

## **NEWS**

The defibrillator has been moved from outside The Tavern to outside the Village Shop as GWR have placed a defibrillator at the station. We also have one outside the Village Hall.

The PC got together over the Easter week-end and spread numerous tonnes of new pea-shingle over the pathways at the cemetery. Another tonne is on order as we were a bit short.

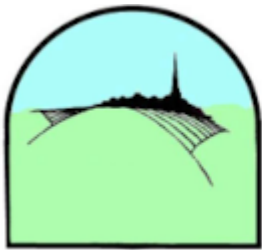
Work on the solar farm will commence this summer but only on the preparatory side. Full solar panel construction is due in 2025. For more information, to see the planting plans and the biodiversity uplift measures please go to Aura Power's website:  
[aurapower.com/projects/Kemble](http://aurapower.com/projects/Kemble).

A camera has been erected in Ewen and is linked to the vehicle registration database. Warning letters from the police have already gone out to speeding drivers and one vehicle with no tax has been dealt with. This camera has taken lots of Parish Council hours to procure (thank you Michael).

The Crime Report highlights that we need to lock up our outbuildings and vehicles and remember to close windows and lock doors before heading out.

## **PARISH COUNCIL AGM**

At the PC AGM the Council re-elected George Hilliar as Chair and George Collins as Vice Chair. As always, our thanks to our hard working and knowledgeable Clerk, Sarah.



**The Annual Meeting of the Parish** was held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Thank you to all the parishioners who attended. We also had Chloe and Chris from Aura Power who gave us a brief run through of the solar farm plans, plus Peter and Kirsty from Bathurst Estate who up-dated us on the work being done in our area. Of note from Bathurst is the repair and strengthening of Clayfurlong Barn and Smerrils Dry Barn. Our GCC Councillor Lisa Spivey and CDC Councillor Mike McKeown joined us and provided insights and information.

**The Parishioners** talked to Councillors about various topics including the following:

**Verges and driving visibility** especially on corners – Lisa Spivey explained that GCC were mowing (unlike last year's no mow May), but the weather means the grass is growing very quickly. They hope to have all the corners done by the end of May and will then start on the central reservations and roundabouts.

**Parish Mowing Map.** This will be up-dated to take into account the two new areas of housing. The contractor has been leaving the back of the verges as part of our support for no mow May.

**Windmill Road Playing Field and Playground.** Bathurst Estate are supportive of our plans for this playing field. We are due to have another meeting with them to discuss leases, etc. Wildflowers have been planted and there is an entrance onto the new housing. Please remember dogs must be on leads in this field.

**Communications from the PC.** We recognise that additional noticeboards would be useful for Top Farm and at the bus stop on the main road and will look at the costs and planning requirements. This year's notice about the General Meeting of the Parish went out on a digital platform plus the existing notice boards. We will review this approach in 2025.

**The Cemetery.** We are looking at trying to create more space in the current cemetery. This is an ongoing project.

**The Cycle Path** from Kemble to Cirencester has the support of the principal landowner and GCC and CDC. Funding is the sticking point, as well as planning, etc. It will remain on our agenda.

**Vulnerable people in our Community.** Please reach out to us if we can help or let us know of anyone who might need our assistance.

**Next Parish Council Meeting** is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June starting at 7pm.

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