

HAPPY NEW YEAR. Welcome to this month's brief summary of our recent Council Meeting, held on Tuesday 9th January 2024.

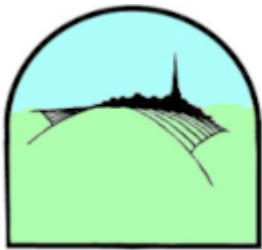
The Village Hall Committee Chair attended the meeting to up-date the PC on its plans for the forthcoming year. They are delighted to support the various groups which utilise the hall and welcome any enquiries from individuals who wish to hire the space for parties or events, or other groups looking for a venue. **The 200 Club** restarts shortly, if you would like a ticket please contact the Village Hall directly. There are **vacancies** on the committee and they would love to hear from you if you would like to be involved in helping to run this valuable community asset.

December's Litter Pick was cancelled due to the storms. Unfortunately, the storms seem to have distributed lots of litter around the Parish. Please come along to one or two of these to do your bit for our beautiful countryside. Meet at the **Tavern Pub** on the **second Saturday** of every month. Details can be found on the Tavern's Facebook Page. **It's a great DofE volunteering opportunity!**

The Wild Duck Pub at Ewen – Young's Brewery have given us a written up-date. They are going back and forth with the planners, ironing out the last of the detail before they go to tender. They assure us they are eager to progress with the refurbishment/build so that they can open. Unfortunately, CDC planning department remains understaffed, and everything is taking ages..... They have suggested that they come along to February's meeting to up-date us in person.

Flooding in our Parish. We have a few weak spots such as under the railway bridge at Ewen Wharf (road closed as this was impassable), and some culverts from the old stretches of canals which are blocked and water is coming onto the roads. Please take care as the temperatures drop and the water becomes ice.

CAR PARKING CHARGES ON A SUNDAY. CDC are voting on bringing in car park charging on Sundays. A few car parks which serve churches will not charge until noon, but the majority will start in April. **This proposal will pass** as, like all local councils, CDC need the revenue.



EV Charging Points. We have agreed to put this on our list of discussion points for the General Meeting (to which everyone is invited in the Summer). We would like to know our residents' thoughts. There are two points at the Tavern and GWR are looking at installing points in their car parks. Should we put EV charging points around the village, for residents, their guests and visitors?

Village Appearance – the paths in the cemetery are going to be tidied up and many of the permissive pathways have already been strimmed.

KEMBLE YOUTH CLUB – first meeting Monday 5th February from 6pm to 7pm. More information is available on the Facebook page or on the local noticeboards.

Neighbourhood Watch has a newsletter which we will be posting on the local noticeboards and on our PC website. A few cars have been stolen recently – they were unlocked at the time. Please lock your car, even if you are just popping in somewhere.

WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER of the Parish Council. Luke Sherlock joined the committee at our last meeting. Luke has played a major part in securing the Kemble Community Gardens and we are delighted to have his knowledge and expertise. If you would like to be more involved with the Parish Council, please write to the Clerk or speak to one of our Councillors.

Next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday February 13th 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.