



Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Friday 8 December 2017 at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall

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Present: Parish Councillors – Roger Pettit, Michael Binks, Sohrab Sorabjee, George Collins and Nicky Baber (left 9.10pm).

Clerk - Liz Hall

Tony Berry – District Councillor – left 8.00pm

Residents –new resident John Tarratt

Tony Berry, District Councillor –

- *Car parking* – GCC slow to respond but a public consultation is expected early next year.
- *Chesterton Development Application* – decision to be made at a full council meeting on Tuesday 12 December at the Baptist Church
- *Local Plan* – Inspector has visited the district, listening to local considerations. A decision is awaited
- *Cinema Complex in Cirencester* – ‘Jungle’ has been demolished but further plans are not clear.

1. Apologies – Lester Napper, Eric Silk, Carol Dougill, David Ball.

2. Declarations of interest – none

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2017 were approved and signed

4. Matters arising from previous meetings

- Highways update – a grant from GWR towards provision of a footpath on Pheasant’s Hill is expected, GWR to confirm outcome to RP shortly. It is hoped that the pedestrian crossing for the road will be funded by highways to at least 50/50 split.
- Police crime report / Neighbourhood Watch – crime report noted.
Paul Waldron to attend a PC meeting in the New Year. RP to write to Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, MP, re. village policing.
- Update on possible cemetery site and fees –
- Playground inspections – repairs have been carried out. Checklist received last week from Annabel.
- Appearance of the village – recent cable work in Ewen has disturbed the newly planted bulbs.
- Neighbourhood Development Plan – the consultant is progressing well with the plan and has secured a grant for spending approval. ES to provide a full progress report, probably written, at the next meeting
- Sports grant for changing rooms on the football field – nothing to report
- Repair to wall at Lydwell Spring – nothing to report.
- Kemble Village Landscape Appraisal –link to be put on website and looking to put on CDC website. RP to talk to TB. Heritage and Archaeology appraisals progressing.
- Consultation for Kemble Parking Scheme – see report by TB
- Road Safety – see item 11

- l. Land at Windmill Road & Clayfurlong Grove –nothing heard from CDC, RP to chase*
- m. Kemble Churchyard – Letter has been sent to asking PCC to confirm ownership.*
- n. Permissive path between Kemble and Ewen – RP to discuss with highways next week. Work should start early 2018.*
- o. Grass cutting contract – see item 5*
- p. Local Plan – it was noted the Inspector had visited KCGs and a letter had been sent to residents living near the site, asking for comments.*

5. Grass Cutting Contract – it was agreed to extend an offer to D Howse. RP to make contact.

6. Anti-Virus and MS Office subscriptions renewal for the laptop – agreed to fund

7. Youth facilities/plans – it was noted that NB, using Facebook, has tried to get support from youngsters but has had little response. NB to write something for the school newsletter and Parish Magazine in an effort to secure volunteer support from parents.

8. Meeting Dates for 2018 – agreed to the dates circulated

PC agreed to suspend the meeting agenda to discuss a matter with Nicky Baber before she left at 9.10.

The PC noted that NB has had a letter regarding the KCGs, emailed to residents via the website, with a heading using a logo which looks closely like that used for PC business. NB confirmed she had altered the PC logo and agreed that the email could be mistaken as being from the PC when, in fact, it was an expression of personal opinion NB agreed to send out to all recipients of the original email, an apology and confirmation that the letter did not reflect the views of the PC and that the letter represented her opinion only. This to be done immediately.

9. Kemble and Ewen Community Grant – a sum of £700, same as last year was approved.

10. Parking in Windmill Road - cars continue to park along Windmill Road and Pheasant's Hill. The effectiveness and legal position of distributing flyers on the cars was discussed. PC concluded that no effect has been seen in the past when flyers have been distributed and agreed to wait for the shortly to be introduced new scheme, to be implemented

11. Speed watch road signs – approved funding of purchase of signs (c£1300) to be placed at all the entrance to the villages.

12. Flooding outside the School – RP reported that Amey are to get a specialist contractor in to undertake root cutting at this location.

13. Planning items - ongoing

- a. Top Farm – nothing to report
- b. Kemble Airfield – nothing to report.

New Planning Applications – to decide response

17/04407/FUL - Ewen Manor, Ewen - Erection of a barn for storage

Objection

The Parish Council have received concerns from residents regarding the position of the proposed barn. Having reviewed the application, location of the barn is not seen as appropriate for this site, its position having an adverse visual impact on the area.

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

14. Finance matters

- i) Precept and budget together with business plan – Agreed precept of £22,850. Business Plan approved.
- ii) Schedule of accounts – payments 11 November to 8 December 2017 approved and signed.
- iii) Bank Reconciliation – 6th December 2017– noted and signed.

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

- i) Clerk's resignation – RP extended the thanks of the PC for all Liz's work in the 2 ½ years she has been clerk. Advert for a replacement have been placed on noticeboards, website, Parish Magazine and in the school.
- ii) Following investigation, MB informed the PC that 'Voneus' are the only company that can provide this type of broadband service. He is to help arrange a public meeting in the New Year.
- iii) MB has access to a mapping service which could be used by the PC
- iv) GC reports the hedges on Station Road have been cut back and he will review as necessary.
- v) Village Gates – RP to look at the site.

Meeting Finished at 10.00pm