

Kempsey Parish Council

Key Decisions and Actions Summary

Parish Council Meeting – 13 July 2026

Governance

- Approved the minutes of the 8 June 2026 Parish Council meeting, subject to a minor spelling amendment.
- Accepted apologies from Cllrs Clamp and Varley.

Finance

- Approved all payments presented on the July payment schedules.
- Received and verified the monthly bank reconciliation.
- Reviewed the quarterly budget monitoring report to June 2026.
- Noted the current capital budget position.

Community Land and Environment

- Agreed not to undertake weed/wildflower topping at Pixham Ferry Lane at this time, recognising the ecological value of the flora and the need to protect any ground nesting birds that may be present.
- Volunteers were thanked for continuing to water village planters during the recent hot weather.
- Noted that plants had been stolen from one of the village barrels and that the incident had been reported to the police.

Major Projects

Pump Track

- Authorised the Clerk to sign the £80,000 MHDC Legacy Grant Funding Agreement once received.
- Noted Clark & Kent Constructors Ltd have extended their revised contract price until the end of 2026.

Youth Centre Solar Project

- Noted that the electrical enclosure has been installed.
- Solar panel installation is expected to commence during the first week of August.

IT Youth Hub

- Authorised the Finance & General Purposes Committee and Clerk to finalise the detailed specification for the new modular IT/Youth Hub following the design meeting with Anmer Construction Ltd.

Allotment Land Registration

- Resolved to instruct solicitors to proceed with registration of the allotment land on Kempsey Common following completion of historical research.

Kempsey Pavilion Community Café

- Noted that exceptionally hot weather had temporarily reduced visitor numbers.
- Welcomed:
 - commencement of Sunday opening,
 - continuation of holiday lunchbox provision,
 - plans for a further tabletop/jumble sale.
- Recorded thanks to the Café Manager and Deputy Clerk for their continued work.

Community Centres

- Reported continued strong usage of both the Community Centre and Youth Centre.
- Noted increasing demand for Heartstart training and new community group bookings.
- Continued investigation into installing blinds at the Youth Centre.
- Deferred a decision on enhanced security measures at Plovers Rise Playing Fields pending receipt of quotations.

Infrastructure

- Received a detailed update on the Old Road South/Pixham Ferry Lane planning application, including:
 - ongoing discussions with Worcestershire Highways;
 - biodiversity improvements now achieving 16.07% Biodiversity Net Gain;
 - continuing negotiations with Exolum;
 - progress towards securing Pump Track funding.

Commons & Recreation

- Agreed that climate change adaptation and wildfire risk on Kempsey Common should become an important consideration within the Neighbourhood Plan review.

Planning

The Council considered a number of planning applications, including:

- **No Objection** – Gablet, Napleton Lane.
- **Objection** – Holly Tree House, Main Road.
- **No Objection** – Kempsey Ecopark amended plans.
- **No Objection** – Mill Meadows affordable housing tenure variation (subject to meeting local housing need).
- **No Objection** – Hill View front porch.
- **No Objection** – EV charger at Church Street.

The Council also:

- Agreed to continue making representations on the **Napleton Lane (99 dwellings)** planning appeal.
- Noted confirmation of Tree Preservation Order 751.
- Decided it was unnecessary to appear at the Community Infrastructure Levy Examination.

Enforcement and Heritage

The Council agreed to:

- pursue MHDC regarding the unauthorised fence at **1 Centurion Drive**;
- seek updates regarding the deteriorating listed buildings at **Park Cottage** and the **Wooden Chapel**.

Community Safety

The policing priorities for July–December 2026 were agreed as:

1. Anti-social behaviour at The Rocky.
2. Illegal pavement parking in Post Office Lane (school times), Church Street and Christina Close.
3. Dangerous and illegal parking outside the village shop.

Cllr White agreed to meet with the local policing team during the summer.

Chairman's Report

- Members were reminded that the Kempsey Times submission deadline is 15 July 2026.

Next Meeting

Monday 10 August 2026 at 7.00 pm
Kempsey Community Centre.