



KEMBLE & EWEN PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held on on May 30, 2023 at 7pm in Kemble Village Hall

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Present:

Parish Councillors: George Collins, Michael Binks, David Russell, Daniel Demain, Lester Napper, George Hilliar, Eric Silk & Lisa Hewett

1. Chairman's Welcome & Introductions

The Chair opened the meeting and thanked the following:

- The parishioners attending
- Fellow council members for their support through the last year
- Roger Pettit for his 20 plus years service to KEPC

The Chair then invited the fellow councillors to introduce themselves

2. To receive any apologies for absence - None

3. Parish Council Member Introductions

4. Workshop – planning for the future in Kemble & Ewen

The Chair then discussed the following:

- The aim of the PC is to support both villages and encouraged greater attendance/involvement
- Distribution of the Annual Report
- The plan for the meeting
- Available funding streams
- Making the meetings more open and available
- Current vacancy

The Chair then open up the floor to public questions. A summary of the questions raised are:

- Pollution created by the A429
- Using digital resources for public meetings (Loop)
- Information on the proposed cycle path
- Information on the proposed Light Railway
- Ownership/responsibility of Kemble Park
- The issue with woodland between the new development and the school
- The need for more seating around the village and maintenance of what we have already
- Grass cutting in general
- The damaged BT wall

These issues were all raised in the workshop and will be addressed and prioritised over the next month.

The meeting then went into a prioritisation workshop. The group were broken down into tables so they could discuss priorities for the villages over the next 12, 24 and over months.

5. Results and Audience feedback

The results of the workshop have been collated into different areas so some duplications appear, the results are:

Highways:

A429 pollution, speed and type of traffic a problem in Kemble/ A429 to be 30mph/ Pedestrian crossing at "The Oaks"/ West Lane junction with Top Farm. Overgrown shrubs. Number 3 priority/ ANPR cameras a good initiative/ Ewen gates a waste of money/Ewen gates a waste of money/ ANPR, HGV's in Ewen, Crossing on A429/Station to have better signs for the car parks.

Village Appearance:

Revarnish existing seats/benches – now addressed

Install more seats and benches/Additional seats around the village.

BT wall is an eyesore – Now repaired

No mow May is a good initiative/Re-wild/wildflowers on A429 in village/Re-wild the village initiative including the cemetery/ Let verges grow/ Wild flower verges on A429 near the Oaks and West Hay Grove. Number 2 priority.

More dog bins needed.

Community Gardens:

Community gardens should have wildlife ponds and a shelter. The focus being on the environment and education/ Community Gardens need continuing support.

Footpaths:

Open footpaths to Jackaments Bottom and Cirencester/ Thames Path have the next highest priority.

Parish meetings:

Record parish council meetings/Record parish council meetings/Need to be inclusive towards those with hearing difficulties.

Light Railway:

Share information we have on the light railway/Put no more money or effort into the light railway.

Cycle track:

Cycle track to Cirencester. Very enthusiastic/ Cycle track to Cirencester. Number 1 priority/ Cycle track to Cirencester. Number 1 priority/ Cycle track and footpaths . Number 1 priority.

Cemetery:

At £100,000 a new cemetery is unachievable/ Cemetery replacement not a priority.

School:

Must have closer ties with the school.

Development:

No more development. Number 2 priority.

Care in the Community:

Social activity to be encouraged. Loneliness. Is the village split in two by the A429.

6. Chairman's Summary - Over the next few weeks the PC will consider these points and produce an action plan. This will be reported in the July meeting.

7. Any other business - None

Meeting closed at: 09:28

Chairman Signature: _____ Date: _____