

### **New councillors appointed**

Four new councillors have been appointed following several resignations last year. There is still one councillor vacancy left unfilled. Please contact Roger Pettit if you are interested in joining the council.

Isobel Yates resigned in October after 6 years as clerk and was replaced by Linda Wixey. Unfortunately Linda recently resigned due to personal circumstances and has been replaced by Fiona Lawson.

### **Meetings**

Meetings are held on a Friday evening, approx every 6 weeks, in Kemble Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. The remaining dates for 2008 are:

May 23rd (Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council itself);

July 11<sup>th</sup>, September 5<sup>th</sup>, October 17<sup>th</sup> & November 21st.

Everyone is welcome to come along and attend any of these meetings. There is an opportunity to speak at the start of the meeting if you wish.



### **Kemble and Ewen Parish Council members**

Roger Pettit—Chairman	01285-770133
David Ball—Vice Chairman	07973-500854
George Collins	01285-770698
Withiel Cole	01285-771261
Sara Lawlor	01285-770646
Glen Moreman	01285-770994
Gabi Somerville	07900-907685
Sally Turner	01285-771484
Clerk	01285-770816

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## **Kemble and Ewen Parish Council**

# **Annual Report**

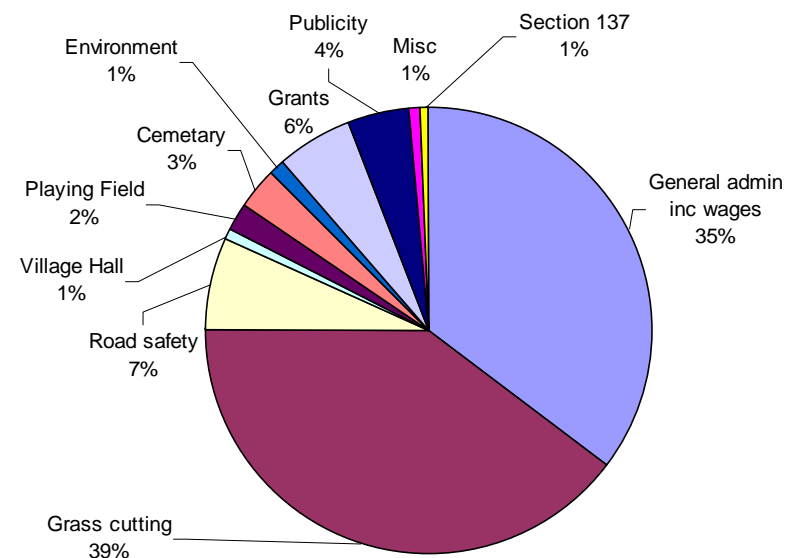
**May 2008**

*A summary of the Parish Council's activities over the last year.  
Delivered to every household in Kemble, Kemble Wick & Ewen.*

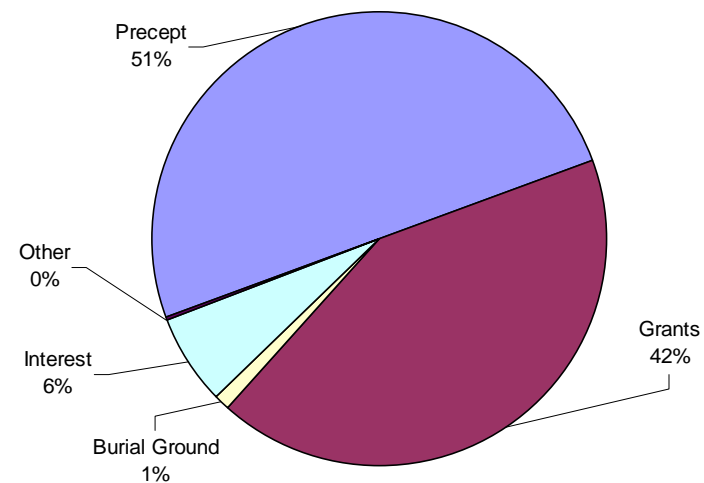
## Agenda: Parish Meeting: 2 May 2007

- To accept apologies for absence
- To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 4 May 2007
- To report on any matters arising from the minutes
- Reports
  - County Councillor: Shaun Parsons
  - District Councillor: John Birch
  - Kemble and Ewen Parish Council: Chairman Councillor Roger Pettit
  - Kemble School: Marion Russell
  - Guest Speaker: Andrea Shutt, Police Community Support Officer, will be talking about the new Neighbourhood Watch initiative and 'no-go' zones.
  - Finance - a summary of the past 12 months
  - Any other business

## Payments



## Receipts



### Financial Summary

Anyone wishing to obtain a copy of the unaudited accounts can do so at the Annual Parish Meeting. A copy of the audited accounts will be available from the Parish Clerk shortly

<b>Payments (year ending 31 March 2008)</b>	
<b>Admin inc wages</b>	£5307
<b>Grass cutting</b>	£6000
<b>Road safety</b>	£985
<b>Village Hall</b>	£119
<b>Playing field</b>	£296
<b>Cemetery</b>	£499
<b>Environment</b>	£143
<b>Grants</b>	£760
<b>Publicity</b>	£632
<b>Misc</b>	£138
<b>Section 137</b>	£90
<b>TOTAL excl vat</b>	<b>£15069</b>

<b>Receipts (year ending 31 March 2008)</b>	
<b>Precept</b>	£18,000
<b>Grants</b>	£15,206
<b>Burial Ground</b>	£370
<b>Interest</b>	£2309
<b>Other</b>	£70
<b>TOTAL excl vat</b>	<b>£35955</b>

### **Chairman's Address**

This year the primary guide for the actions of the Parish Council has been the Parish Plan.

