

Our July Meeting opened with a presentation from Cadie Aspray about **Little Fishes**. This is a Church backed initiative which has been running for over 20 years, providing a meeting place for parents and carers with babies and young children (pre-school). Groups like this create valuable connections throughout village life and the PC are delighted to support **Little Fishes** with a grant of £300. As the group runs in term-time, they will re-open their doors on Monday 11th September from 2pm to 4pm. Drop in and say hello.

The Wild Duck at Ewen's plans are causing concerns amongst a few residents regarding car parking. Mike McKeown has asked CDC if any workable restrictions can be put in place that won't simply move the problem along the road. There are a few options being looked at by Youngs Brewery, which will have to satisfy the planners before they progress. The PC will have the opportunity of discussing them before any approval is given.

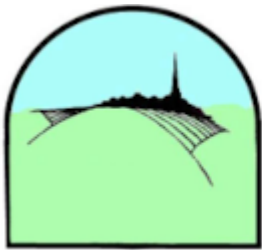
The Tavern has had complaints about the noise from their weekly Biker Night. The Police have visited the event on a few occasions and the PC will request that they visit again as their presence helps keep the noise down.

Could the Village Hall provide **EV Chargers**? Mike McKeown is looking at the possibilities of EV chargers around the area to provide charging for local people who do not have driveways, as well as for visitors to the area.

If you are out and about you might spot two of your Councillors carrying out the **Annual Asset Inspection**. Michael and George undertake this important job during July and August so that we are up-to-date.

Grass Cutting – thank you for bearing with us while we sort this out. A combination of wet weather and uncoordinated contracts have resulted in some delays to cutting. The permissive paths have now been done and hopefully the cemetery will be mown in short order. If it is not, then the PC will put together another voluntary working group and ensure the main areas are tidied up.

Please be aware burglary is on the rise in our Parish. A few outbuildings have been broken into recently and machinery, etc stolen. Do report anything suspicious to the Police on **101**.



Up-dates:

Village Appearance – the benches are being refurbished – watch out for wet varnish!

Community Gardens – the lease is back with CDT awaiting sign off.

Footpaths – on our list.

Light Railway – before we produce a questionnaire to be distributed throughout the Parish, we felt that the VLR might like to hold a presentation. Do keep an eye out for this.

Proposed Cycle/Pedestrian Path – Gloucester County Council have applied for CIL funding to undertake a detailed feasibility study.

The Playground/Playing Field – there is a local working group investigating how we can gain funding to modernise this area. The PC has secured an extension to the lease of two years whilst we negotiate with Bathurst Estate. Funding requires that you either own the land or have a long lease with no break clauses.

“Seeking Community Members to Participate in a Commercial Vehicle Watch Pilot Project - Gloucestershire Constabulary is currently delivering a project called Commercial Vehicle Watch which will run until the end of December 2023. This activity is part of the Department for Transport’s national Roads Policing Review which is all about making road use safer, more efficient and more secure. The key objective of the Commercial Vehicle Watch project is to explore the benefits of involving communities (i.e. yourselves) in providing information to help the agencies who are members of the Road Safety Partnership better understand your concerns around offending or inconsiderate commercial vehicle use.” – And there’s an App for it – please find all the relevant information on our website – <https://kembleandewen-pc.gov.uk>



Next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday August 8th 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