



'YOUR PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS' April 2017

Well here we are in 2017, which for me did not start well as I was struck down by an illness, that I believe many of you have suffered with also, where we have absolutely no energy or motivation for anything. Anyway that eventually went away and then there were many parish issues that needed attending to, and so I sadly missed the deadlines for two of these letters.

Our budgets for the parish have now been finalised and I can advise you that this coming financial year we will be spending a greater sum of money than last year whilst imposing no increase in the individual sums paid by householders. This is due to the increase in the number of homes now eligible for council tax.

Following my letters to the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner, I am pleased to advise you that a new police officer has now been appointed to our area to replace PC Sarah Ransome-Williams. He is PC Paul Kennedy and his contact details can be found in this magazine and on Kempseyhub. I am sure that we all welcome Paul to our community. He will be assisted in his role by PCSO Martin Butcher, who many of you will know, and of course Martin has a great deal of knowledge of Kempsey to pass on to Paul.

On a linked subject, West Mercia Neighbourhood Watch Association is soon to hold its 2017 AGM. We used to have a very effective NW scheme in Kempsey but over the years the number of people involved has diminished to the point that there is no effective scheme operating at present. Neighbourhood Watch Schemes can be very effective and Kempsey Parish Council would like to see one running again in our parish. If you would like to be a co-ordinator for your area then please contact the Parish Office. If enough people are willing then we would register with West Mercia NWA who support the area groups

Thanks must go to our PACT group for undertaking a very successful litter pick last month, which ran in line with a National Tidy-up campaign. This National Tidy-up was, however, a one off event whereas our PACT group organise three or four Litter Picks each year in order to keep our village tidy. Thank you PACT.

It will soon be time for the Kempsey Parish Council Annual Report to be circulated to every house in our community. We are always looking for volunteers to deliver a few magazines in your local street or area. If you would like to help with this, please contact Mrs Joy Clee (tel 820317) or contact the Parish Office.

Many, if not all, new residents will by now have received a Welcome Pack. These are organised by Kempsey Parish Council and St.Marys Church as a means of helping new homeowners become aware of all the facilities in our village and to promote all the activities and clubs that are here. If you have not yet received one, please ask at your site office or at the Parish Office.

Summary of minutes and actions from January and February meetings

The Environment Committee; are providing additional litter bins in the village; have had the footpath from Sunnyside Garage to Meadow Close sided out and widened; and are providing a second permanent VAS sign to be located at the southern end of the village.

The Commons and Hams Committee have had work carried out to clear the ditches and road verges along the edges of Stonehall, Normoor, and Kerswell Green commons.

The Community Centres Committee have had a sign put up at the Youth Centre so that everyone will know what the building is and visitors can find it easier. Various maintenance work, including fully refurbished toilets, has been carried out to the building as part of the ongoing improvement programme.

For detailed minutes of all meetings please refer to one of the six Parish Noticeboards or to the website www.kempseyhub.co.uk

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Chairman