

Extracts from the Parish Council Meeting

June 13th 2011

By the time this article is published a further Parish Council meeting will have taken place on Wednesday 15th June to consider the planning application for the Kempsey Flood Relief Scheme which was not able to be tabled for the meeting on the 13th as it had been received too late to go on the agenda and had to be referred back to MHDC by the 19th June. This scheme is generally supported by the majority of the community but there are some serious issues to be addressed in respect of profiles and locations of the ancillary buildings which bear little resemblance to the original designs presented.

The Community Centre was recently the subject of a break in but fortunately the Police have arrested an individual on a separate matter who has admitted to being involved in the Centre burglary. Steps are being taken to improve the security of the building to prevent a recurrence of this incident.

During the open forum concerns were raised over the amount of dog faeces deposited in some of our alleys and this has been reported separately by others in other areas of our village. Dog owners should be aware that it is their responsibility to clear up any deposits left by their pets and failure to do so can leave them open to a fine of up to £1,000 and we have had two successful prosecutions to date for this type of anti-social behaviour. The Parish Council provide dog bins at a variety of locations in the parish and we urge dog owners to clear up after their pets for the general benefit of the community.

Work on the improvement of Ashmoor Common will commence next month with a three year programme to eradicate the creeping and marsh thistle problem that will allow the indigenous grasses to flourish and improve the grazing available for commoner's livestock.

The Parish Plan Working Committee will have a stand at the Kempsey Village Fete on 2nd July so that parishioners can see their ongoing work and have the opportunity to make their views known.

Plans are on going to celebrate the 2012 Olympic Games by holding a number of events throughout the village and to add to the mood the Olympic Torch will pass through Kempsey on 24th May 2012 its way from Cheltenham to Worcester.

The Parish Council pass on their thanks to Melody Baker, who recently resigned as a councillor, for all the hard work she put in and the committment she showed while serving on the council for the betterment of our community.

Finally it is with regret that we mourn the passing of two retired councillors who served this community well with many years of unstinting service and both will be sadly missed - Rachel Evans and Eric Burnham. R.I.P.

John Michael, Chairman.