



## 'YOUR PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS' April 2019

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 we are holding our Annual Parish Meeting at Kempsey Community Centre at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and hear what plans we have for the future. It is also an opportunity for you to voice any concerns or requests that you may have relating to the parish. We look forward to seeing you.

In my February message I told you that we had sent a letter to the Chief Constable of West Mercia Police highlighting issues within our parish and pointing out the growth that we have experienced over the last few years and that police presence within Kempsey has not increased to reflect this growth. We have had two points of contact following our letter. The first was from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner offering to come along and address us on his plans for future policing. We have asked if the PCC could attend our Annual Parish Meeting. We are awaiting a reply as to this possibility. The second contact was via the Chief Constable who arranged for the Kempsey & Alfrick Safer Neighbourhood Team police sergeant to meet with members of the parish council to discuss and clarify our issues.

At our March meeting, councillors agreed the details and conditions of the Land Transfer and Section 106 documents relating to the new Community Land at Pixham Ferry Lane. These are complex agreements between Kempsey Parish Council, Taylor Wimpey, and Malvern Hills District Council that will give us outright ownership of the land in perpetuity. It has been a long time coming but it will be a splendid asset for community use.

The Plovers Rise community area is not forgotten, though, as we have recently installed a Woodland Tower in the play area. This has a large slide, climbing net, internal den, and a fireman's pole for the enjoyment of both young and older children. When some of the sports groups relocate to Pixham Ferry Lane, it is hoped that we will have room to provide more facilities for young people of secondary school age.

There is one issue that sadly is becoming prominent and upsetting many people who are complaining to this council about. This matter is that of dog waste poo bags being thrown into hedgerows or left at the side of roads. We have many litter/waste bins in all areas of the village where these bags can be deposited so there is no need to throw them, but it seems that if we don't have bins every fifty metres or so, dog walkers will carry them no further. Please do not think that I am saying that this applies to all dog walkers because it does not. The fact that the bins are always full of poo bags witnesses that most people do pick up and deposit in them. Why then do some people go to the trouble of picking up but then just throwing it in a hedgerow? Failing to pick up in public places is an offence but picking up and then throwing it away is classed as litter and subject to a £1000 fine. One of the worst spots for this practice is Pixham Ferry Lane and we are looking to see if another bin can be installed somewhere in that locality.

Next month will see the dissolution of this council and the formation of a new one as happens every four years. Notices have been put up around the parish encouraging people to put themselves forward to sit on the new council. The latest date for submitting nomination papers to Malvern is Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, but if you have missed this deadline and the new council has not got a complete thirteen members, then you will have the chance for co-option once the new council is formed.

For detailed minutes of all meetings please refer to one of the six Parish Noticeboards or to the website [www.kempseyhub.co.uk](http://www.kempseyhub.co.uk)

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Chairman