

# **Kempsey Parish Council - Key Decisions & Actions Summary**

Meeting: 11 May 2026 – Kempsey Community Centre

## **Leadership & Governance**

- Cllr Waller was unanimously re-elected as Chairman.
- Cllr Stevens was unanimously re-elected as Vice Chairman.
- Councillors were reminded to update their Register of Interests.
- Dates for Full Council meetings for 2026/27 were approved.

## **Community Events**

- Friends of Kempsey Primary School Fireworks Event at Plovers Rise Playing Fields on 7 November 2026, agreed subject to final approval from the F&GP Committee:
  - Hire agreement
  - Risk assessment approval
  - Insurance and supporting documentation

## **Finance**

- Monthly payments approved.
- Budget monitoring for Q4. 2025/26 reviewed and agreed.
- Approved a £500 donation to South Worcestershire Citizens Advice.

## **Environment & Community Improvements**

- Approved Openreach fibre broadband upgrade works across Kempsey and Stonehall Commons, subject to final clarification and F&GP Committee approval.

## **IT & Youth Hub**

- Approved progressing with Anmer Construction Ltd for the design, build and installation of the new IT/Youth Hub at Plovers Rise.
- Total project cost confirmed at £153,227, fully funded through MHDC Legacy Grant funding.

## **Commercial Property**

- Approved signing a new lease for The Hair Gallery, subject to final lease review by F&GP Committee.

## **Pump Track Project**

- Highways excepted, most other planning queries for the whole site have now been resolved.
- Biodiversity matters continue to be progressed.
- Construction of the pump track is expected during the first quarter of next year.

- Updated plans from Clark & Kent Constructors received.
- Discussions ongoing regarding final construction costs and site arrangements.

### **Pavilion Community Café**

- Outdoor furniture installation progressing.
- Sales, volunteer numbers and compliance updates reviewed.
- Future operating proposals to be discussed at the next F&GP Committee meeting.

### **Youth Centre Energy Efficiency Project**

- Solar panel installation scheduled to begin in June 2026.
- Approval awaited from National Grid for electricity export.
- Tree works invoice remains unpaid until outstanding works are completed.

### **Sports Pavilion Refurbishment**

- Roof repairs identified as the priority project.
- Plans progressing for:
  - Replacement roof works
  - New kitchen roof window
  - Solar tile installation
- Further refurbishment options continue to be costed.

### **Environment Committee**

- CCTV camera ordered for installation at the Rocky.
- £20,000 grant approved for Rocky bridge replacement project.
- Two new bus shelters confirmed for the south end of the village.
- Improvements planned for village noticeboards.
- Potential zip-wire project to be explored for future budgets.

### **Love Kempsey Working Party**

- Planning underway for expanded 2027 Daffodil Weekend.
- 4,000 daffodil bulbs ordered for autumn planting.
- Proposed village sign project progressing.
- Sponsorship offer received from Nuyard Garden Centre for planters.

### **Recreation & Sports**

- Tennis Club completed:
  - Court resurfacing
  - Lighting improvements
- Cricket Club developing coaching programme for young players.
- Local football team requests under discussion; priority to parish teams.

## **Planning Committee**

- No objections raised to several household planning applications.
- Continued concerns regarding drainage and pollution risks linked to:
- Proposed 48 affordable homes at Bath Road, Broomhall.
- Proposed street names for the Bath Road development:
  - Cleavers Close
  - Yarrow Drive
  - Champion Way

## **Infrastructure Updates**

- WCC Highways recommendation for KPC's planning application M/25/00408/FUL changed to refusal.
- KPC submitted a rebuttal response to MHDC.

## **Looking Ahead**

- Annual Parish Meeting: Thursday 21 May 2026 at 7.30pm.
- Kempsey Times deadline: Friday 15 May 2026.
- Next F&GP Committee meeting: 19 May 2026.