You may remember that the plan was formed from a careful and wide ranging enquiry into the wishes, views and aspirations of the residents of Kemble, Kemble Wick and Ewen. Some of the outcomes of the process were a surprise to us, some a disappointment and some a welcome confirmation that we were already on the right lines. The feedback you gave us has been pursued equally and regardless of any difference between pre determined expectation we may have had and the actual expression of the parish general consensus.

Within the pages of this report you will see reference to the formation of a road safety group and some of the improvements they have achieved or intend to achieve, Station car parking, play facilities for children, new footpaths and, recently out of the blocks a new community allotments scheme. Each of these was a priority in the guidance for action which our residents provided.

The Parish Plan project was a special consultation but we are always open to the views of our residents. All meetings are advertised on the notice boards and in the newshound section of the Standard. Residents are very welcome to attend and have their say. Our Annual Meeting is specifically geared with your participation in mind. This years is scheduled for 2 May at 7.15pm in Kemble village hall.

Hope to see you there.

Roger Pettit  
Chairman, Kemble & Ewen  
Parish Council  
May 2008



## **Summary of the year's activities 2007-2008**

### **Finance**

The Precept was maintained at £18,000 this year (year ending 31 March 2008). This means that an average Band D property holder has contributed just 81p per week towards financing the Parish Council & its activities. Details of all the Council's spending plans are contained in the Business Plan which is on our web site.

### **Planning**

The Parish Council has responded to over 40 planning applications this year, lodging objections to 6. The Planning Committee has sought neighbours' views wherever possible. The development at Station Road is now complete. With regard to the regularisation of planning matters at Kemble Airfield, CDC has re-served an Enforcement Notice to require the cessation of general flying activities (any uses that are not directly & demonstrably related to the authorised use of the airfield for the storage, maintenance and repair of aircraft). This situation is still under legal process and progresses slowly.

### **Village Gateways**

We are investigating the cost and design of installing village 'gates' on either side of the A429, at the entrance and exit to Kemble village, to make a clear visual statement that drivers are entering a residential area and to encourage them to slow down.

### **Community allotments**

The Parish Council is negotiating with the CDC to lease the land behind Old Manor Gardens for use as allotments and community gardens. It seems very likely that a three year lease will be agreed, with a view to extending this after the 2011 Strategic Plan is completed. Work has already started to provide individual allotments, create a wildlife/environmental areas and a general community area with seating and fruit trees. This is a long-term project which will evolve as more people become actively involved.

### **Tree planting**

A consultant group is being established for the green area alongside Windmill Road - ideas include new trees and benches. Money has also been allocated for tree planting in the Community Garden area once space has been cleared.

### **Thames Information Board**

A board which promotes Kemble is to be placed near the Thames path finger post on the main road. It aims to describe the heritage of the area and boost tourism in the future amongst those walking the Thames path and, eventually, the Severn and Thames canal towpath. THE design is almost finished and the boards will be installed this year.

### **Highways**

Despite detailed discussions and traffic surveys, there has been no support for reducing the speed limit further on the A429, or the Kemble to Ewen road.

We now operate a special 'local reporting system' to monitor heavy vehicle traffic, especially between Kemble and Ewen. This aims to reduce the speed and quantity of vehicles using the bridge. Several incidents have been recorded and followed up with the relevant haulage companies.

The 20mph speed limit on School Road at peak times has been installed. A car-window sticker has been designed by the new Transport sub-committee, which will be issued shortly to further encourage drivers to reduce their speed within the villages.

The traffic calming measures on Station Road were installed without consultation and there is concern about the amount of station-related parking in Station Road together with the speed that vehicles travel despite the new 'chicane'. The Parish Council is following this up with the Highway authority.

### **Station Parking**

The resurfacing & marking out of the car park has been completed. We did not ask First Great Western for additional recycling bins, because Network Rail, who own the land on

which the banks are located, are considering asking for their removal altogether. However the demand for plastic and cardboard recycling facilities has now been addressed by the new Cotswolds District Council's curb-side collection recycling scheme which starts in Spring 2008.

### **Youth Work**

The lease on the playing field and play park with Kemble Farms has been extended to 2013, and the new cycle track is installed. After successfully inspiring and creating the play area and facilities, the 'Kemble at Play' team has disbanded. The area is being patrolled by Brian Robins weekly, and any incidents reported to the Parish Council. Unfortunately the idea of setting up a Youth Committee to organise more activities had to be abandoned, hopefully temporarily, due to a lack of volunteers willing to take on the roles. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like to help.

### **Community Fund**

This year the fund awarded grants to Kemble Garden Club (£160), Kemble Playgroup (£300) and Kemble Parents (£300) towards a new outdoor classroom.

### **New footpaths**

We have agreed the route of a new footpath from the edge to the village to the railway station, which will run along Windmill Road at the edge of the playing field. THE council is now investigating the cost and feasibility of this project.