

Kemble & Ewen Parish Council – what we do

The Parish Council is an elected, voluntary group of 9 councillors who have a wide range of duties & responsibilities to carry out on behalf of the local community:

- ?? **Public information:** PC provides information to the community via its web site, newsletters & the notice boards. It also delivers an Annual Report to all households in May each year & runs the Annual Parish Meeting.
- ?? **Representation:** PC represents the parish view & responds to consultative documents from many bodies, such as Cotswold District Council, County Council, Regional Assembly, DEFRA, Royal Mail, Health Trust & Network Rail. It works closely with the District & County Councillors to raise issues on behalf of residents & seek action.
- ?? **Community focus:** PC helps to provide a focus for the identity & future development of the community through its involvement in the District Council's Conservation Area Statement & through organising & leading the Parish Plan consultation exercise. It seeks to help to encourage the active participation of parishioners both in the decision-making process which affects them, & in the community in which they live. The PC distributes its Community Fund each year to individuals or groups involved in projects which directly benefit & support the local community.
- ?? **Planning matters:** PC is notified of all planning & tree works applications. It always comments on them, consulting with neighbours wherever appropriate & holding public meetings where the matter is of wider concern or interest. See more information by using this link [Planning](#).
- ?? **Kemble Cemetery:** owned, managed & maintained by the PC.
- ?? **Village Hall:** PC ownership, with day to day management & maintenance undertaken by the Village Hall Management Committee.
- ?? **Footpaths:** PC maintains the areas around the stiles & the stretch of footpath between Parkers Bridge & Mill Farm, Ewen with help from a grant from the County Council. The National Trails Office is responsible for the Thames Path & landowners for other public footpaths.
- ?? **Verges & Open Spaces:** PC manages a grass cutting contract which runs from April to October each year, supported by funding from the County Council. PC also has a legal power to plant trees.
- ?? **Recreational facilities:** PC leases the play park & playing field from Kemble Farms Ltd & helps to fund facilities. It arranges & funds the annual safety inspection by RoSPA. The PC also employs the Play Orderly – Brian Robbins – to monitor the play equipment & park. Kemble At Play is responsible for the day to day management of the park & for fundraising.
- ?? **Benches:** PC maintains these around the parish.
- ?? **War Memorial:** owned by PC & we contribute to the maintenance. Mr Austin undertakes day to day upkeep.
- ?? **Litter:** PC provides litter bins & funds the Village Orderly – June Telling – who does a weekly litter pick around Kemble. PC takes part in the District Council's Spring Clean event.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a parish councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk on 770900 or email parishclerkkemble@btinternet.com.