



PARISH COUNCIL
Kempsey

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 JUNE
2025 AT 7.30 PM AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT: - Cllr Plummer, Cllr Stevens, Cllr Clamp and Cllr Biddle.

IN ATTENDANCE: Claire Witton - Deputy Clerk

- 1. To appoint a Committee Chairperson** - Cllr Plummer was re-appointed as the Committee Chair.
- 2. Apologies:** None
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
 - i. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
 - ii. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature
 - iii. To declare any Other Disclosable Interests on items on the agenda and their nature

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

- 4. Minutes:**

Having been previously circulated, the minutes of the Environment meeting held on 4 April 2025 were signed as a true and accurate record.
Matters arising: None.
- 5. Rocky**
 - i. Update on recent works, capital spend and review of any quotes relating to the bridges. Cllr Biddle provided an overview of a recent detailed inspection of both Rocky Bridges to determine the extent of damage to the load bearing supports. It was noted that the West Bridge requires a repair to the centre support only and should be completed within 12 months by a local tradesperson. The East Bridge has more extensive damage and it was agreed to draft an ITQ to obtain quotes, which are to be reviewed at the next meeting, prior to any recommendations to the full council. It was also noted to generate some ideas to develop a small area of the Rocky, to enhance community usage.
- 6. VAS solar installation** – update on progress.

It was reported that the VAS signage has to be removed by Kempsey Parish Council and will be delivered to the provider for the solar conversion. The Lengthsman would be able to support this. The works are projected to be completed and the sign reinstated by early July 2025.
- 7. Litter Bins**
 - i. To determine a decision regarding the request of a new bin at Pixham Ferry Lane
The request was given consideration alongside the supporting information provided by the District Council and a report on monitoring of the location. At this moment on time, it was deemed not feasible to place a bin at the entrance to the Ham on Pixham Ferry Lane.
 - ii. To review the issue of littering around the shop
It was agreed to place an additional bin at the shop

8. Noticeboards

- i. To discuss relocation of the noticeboard at Broomhall

It was discussed to contact the management company of the Taylor Wimpy estate to establish if the noticeboard could be placed there.

It was also reported that the noticeboard at the shop is in poor condition with the doors now not closing. Information on the cost to replace to be presented at the next meeting.

9. MRWP

- i. Update from Stephen, including planting and renaming.

The planters proposed for the space at the ford on hold whilst a provider is secured. Several black smiths have been contacted. The landmark tree is under regular inspection and Cllr Clamp with the support of Simon and Susan Bott have carried out some work to support the instability.

10. Playgrounds

- i. Review of KPC playground inspections and actions

Any items detailed as damaged on the monthly inspection, to be costed and presented back for review. The wooden retainers around the artificial grass at the basket swing have now been removed as per ROSPA recommendation.

Noted that signage warning of cricket balls to be placed at the railings of the playground at Plovers Rise.

The QR codes that provide access to training and safety information will be replaced on the fitness equipment.

The playground inspections have expanded to include the two brick bus shelters, on the northbound side of the A38. Also noted that Cllr Biddle to inspect the unused bus shelter close to the entrance of Pixham Ferry Lane to determine its condition

11. To review the Severn Trent Trees Outside Woodland Fund, to determine if an application can be submitted.

Item deferred to understand eligibility of Parish Councils.

12. To determine a list of volunteer opportunities that relate to environment committee tasks to enable purposeful conversations at the Kempsey Summer Fete.

Ideas were generated for volunteering opportunities which included: footpath clearing, watering, adopt a planter, litter picking and ensuring signage is visible.

13. Any Other Business.

Discussion around creating fixed meeting dates, for example the third Monday of alternate months and rotating to evening and day meetings to accommodate all Cllrs attendance.

Next meeting provisionally noted as 18th August 7.30pm with a secondary option of 1st September.

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm

Signed Chairman..... Date.....