

Extracts from Kempsey Parish Council Meeting

10th October 2011

By the time this issue is circulated we will have moved into the final phase of the consultative process for the SWDP Preferred Options and the Parish Council will be lodging its formal response to this plan after having carried out a thorough appraisal of the document and consulted with the residents of Kempsey so that their wishes are well represented in our submission. The closing date for any comments to be lodged with the SWDP team is the 18th November and it is important that individual parishioners make their views known directly either by letter to the SWDP Team, Orchard House, Farrier Street, Worcester WR1 3BB, by e-mail to contact@swdevelopmentplan.org or by visiting their website at www.swdevelopmentplan.org. This proposed plan will have far reaching consequences for Kempsey as we know it and if you value what we have now please go that extra mile to help keep it that way so that we can develop our community as we wish and not let it be imposed on us by others.

Plans are well advanced with the upgrading of the Community Centre to make it more attractive to those groups who wish to make use of it. To date the heating system has been upgraded with new boilers and repainting of the interior is in hand. Shortly a kitchenette will be constructed in the corridor outside Room 1 to enable users to make hot drinks and microwave snacks which is a facility that has been lacking since the Day Nursery took over the old kitchen as part of their lease.

A post box will soon be fitted to the front of the Community Centre as the Parish Office letterbox at the rear cannot be accessed by parishioners when the side gates are locked.

Improvements are to be made to the access off the main road to widen the splay and

curb the inside to make it easier to negotiate and prevent any further erosion of the grass verge.

It was decided to advertise for a Community Centre caretaker to open and close the building for the various groups and to be responsible for keeping the interior tidy. At present we are relying on the goodwill of Councillors to undertake these duties which with their other commitments is not a situation that can continue.

Vaughan Felton of the Environment Agency reported on the progress with the Flood Alleviation Scheme and to get the Council's approval for the installation of a Fish Pass Scheme which is an environmental necessity. The scheme is a little behind schedule due to some unforeseen excavation issues but should be completed by March 2012.

It was reported that improvements to the Rocky are continuing with pollarding of trees and removal of a dead sycamore and that work is in hand to refurbish the bus shelters. Much of the graffiti within the village has also been removed and the Highways Agency will be repainting the roads in the near future as much of the red warning blocks are wearing away.

Finally to re-iterate how important your views are in letting us know how you wish to see your parish develop in the future.

John Michael

Chairman