



Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Friday 7 April 2017 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall

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Present: Parish Councillors – Roger Pettit, Michael Binks, Lester Napper, David Ball, Sohrab Sorabjee, George Collins, Nicky Baber, Eric Silk and Carol Dougill
Clerk – Liz Hall

Tony Berry – District Councillor

Four residents – Jenny and Bruce Elton, Sara Lawlor and a resident of West Hay Grove

Jenny and Bruce introduced themselves as members of the steering group for the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). The group want to register several village sites seen as 'assets of community value', such as the shop, pub and Community Gardens. Should these assets be put up for sale, the community will be given the first opportunity to buy. As part of the NDP, the PC confirmed its support and asked the steering group to progress with identifying potential sites for registration.

It was agreed that LN should investigate whether Kemble Park could be given a Landscape Listing. TB to talk to the tree officer at CDC regarding an environmental listing.

Regarding the annual review of SHELAA, Sara Lawlor asked the PC to support building on other identified areas of the village, rather than Kemble Community Gardens. RP acknowledged her comments for discussion in item 5.

Report from Tony Berry, District Councillor –

i) Mark Annett is the new leader of CDC

ii) The document prepared by Montague Evans, on behalf of the PC, re appeal application to build on Land at Pear Tree Farm, was considered valuable to the decision process.

iii) Speed Gun training taking place next Tuesday.

iv) Gigaclear – TB has written to Fastershire to advise them of the poor state of the verges resulting from the work by Gigaclear. If anyone has any comments or complaints about Gigaclear, please email TB. RP has also contacted Gigaclear.

TB left at 8.25

1. Apologies – all councillors present

2. There were no declarations of interest

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 10 March were approved and signed

4. Matters arising from previous meetings:

a. Highways update – RP due to meet shortly. Agreed for LH to order the replacement village gate (item 4r, February 2017) as car park is near completion.

b. Police crime report – in addition to crimes committed, PC would like an idea of successful prosecutions for crimes – LH to contact PC Weedon

c. Update on possible cemetery site – nothing to report

d. Playground inspections – DB to look at zip wire. A replacement orderly to be recruited – LH to prepare an advert

- e. Appearance of the village – several comments have been raised by Tom Barrow.
- f. Neighbourhood Development Plan – Steering group has met and plan is progressing. Additional volunteers needed – LH to mention in Annual Report.
- g. Sports grant for changing rooms on the football field – there is a possibility of a long-term lease. To obtain financial backing this would need to be for at least 20 years.
- h. Repair to wall at Lydwell Spring – condition of wall is deteriorating – SS to chase
- i. Bus Shelters in Ewen and Kemble – work not yet started. Agreed to delay until September as birds are nesting there.
- j. Kemble Village Landscape Appraisal – completed – RP to send out details
- k. Footpath beyond Kemble Wick – nothing heard from GCC nor Wilts CC – LN to take photos.
- l. Consultation for Kemble Parking Scheme – to be held by GCC – Wednesday 26 April in Kemble Village Hall from 11.00am – 7.00pm.
- m. Memorial Bench next to Beehive – Sara Lawlor to source bench
- n. Review of Cemetery Fees – nothing to report
- o. Road Safety – a copy of the last survey carried out by GCC (2014) has been forwarded to TMS consultants. MB to put a copy on village website
- p. Listing of Gatehouse/No5 Kemble Park – these have been successfully listed. LN was thanked for his work on this.
- q. Twinning project with KCGs and gardens at Montfort en Chalosse, France – an invitation has been received to attend their village fete, 27/29 July.
- r. Land at Windmill Road & Clayfurlong Grove – still waiting for response from CDC
- s. Grass PC cut for GCC – plan being prepared by DB
- t. Letter to residents habitually parking on pavements – have been sent out and problem parking seems to be reduced.
- u. Tree by Telephone Box Ewen – see 4i)
- v. Road from Station to A429 – with the contract manager for new car park. RP to invite to Annual Public Meeting.

5. SHELAA Parish Council Involvement – annual review.

Following lengthy discussion, a majority on the PC agreed there were no issues that had not been covered in the provisional site assessments and earlier debates. A response of 'no new comments' to be sent to CDC.

6. Planning items - ongoing

- a) Top Farm – nothing yet heard about the gates. RP has put in a request for the replacement tree.
- b) Kemble Airfield – SS reported that Thursday evening is for 'night' flights

New Planning Applications – to decide response

11 Brooke House, Ewen

17/00882/FUL - Erection of single storey side and rear extension, insertion of 1 dormer window to front and 2 facing windows to rear, rendering of existing dwelling and re-facing chimney in natural stone, insertion of 2 side facing windows at 2nd floor level and 1 side facing window at 2nd floor level

Objection

Comments have been received from a neighbour concerned about an invasion of privacy if a dormer window is situated in the slope of the north roof. The PC feel unable to support the application until this concern has been addressed.

Little Haynes Barn, Kemble

17/00955/FUL - Proposed alterations to garage to provide ancillary accommodation

Object to the design plans in the application.

The proposal to replace one set of garage doors with a large glass screen in the East elevation would spoil the 'agricultural barn' look which has been achieved in the build of the current building.

1 Orchard Close, Kemble

17/01157/FUL - Insertion of window in gable end of garage and insertion of two side facing roof lights.

No Objection if neighbours are happy – LH to contact neighbours

Land Parcel Adjacent to The Tavern Public House, Station Road, Kemble

17/00838/FUL - Erection of a vehicle height restrictor

Strongly object – there is no need for such a structure

Wool Loft, Lodge Yard, West Lane, Kemble

17/00474/FUL - Installation of flue on roadside elevation

No Objection

The Pool House School Road

17/01421/TCONR Prune the Monterey Cypress immediately to the East of our pool in our rear garden to reduce the height and spread by 2-3 meters all over to balance the crown *Support – Unfortunately work had commenced prior to the application and further careful pruning must be carried out to redress the balance of the tree.*

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

7. Finance matters

- i) Schedule of accounts – payments 11 March to 7 April 2017 - approved.
- ii) Neighbourhood Development Plan - approved expenditure of up to £1,000 for preliminary work.

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

- i) KCGs - NB requested £150 funding to support on event celebrating the 10th Anniversary. Agreed in principle, to approve funds next meeting
- ii) Village Hall Annual Meeting – agreed it could be held immediately before the PC meeting on 5th May
- iii) Thames Footpath – although designated for use by pedestrians only, it is being used by cyclists and horse riders. SS to talk to Ian Czapiewski, MB to put an article in Parish Magazine
- iv) Road signs – some are missing, others in poor state. RP to add to his list for discussion with highways.
- v) Thanks to Tom Barrow for his email to RP advising the PC of several matters regarding village appearance.