

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Parish Meeting at the village hall last month and for the positive feedback about the event. The main items raised were, in no particular order:

Highways – A429 pollution, speed and HGVs in Ewen. We hope that some of these issues will be dealt with by the new ANPR cameras which should go up towards the end of this summer.

Village Appearance – We are having the existing benches refurbished by a resident who is giving their time and energy to do this – thank you Austin.

Community Gardens – There is progression on this with the draft lease offered by CDC being reviewed by the PC.

Footpaths – You asked us to look at opening footpaths to Jackaments Bottom and Cirencester – we are looking at these.

Light Railway – We are going to consult with the Parish about this in a similar way to the recent consultation about a proposed pedestrian/cycle route between Kemble and Cirencester.

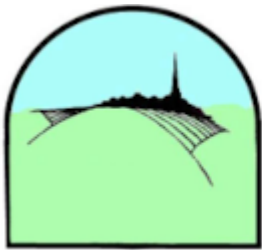
Proposed off-road cycle and pedestrian route – Thank you for your responses – out of sixty replies, 56 are in favour, 4 either have reservations or are against. We will therefore continue to pursue this and keep you informed.

Care in the Community – recognising this the parish is keen to support the schemes that run in the village hall and elsewhere. Please let us know if there is anything else we can do.

Other topics included keeping further development to a minimum; developing closer ties with the school and recognising that at present a new cemetery is unachievable.

If you would like to be involved in working groups to move any of the above projects forward then please get in touch either via our website or by speaking to a member of the Parish Council.

WE HAVE A NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER – 01285 770650



Grass Mowing in the Cemetery – We were contacted by a few members of the Parish who were not happy about the long grass in the cemetery. The PC agreed it needed mowing and so those with strimmers and mowers set about mowing. Thank you to the PC volunteers and Peter – it was a very hot week-end too!

The PC are in the process of renewing the grass cutting contracts and the cemetery will be included in the main contract from now on.

Bathurst Estates wrote to the PC to inform them of the new livestock fences being erected on their land to keep livestock off the Thames Path.

Reported Crime remains low in our area, however as we have had a few incidences recently the Police have been in and around in cars and also on horseback.

The Annual Village **Fete** committee are looking for volunteers to run, help out, etc. Please contact Cadie Aspray on 07929549806 if you can support this event.

We received a great letter from Kemble residents regarding the **playing field and play areas**. A working group is being formed with the aim of either purchasing part of this land or negotiating a lease long enough to receive funding from Sports England and the like to rejuvenate some of the equipment and possibly install new stuff such as an outdoor gym. Please get in touch if you would like to be part of the working group or have background information that could be used in securing the future of this important green space.

Litter pick latest.....on 10th June, the highlight was the discovery of a discarded tent. The litter pick takes place from The Tavern on the second Saturday of the month at 10.30am – please come for a coffee and a lovely walk, with a bit of competitive litter picking along the way.

Next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday July 11th starting at 7pm. Please let the clerk know you will be attending with a brief outline of what you would like to discuss. Thank you. clerk@kembleandewen-pc.gov.uk