



PARISH COUNCIL
Kempsey

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER 2025 AT 2.00PM AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT: - Cllr Waller (Chairman), Cllr Stevens, Cllr Gardener, Cllr Plummer and Cllr Cooke

IN ATTENDANCE: - Sharon Dunn (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) plus one member of the Public.

1. Apologies: None

2. Declaration of Interests:

1. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI): None
3. Other Disclosable Interests (ODI): None

Public Question Time – Appended to these minutes

3. Minutes: The minutes of the F&GP Committee meeting of 02.09.2025 were signed as a true and correct record. No matters arising

4. Banking

a. Cllr Cooke had identified two additional options for investing some of the Parish Council's money. These will be revisited at the F&GP Committee budget meeting. This will allow time to make some further enquiries regarding the Terms and Conditions for each account. There should be a status update with the grant funding applications and the commitment of monies required for each project plus a clearer picture of anticipated expenditure required until the financial year end

It was established, via a NALC Training session, there is an option to place funds which are not needed immediately into higher- interest reserve accounts. Many town and parish councils use an investment organisation such as CCLA. The committee agreed this would not be suitable for its requirements due to the risk element.

5. Any Other Business

- Cllr Waller to arrange a meeting with our District Councillors to seek guidance on how to progress with the Legacy Grant Scheme for application A40.
- Cllr Stevens confirmed a parishioner had made an enquiry to hire the Pavilion next year, together with his offer to carry out some voluntary work, for a possible drop-in centre for local people. The parishioner had been made aware that the Parish Council is seeking funding from MHDC, to enable a café to be opened at the Pavilion, involving a complete renovation of the kitchen area and improvements to the club room.
- BT Is switching over its phone service from analogue to digital by the end of 2025, which could impact the Parish Office. Clerk to place on the next F&GP Committee agenda for discussion.
- Cllr Stevens confirmed he has the old case that housed the defibrillator at Plovers Rise. This is to be passed to Cllr Waller.
- The Deputy Clerk would be amenable to working extra hours, which would be an enormous help to move projects forward. Cllr Waller and the Clerk to discuss the work priorities.
- A new men's football club has emerged on Saturdays and Sundays. Cllr Cooke will investigate further and advise.

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• Cllr Gardener referenced S106 monies. Cllr Waller confirmed there is a list of funding showing the sources where the monies derived from, which he will forward. RESOLVED: Under The Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting(s)) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press from discussions only in respect of agenda item 6. as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. Cllr Stevens gave a brief overview of Kempsey Live Music event, to the best of his knowledge. 6. The draft Hire Agreement for the Kempsey Live Event was reviewed with some modifications required. The hire fee together with a security bond were discussed and agreed. They will be incorporated into the booking form. Both the hire agreement and booking form will then be issued. Next meeting Tuesday 21st October 2025 at 1.00 PM Meeting Closed at 4.03 PM Signed Chairman Date	CW
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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME Referencing Kempsey Live music event, a parishioner expressed the strong need and how beneficial this event would be for the village, urging the Parish Council to offer support. Cllr Waller confirmed the agenda item was to discuss the hire agreement, beneficial for both parties.	