



YOUR PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS' April 2018

I am sure that many of you reading this have, like myself, noticed the increasing amount of litter that is finding its way into our community. From travelling about the country I can say that it is not just our problem but, generally, a national one. We, however, are lucky enough to have a very active PACT group – Partners And Community Together – who four times a year, usually on a Sunday afternoon, organise and carry out a Litter Pick within our parish. The many people who participate in the litter picks do sterling work and we are amazed each time by the total amount of rubbish that they collect. The last pick was on the 4th February last when 27 people participated and collected dozens of black sacks full of rubbish.

May I on your behalf send sincere thanks to PACT and all the good folk who take part in these Litter Picks. Full details of PACT can be found on the parish website, but their next meeting will be on Tuesday 15th May 2018 at 12.30pm in the Community Centre. The next litter pick will be on Sunday 13th May at 2.00pm meeting at the Community Centre.

Phase 1, 487 dwellings and associated infrastructure, of the planned large housing development located between the A4440 and Broomhall Lane was approved by Malvern Hills District Council on 7th March last. We are pleased to advise you that neither surface water nor foul sewage will be directed into Kempsey's streams or facilities. A member of this parish council did address the MHDC planning committee, however, to speak about our concerns regarding the additional traffic from this site that will be joining the A38 causing even greater tailbacks from the Ketch roundabout. We do not believe that there will be any improvement even when the Carrington Bridge is dualled. We put to the MHDC planning committee that improvements must be made, such as peak time traffic lights, to avoid further driver frustration at the Ketch roundabout.

We would also like to inform you that the Pixham Ferry Lane planning application for a new Community Centre and Sports Facilities will shortly be coming to MHDC Planning Committee. Now is the opportunity to make this vision a reality. Please contact the Parish Council to enquire how you can support this scheme. If the planning application is not granted, the community will not have the benefit of these new facilities. As a Parish Council we believe our community should be empowered in this way.

On other local matters we are pleased to advise that management work has been carried out on Stonehall Common to reduce the amount of overgrown vegetation and provide access to watercourses and utilities. Tree pollarding and cutting back of undergrowth has been done in the Rocky woods which lets more light in and improves visibility in the area. Also in this area, parts of the lower path that have been eroded in flood conditions have been concreted to avoid further erosion.

Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 21st May 2018 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre. This will be an open forum meeting when anyone can address Kempsey Parish Council to ask questions about, or make comments on, all aspects of our work.

Finally, I would like to welcome to Kempsey Parish Council, Cllr Martin Allen from Ellsdon and Cllr Peter Thompson from Stonehall Common who have joined us as co-opted, but full council members, following our meeting on 12th March.

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

Trevor Geens
Chairman