

Reporting Problems - Your Contacts. If you encounter a problem please report it promptly and direct. Always get an incident or reference number and the name of the person you speak to.

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| Water and Sewage Leaks | 0800 783 4444 |
| Gas Leaks | 0800 111 999 |
| Electricity (Emergency & Loss of supply) | 0800 328 1111 |
| Fire – Safety in the Home | 0800 032 1155 |
| Environment Agency: Floodline | 0845 988 1188 (24 Hour) |
| Highway problems - Roads, Potholes, Blocked Drains, Damage to Road Signs, Damage to Pavements and Kerbs | Worcestershire County Council Hub 01905 765765 |
| Street Lighting Faults | 01905 765765 |
| General litter, fly tipping, potential hazardous waste, abandoned vehicles, dead animals on public land, food hygiene problems, planning enquiries and planning enforcement | Malvern Hills District Council Hub 01684 862 151 |
| Neighbourhood Watch Administrator | 0300 3333 000 |
| Crime-stoppers - (anonymous reporting) | 0800 555 111 |
| Worcester Police - non urgent reports and enquiries | 0300 3333 000 |
| Local Police covering Kempsey - non urgent | 08457 444888 Ext 66610 |
| Emergency Services - Fire, Police or Ambulance | 999 or 112 |

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Kempsey Parish Council

Annual Report 2010/2011

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The Parish Council office is at the rear of The Community Centre and can receive telephone calls between 9.30 a.m. and 12 noon, Monday to Friday. It is open to the public between 11.00 a.m. and 12 noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. At other times, messages may be left on the answering machine, or sent by e-mail, and will be dealt with when the Clerk is next on duty.

Parish Council Meetings

These are held on the second Monday of each month, at 7.30 p.m., at Kempsey Community Centre. Parishioners may address The Council during the Democratic Half Hour at the start of each monthly meeting. All items of correspondence must be with the Clerk at least 8 days before the meeting, to be included on the agenda.

The Annual Parochial Meeting

This will be held at Kempsey Community Centre on Wednesday, 20th April at 7.30pm. Please come and hear how Kempsey is to progress over the next twelve months, a full report on the last twelve

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Chairman's Report for 2010/11

As a result of prudent financial planning we have been able to avoid increasing the precept and are also able to benefit from carrying forward unspent balances from previous years. The need for continued caution is underlined by actual and potential costs arising from problems with the elderly structure of the Community Centre.

Community Centre

A grant from DEFRA covered the installation of double glazing, improved insulation and curtains for Room 1 which after redecoration and carpeting is now a handsome and comfortable place for meetings. Unscheduled repairs to replace the entire floor were completed at a cost of £5000 and a survey is being undertaken to identify where further repairs are needed and to understand the financial implications.

The Commons (Chairman Cllr John Michael)

There has been good progress in improving the Commons. The scheme for the long term management and restoration of Ashmoor Common is getting into its stride with a three year management plan that will address the current issues; the programme has commenced with 1500 metres of new fencing. Extensive ditching and fencing works have been carried out Kerswell Green and Kempsey and Normoor Commons. Particular problems with drainage at Kerswell Green and Green Street are being pursued with the County and District Councils. The issue of animal grazing on Kempsey Common by owners who do not have appropriate registered grazing rights is being addressed.

The Environment (Chairman Cllr Ken Blackwell)

An investment has been made in additional litter bins to create a small reserve that can be used to replace broken or damaged bins and to serve new locations. Work to improve the bus shelter adjacent to the Community Centre is planned as are further measures to improve The Rocky and to deal with potential problems from diseased chestnut trees. Overhanging bushes and trees that obstruct footpaths are a frequent cause of complaint to the Council; we ask offending householders to put matters to rights without waiting for an official notice to take action. Consultations on amendments to speed limits on the A38 have been taking place and we are continuing to press for an additional pedestrian crossing.

Recreation (Joint Chair Cllrs Claire Campbell and Pam Gerrard)

Major repair work has been carried out to the exterior of the Sports pavilion as well as attention to fences round the playing field. A project to upgrade the existing play area and to paint and refurbish the equipment has been completed. A significant grant from the European LEADER fund enabled the installation of two pieces of

equipment for older children. The third tennis court has been marked for netball and basketball. It was not possible to proceed with plans to use grants for play areas at the Limes and Kingshill, but the Council is carrying on with the purchase of the land at the Limes to ensure that it remains completely in the control of the Parish Council.

The Post Office

The outlook is still unclear. Contact at the highest level has not produced any improvement in responsiveness from Post Office Limited, particularly in respect of proposals we have made about how to restore a service to Kempsey.

Flood Alleviation Scheme

Progress since the public exhibition of plans for the scheme at the church at the end of November last year has seemed to be frustratingly slow in the run up to the submission of the planning application

People and Processes

Mrs Sharon Baxter was appointed Clerk following the retirement of Mrs Halford after 25 years service. Mrs Rose Cutler joined as her assistant. As ever, we are greatly indebted to Mrs Gail Brookes, sports pavilion caretaker and Mr Roy Clarke, the lengthsman for their support. Our computer systems have been upgraded and the foundations laid for greatly improved processes for publishing the Council's activities. As Chairman, I wish to record my thanks to all our councillors – this has been an exceptionally busy year and the successes have been down to them. I would also pay tribute to Mr. Biddle, a former chairman of the Parish Council, who is retiring as District Councillor after many years devoted service and to Mrs M Walters, who is standing down as District Councillor after many years service in the community.

The Future of Kempsey

As a parish on the frontier with Worcester, the inevitable expansion of the City threatens the northern part of our parish. The next 5 year District plan must be completed in the coming months and will crystallize the threat to Kempsey. It is easy to say what we do not want to happen, but much more difficult to say what we think would be acceptable – how many houses, what types and where; what infrastructure improvements; what additional recreation facilities; and what extra employment opportunities are needed? One thing is sure: apathy is not an option!

Terry Ward
Chairman