

Our last meeting of 2023 was well attended and we thank all of you who came along to support us and to hear from our various contributors.

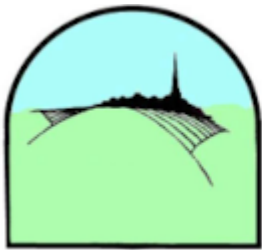
There was a short presentation by Kemble at Play. The results of the survey are in and available on our web-site. A full presentation to the Bathurst Estate team is planned for early February. There were over 290 responses to the survey which has given the group confirmation of the importance of this facility to our Parish. Thank you, it is wonderful to read the comments and suggestions and know that together we have a strong voice.

Kemble Farms invited members of the PC to walk round the two new housing estates with representatives from McKenzie Millar (the builders) and Peter Clegg (Bathurst Estate). It was a foul evening of driving rain, however a few stalwarts made it out for the tour. We look forward to meeting our new residents over the next year.

Whilst we had Mr Clegg in the room, we asked him to outline Kemble Farms current plans for the Parish. He stressed that they are keen to work with the villages and are looking favourably on the PC's plans for the play area and the cycle path. The new grain store should be finished within the next six weeks and the planting is coming along. There is some conservation work being done on Clayfurlong's Dutch Barn and they are considering future use of the building. The PC requested that the permissive path alongside the barn be tidied up. The PC are also aware that many of the permissive paths are no-longer sign-posted and we will be tackling that in the new year.

Our long awaited ANPR camera might finally have a date for installation....early next year. **Hopefully** the resurfacing of the Kemble Wick road will be done in January, there is a Highways sign up, so it is looking promising (19th January 2024). **Traffic data cables** are on various roads around the Parish. Our GCC and CDC Councillors could not enlighten us to what data was being collated. We have fed back that the **Lorry Watch App** was not straight forward to use.

The **penalties for waste offences** have increased from £400 to £1,000 per offence and camouflage cameras are in operation around the county catching those responsible.



Traffic Warden allocation is done on a most perplexing criteria. Our GCC Councillor is lobbying to change this and make it more representative of where the problems lie, not just the overall length of an areas' yellow lines. To help, please take photographs of any repeat offenders with a date stamp and send them to us for collation.

DO NOT SCAN THE QR CODES at the car parks – there is a big scam going on – fake codes are being put over the real ones. Use your card or the relevant App.

Kemble Archive Project is ongoing and available for viewing on our web-site. If you have anything you would like adding, please get in touch.

As the Parish Council have plans for the village; the community gardens, the playground, pathways, mowing, cemetery appearance and community events we have agreed the budget which is available on our web-site. The precept has gone up as we are now responsible for the cost of any PC elections. **Any large spends** will come from CIL funding (from development) and the levy being paid by the solar farm, once it is up and running. Other monies will be found by match-funding or fund-raising.

Planning applications go before the Parish Council. If you wish to represent your planning application in person, please contact the Clerk and arrange to come to a meeting in good time.

May we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to hearing from you or seeing you in person if there is anything you would like to talk to us about.

Next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday January 9th 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.

To contact us by e.mail please write to clerk@kembleandewen-pc.gov.uk or call us on 01285 770650.