time, saying he thought there may be some interest amongst residents. MB to look at other similar providers, to provide some choice for the village.

Kemble Community Gardens. Luke thanked RP and TB for all their support following the recent favourable discussions with CDC regarding the proposed residential site allocation and the Local Green Space designation for the site, as proposed in the main modification to Local Plan proposals. He expressed the hope that KCG group could continue to be involved if the proposals are accepted.

Both RP and TB thanked Luke for his constructive and helpful contribution to the process. TB confirmed he would push for pre-consultation involvement for the group in the stages before a planning application is tabled. It was noted that residents of Windmill Road and Old Manor Gardens also need to be involved.

Gabi highlighted issues at the top of the site behind Macnean House regarding the boundary and rubbish which has been dumped in KCGs. TB to investigate the boundary and rubbish with CDC experts.

#### **Tony Berry, District Councillor –**

- *Car parking* – 70-80 cars have been seen to be using the car park on a regular basis. No action seen regarding the parking scheme. TB to chase Shaun Parsons, County Councillor.
- *Chesterton Development Application* – decision to be made at a full council meeting in December
- *Sports Field* – meeting informed that CDC has increased its funding for big projects, PC could consider for provision of changing rooms.

**1. Apologies** – none received

**2. Declarations of interest** – David Ball re planning application - 17/04051/FUL

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2017 were approved and signed**

**4. Matters arising from previous meetings**

- a. Highways update – RP to request a ‘sweep up’ now the leaves have dropped. Blocked drain outside school and damaged sign on Peasen Lane to report.
- b. Police crime report / Neighbourhood Watch – crime report noted. SS confirmed Paul Waldron has been in touch with PC Leah Davis. Watchword notices have resumed however there seems no likelihood of area NW meetings taking place. LH to invite PW to attend a PC meeting.
- c. Update on possible cemetery site and fees – nothing to report
- d. Playground inspections – still no regular weekly inspection reports provided, LH to write to Annabel. Recent quarterly report from ‘The Play Inspection Co’ highlighted some minor issues – DB to assess and monitor.
- e. Appearance of the village – nothing to report
- f. Neighbourhood Development Plan – PC need to provide Kirkwalls with written confirmation of approval before grants can be applied for. PC agreed to this.
- g. Sports grant for changing rooms on the football field – extension of the lease to be discussed with the new Chief Executive for Bathurst Estates as Edward Allsop is to retire in December.
- h. Repair to wall at Lydwell Spring – nothing to report.
- i. Kemble Village Landscape Appraisal – electronic version awaited. Agreed the appraisal should be logged with CDC. RP to talk to TB
- j. Consultation for Kemble Parking Scheme – see report by TB
- k. Road Safety – following a lack of response from Gloucestershire Constabulary, RP has contacted GC who have confirmed the matter is to be reviewed. Following a review with Alistair, RP proposed signage for each entrance road to the villages, cost approx. £1000. Meeting approved spending in principle. Footpath from WHG to The Oaks – road sign seems to be blocking sight of A429 – RP to look at.
- l. Land at Windmill Road & Clayfurlong Grove – CDC expected to report soon
- m. Kemble Churchyard – Letter from PC to be sent to PCC confirming ownership. LH to prepare once information received from GC. DB to contact arborists to ensure they wait for PC to give the ‘go ahead’.
- n. Permissive path between Kemble and Ewen – RP to meet with the farm manager and advise highways of the work.
- o. Grass cutting contract – advert placed in Standard, two prospective enquiries so far
- p. Local Plan – see item for KCGs at start of meeting.

**5. Quality of Street Lighting** – the low levels of lighting in parts of the village has been brought to our attention. PC considers the current lighting adds to the ambience of the village and should remain as is.

**6. Tenant allocation of local rental properties** – PC notes that elderly residents living in rented houses who need to move to bungalows and wish to remain in the village, are not given any priority from the housing associations. It was agreed to contact CDC for a list of the housing associations who have properties in the village and to invite to a meeting – LH. ES to look into the ownership of the bungalows in Abbots Way and whether there is a planning condition giving tenancy preference to village residents.

**7. Trees on the A429 – report following recent assessment** – each tree has been considered in terms of health, sustainability for growth and impact on neighbours. 5 trees have been identified for removal. 5 trees to be planted further along the road.

**8. Planning items - ongoing**

- a. Top Farm – some planting has taken place recently but not the one cut down.
- b. Kemble Airfield – nothing to report.

### **New Planning Applications – to decide response**

#### 17/04051/FUL - Pyke Cottage 166 Washpool Lane Kemble

Erection of detached dwelling and creation of new vehicular access (including partial change of use of land to form residential curtilage). Revised scheme following permission

*No Objection*

#### 17/04138/LBC - Kemble Railway Station

Extend Platform 1 at North end by 43m and install tactile paving and drainage

*Objection.*

The Council are in support of an extension to Platform 1 at Kemble Station, however, consider the design of the extension does not blend in with the existing platform, station proportions and is unsympathetic with the location.

### **PC noted planning applications pending and decisions reported (as Agenda)**

#### **9. Finance matters**

- i) Schedule of accounts – payments 14 October to 10 November approved and signed
- ii) Bank Reconciliation – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017– noted and signed.

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

- i) PC noted The Tavern has now reopened and is looking busy
- ii) Thursday Club is likely to fold soon
- iii) CD reported on a successful bonfire night and expressed her thanks to Kemble Farms for allowing their field to be used for the bonfire.
- iv) Hedges on Station Road – residents have agreed to cut back half of the overhang on pavements – PC to monitor
- v) Business Plan – was reviewed and to be circulated for approval
- vi) The owner of the white van has resumed parking on Windmill Road verge. Parking interchanges between the white van and cars, currently two cars. LH to contact Bromford Housing.

Meeting Finished at 10.30