

## Extracts from Kempsey Parish Council Meeting

14th November 2011

The main item of interest arising from the November meeting was the ratifying of the SWDP Preferred Options Response Document which has now been submitted on line to the SWDP Team in Worcester. A copy of the response document can be seen on the Kempsey Hub and hard copies will be available to parishioners from the Parish Office in due course. I would like to thank all those people on the SWDP working party who gave their time and commitment to produce a robust well-constructed document that will impact on the final decision arrived at by the tripartite councils involved. In particular my thanks go to SGIRA who provided a lot of practical support in the production of this document.

The Parish Council have applied through Malvern Hills District Council for funding through the Neighbourhood Plan Frontrunners Scheme from The Department of Communities and Local Government. This is in preparation for the production of a Neighbourhood Plan that will supercede the Parish Plan now that the proposed Localism Bill has now been enacted.

Title to the area of open space commonly known as The Limes Green has now been acquired by MHDC and will be designated as a Public Open Space and following certain formalities the ownership of land will be transferred to the Parish Council. This removes the uncertainty over ownership and protects the land for future generations to enjoy without the fear of unwanted development occurring.

The construction of the new sewage works commissioned by Severn Trent Water at Kerswell Green has commenced and will replace the old septic tanks currently in use. This will bring an environmental improvement to the settlement and in conjunction with the drainage and ditching work carried out will be of major benefit to the community.

The Community Centre facelift is progressing. The kitchen in the rear corridor area has been completed, the new post box and the front of the building will have been installed by the time you read this and some flower tubs will be adorning the entrance to the Centre. We will also be erecting some bollards at the rear of the building to protect the Hair Gallery wall from any further damage caused by vehicular impact.

The pollarding work at the Rocky has been completed and further improvement works will continue over the following months. The bus shelter painting has also been carried out and the damage to the telephone boxes caused by vandalism has been reported to both the Police and British Telecom.

John Michael

Chairman