

This is a mix of February and March meetings.

Planning has been granted for the **Wild Duck**, with a very long list of provisos which cover parking, roofing, etc. The brewery have recently purchased a large portfolio of London pubs and there is concern that they may concentrate on these over the refurbishment of the Duck. As a PC we will keep communicating with the brewery and remind them how much the parish are looking forward to them opening the doors.

Kemble Community Gardens have been offered a 50 year lease by CDC – not the deal that was originally on the table and one that still does not meet our requirements. We are going back to them yet again. However, the pond is nearly finished, and the group continue to look to improvements of the site, boosted by a very successful quiz, auction and raffle evening which raised £1,612.

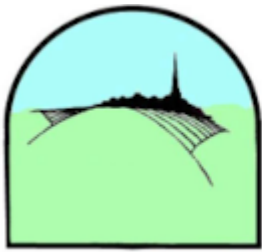
We are aware that the **trim trail** in our playing field is in poor condition, and we are inviting quotes to have this rectified for the warmer/dryer months ahead.

The cemetery path has been weeded. The PC are purchasing a large quantity of flint shingle and will be looking for a working party to help spread this out. If you can help with this, please do get in touch.

Kemble at Play, the working group looking after the proposed rejuvenation of the playground and playing field, gave a superb presentation to representatives of Bathurst Estate and the PC. We will have more to share with the Parish this summer.

After more than 10 years, **the Youth Club in Kemble** returned on the 22nd January 2024; led by Luke Campbell and the team from Sportily. The session included group games, individual activities, tasty bagels and making origami boats to test on the rough waters of a washing up bowl. The Youth Club is on every 2nd and 4th Monday during term time. 6-7pm for school years 4-6 and 7-8pm for school years 7-9.

If you would like to find out more or offer your services as a volunteer, go to sportily.org.uk/Thameshead



Village Archive material is being added all the time. There is an Estate map from 1807 which has been overlaid onto a modern OS map. Go to the PC website and click on the link to have a look.

Beware burglaries – theft continues in our area – garages and sheds are being targeted yet again. Please do report any break-ins to the local police.

Airport news – there is a maintenance company on our local airfield who have a contract with Airbus so we may have a few more large aircraft in the coming months. These will not only be landing but taking off too (that's the noisiest bit).

Motorbike Nuisance Noise Issues during the summer months. During the Summer of 2023 there were numerous complaints and issues regarding the noise made by motorcyclists attending the Tavern Thursday night 'bikers' gatherings. In particular high levels of noise created when motorcycles were arriving and departing the venue. This was brought to the attention of the Parish Council who undertook to involve the Police, the management of the Tavern and indeed the motorcyclists themselves in attempting to curb the unnecessary 'revving' of engines and 'high performance departures' witnessed last year.

This year the PC will be further addressing this issue on a far more proactive basis and have already begun discussions with all parties. We are working hard even at this early stage of the 'season' to manage the problem to the satisfaction of Parishioners. Let's hope for a more peaceful Summer 24.

Farewell and Thank you to Lester Napper, a member of the PC for 13 years. Whilst Lester has stepped down from the committee he will continue to look after the Village Archive for the time being.

Next Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday April 9th starting at 7pm. Please let the clerk know you will be attending with a brief outline of what you would like to discuss. Thank you.

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