



# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

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## VANDALISM

The Parish Council and Kemble at Play wish to make everyone aware of continuing problems with vandalism.

Over the last few weeks in Windmill Park play area, a knife has been used to deface a sign on the skate ramp, to remove some of the wet pour play surface, to cut at the climbing ropes & panel & to deface the swings. The table in the play house had previously been damaged by fire.

PCSO Clive Wilkes & the Police are involved in following the matter up with the families of a few young children in Kemble who are believed to be responsible.

However, the fact remains that all of the hard work of many people in the village is being undermined by a few. The costs of repairing the damage are considerable and in the end it is everyone in the village who ends up paying for it, through the council tax.

The councillors urge anyone with information to contact PCSO Clive Wilkes on 01242 276500. Alternatively speak to Sue Burge on 770032 or Kate Lawlor if specifically about the play area on 770482 .

## TRAFFIC ISSUES

In response to ongoing concerns about speeding through the villages, speed checks were carried out on the main road recently by the Police.

Their findings recorded that over 85% of motorists - their key criteria - were within the speed limit. However, further speed checks are due to be conducted along both Windmill Road and the main road by the Police's Road Safety Unit. We will keep you informed of the outcome.

Speeding along West Lane has also been highlighted as a concern. Following discussions with County Highways, they are considering installing a 'bull nose' at the junction with the main road.

The County Council will, over the next few months, be creating 'gateways' in Kemble and Ewen which visually alert drivers that they are entering a different speed limit area. The gateways will include the use of red tarmac bands on the road surface displaying the speed limit & white bands at the edge of the road to create a narrowing effect to slow traffic down.

## QUALIFIED CLERK

At the October meeting of the Parish Council, Roger Pettit was pleased to present the Clerk, Isobel Yates, with a certificate from the Society of Local Council Clerks for completing their Working with your Council qualification.

The course, over 12 months, covered all aspects of a council's role, including law, procedure, community action, finance & planning.

## NEW COUNCILLORS

At the time of going to press, the Parish Council was waiting to fill the vacancies left by the loss of three of its councillors: Colin Veale is now working abroad; John Gurney has had a change in circumstances which led to his resignation and Roger Somerville has retired after many years service.

Chairman Roger Pettit thanked them for their contribution to the community and for all their hard work as councillors.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2005

Parish Council meetings:

- January 7th
- February 18th
- April 1st

Parish Meeting:

- April 22nd

These will be held in Kemble Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome and the public will have an opportunity to speak during the evening.

The Agenda for each meeting will be displayed on the Parish notice boards.

## Parish Councillors:

- Roger Pettit, Chairman
- David Ball, Vice-chair
- George Collins
- Edward Marriage
- Sohrab Sorabjee
- Glen Moreman

*Details of how to contact councillors & the clerk are on the notice boards.*

## District Councillor

John Birch 01285 770360

## County Councillor

Shaun Parsons 01285 821451