



Feedback from the Annual Parish Meeting

About 30 local residents came along to the meeting in May to listen to reports from our District & County Councillors. Alistair MacIntyre spoke on behalf of the School governors.

Mike Harris from Cotswold District Council's Waste Team was the guest speaker. He outlined the proposals for change which are currently being considered & which District Councillors will be voting on in the autumn. The main options included:

- introduction of a kerbside collection of cardboard for recycling.
- Move to a fortnightly collection of household waste – currently weekly.
- Or a weekly collection of kitchen waste together with a fortnightly collection of the remaining household waste.

Kerbside collections of plastics for recycling are at present uneconomic & are not being considered. Wheeled bins will be replacing bin bags for household waste.

He explained that the main impetus for change is economic, with the Government introducing landfill taxes. These costs would have to be met by residents and so alternative means of waste disposal need to be introduced.

A number of other matters were raised by local residents which will be followed up:

Highways:

- Traffic priority at the Thames Head Bridge.
- Appropriate sign posting at the Washpool Lane junction.
- Poor state of the Church Road pavement from the surgery to the war memorial.

Parish Council Meetings:

It was agreed that 10 minutes would in future be put aside at the start of meetings for residents to raise any matters with councillors.

Car parks:

Our District Councillor agreed to establish why a parking ticket with unexpired time on it cannot be passed on to another driver.

Council vacancies

Roger Pettit, Chairman of the Parish Council, is encouraging people to think about putting themselves forward to fill the current vacancies. The council meets about every 6 weeks so it is not a major time commitment. Anyone who would like to find out more can contact Roger on 770133.

Kemble Airfield Planning Appeal

An appeal has been lodged by the operators on Kemble Airfield against the planning enforcement notices served by Cotswold District Council. A date for the Appeal has not yet been set.

Parish Plan leaflet

A leaflet will shortly be printed and delivered to every household which summarises the findings of the parish questionnaire & the actions needed for the future. We hope to have it available in time for the School Fete on 23rd June - Parish Councillors will be manning a stall there & will be on hand to discuss the Plan & its findings.

Thames Path Information Board

The Parish Council is currently looking into the costs involved in putting up an information board for visitors to the Thames Path, at Clayfurlong Bridge. The plan is to provide information about the source of the Thames and some details about the local villages.

Traffic Group

If anyone would like to join a small group of residents following up traffic issues in the villages please contact Laura Hetherington.

Parish Council meetings in 2007

July 13 th	September 7 th
October 19 th	November 23 rd

Meetings start at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall. 10 minutes are set aside, at the start of the meeting, for anyone to raise any issues so please come along & make your views known. Full lists of contact details for all the councillors are on the village notice boards.

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