



YOUR PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS' December/January 2017/18

November through January are the months when the Parish Council, through its various committees, determine budgets for the next financial year and approve expenditure for ongoing costs, improvements, and capital projects. These budgets form the precept, which is the sum of money that we request from Malvern Hills District Council that they in turn collect from all parishes' residents and businesses as part of the Council Tax. All of our budgets, and how they are made up, will be on display on all our notice boards and website.

Whilst talking about MHDC I can tell you that a poster has been prepared advising of the Christmas and New Year rubbish and recycling collections. These will soon be on notice boards and website.

I hate having to bring up old topics, but the subject of dogs on Plovers Rise sports field has come to the fore again. We had a justified complaint recently where a gentleman walking across the field was attacked by a dog running loose. We have subsequently been written to by a person who was walking on the field with his dog on a lead when his dog was attacked by another dog running loose. Our conditions for using this sports field clearly state at every entrance that all dogs must be on a lead and away from the sports pitches. This is to ensure that incidents like the above do not happen and also so that dogs cannot run off and foul without the owners seeing them. We as owners of the field and you as dog owners obviously have a certain duty of care to other people and so we would ask that you respect our concerns and conditions and walk your dogs on a lead around the perimeter of the field. Your dog may be well behaved off a lead but it sets a bad example to those whose dogs are not well behaved.

We have recently become aware that certain parts of Kempsey Common have been dug up to create ramps and dips, which we believe is to make an obstacle course for BMX or similar styles of stunt cycling. Unfortunately, this digging was done across a Public Bridleway and was, quite rightly, not appreciated by horse riders using the common. The commons are open access land to everyone and we want to promote their use for recreational purposes, notwithstanding the Byelaws of course, but Public Bridleways and Footpaths are statutory designated routes and must not be blocked or dug up.

At our November parish council meeting we discussed the need for young people's activities, and agreed that at present there is not enough provision, especially with the increasing size of our community. It is our aim, therefore, to start to address this very important issue. The Rev'd. Mark Badger in conjunction with Motov8 charity recognises this issue also, and we will do all we can to support him. Should any young person like to enter into discussion with us about the above, then please drop into the parish office or email us.

May I on behalf of Kempsey Parish Council wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

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