

## **EXTRACTS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MONDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2010**

At the Annual Meeting, the Parish Council unanimously re-elected Mr. Terry Ward as their Chairman and Mr. John Michael was unanimously re-elected as the Vice-Chairman. The Chairmen of the various Parish Council Committees have not changed. Mrs. Pam Gerrard and Mrs. Claire Campbell remain as the joint Chairmen of the Recreation Committee, Mr. John Michael was re-elected as Chairman of the Commons and Hams Committee, Mr. Terry Ward was re-elected as Chairman of the Community Centre Committee and Mr. Ken Blackwell remains as Chairman of the Environment Committee.

A letter is to be sent to Kempsey Tennis Club expressing concerns about a large notice which had been stuck onto the newly erected bus shelter at Pixham Ferry Lane to advertise one of their events. The Cellotape on the notice pulled off the new paintwork making it necessary to re-paint the affected area. The Parish Council are grateful to Kinnersley Engineering at Kerswell Green who donated the matching paint free of charge and also to Mr. Ken Blackwell who kindly did the re-painting work.

The unpleasant, anti-social problems caused by dogs fouling footpaths, alleyways and open spaces are on-going – but this is avoidable if dog owners act in a responsible manner. Parishioners are encouraged to report any incidents of dog walkers failing to clear up after their dogs to the District Council's Animal Welfare Officer on 01684 – 862151 who can then take the appropriate action. Remember - the law takes this matter seriously and there is currently a maximum penalty of £1,000.

There is currently a proliferation of notices in the bus shelters, on the lamp posts, telegraph poles and the walls around the village advertising various events, exercise classes and missing cats. Some of these notices are now out of date and are beginning to fall apart. Not only do they look very untidy but they will become litter on the pavements which will not rot because of the plastic coverings. Fly posting is illegal and it would be appreciated if those persons who have put the notices up would remove them.

The ownership of the land constituting the grass area at The Limes still remains unknown after a Land Registry enquiry showed that there was no registered owner. Mr. Biddle and Mrs. Walters have agreed to seek help from the District Council's Legal Services Department as the District Council are currently known to be responsible for the grass cutting in this area. Once ownership is established, it is hoped that the overgrown boundary hedge in Brookend Lane will be trimmed back as a matter of priority.

The Parish Council have been informed that the Diamond Bus Company will be stopping their service which passes through Kempsey in June and that it will be replaced with a similar service provided by another contractor.

Terry C. Ward

Chairman