

Chair's report

Your Council

9 councillors elected in May 2023, out of a possible 13

- 3 stepped down during the year**
- 4 new councillors coopted**
- 3 vacancies**

Full Council met on 13 occasions plus two cancelled meetings

Regular monthly meetings of the Planning Committee but ad-hoc meetings of other 5 Committees & 7 Working Parties

Other 'Project Partners' assist without being councillors

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Parish Office staff

Sharon Baxter, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Bethan Emerick, Admin Assistant

Very few visitors to the Parish Office

Increasing workload due to projects, consultations, new laws and parishioner complaints

Plan to recruit a Deputy Clerk this year

Offsite - Simon Bott, Lengthsman

- Tim Hughes, Maintenance Technician

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Finance at 31 March 2024

KPC holding £664,322 in various bank accounts

- includes £46,385 of unspent funds from 2022/23 carried forward
- includes £603,553 allocated to projects, mainly new C&S Centre
- only £23,383 of unallocated reserves

Additional income of £227,470 expected this year

Budgeted expenditure of £285,246, excluding new C&S Centre

Council Tax Band D property pays £84.30 per year to KPC

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2023 – 24 activities

- Secured £50k funds from MHDC and appointed Community Builder
- Continued improving Main Road appearance
- Maintenance & improvement of Community Centre, Youth Centre & Plovers Rise Pavilion
- Supported Tennis Club, Kempsey Colts FC and PTFA use of Plovers Rise playing field. Cricket now re-introduced.
- Finalising the design for new C&S Centre with public consultation

Layout of the fully developed site



- Key**
- Asphalt
 - Asphalt Pathway
 - Herringbone Paviers
 - Gravel
 - Mulchboard Surface for Play area and around Skate Park
 - Area excluded from development
 - Site Boundary
 - Existing Exolom Oil Pipe/ Existing excess surface water sewer
 - Easement zone
 - Permanent Ball Stop Fence
 - Permanent or Temporary Ball Stop Fence (easy to construct/ take down)
 - SAD1 Trial pit soakage test
 - BH01/01A Borehole for soakage test

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2024 – 25 planned activities

- Vision for a future Kempsey - Community Builder
- Biodiversity plans – mini forest & wildflower plots
- Support cricket club to set up youth cricket at Plovers Rise
- D-Day commemoration event
- Obtain planning permission for new C&S Centre
- Secure c. £1.5m S106 funds from MHDC & Start construction
- **Recruit more councillors**



Kempsey Parish Council Meeting.
Wednesday 15th of May 2024.

The below crime figures are from the 13th of May 2023 to the 13th of May 2024. Only incidents that affect the community are shown.

Crime type	Number
Assault (with and without injury)	13
Public order	5
Theft	2
Drugs	3
Attempted burglary	1
Burglary (dwelling and business)	5
Criminal Damage	4
Robbery	1
Theft from motor vehicle	2