



## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS' June 2018

Everyone should now have seen a copy of our council's Annual Report for the past 12 months. I hope that it highlights the work, both exciting and mundane, that councillors carry out on your behalf. I would like to thank our parish councillors for all the work that they have carried out throughout this last year. I use the term 'past 12 months' at this time, as May is the start and end of our administrative and financial year. The May meeting just passed is when the chairman and vice-chairman are elected, and committees are reformed.

I am sure that many, if not all, residents have by now come into contact, through various organisations and businesses, with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We as a council also have to comply with this regulation and details of how we are dealing with it can be found on our website.

Following a great deal of hard work, the planning application for our new sports field and the enabling housing development recently went before the Planning Committee at Malvern. Sadly it was not passed at this time as the Planning Officers were recommending some amendments. It was however deferred until some of these amendments are incorporated into a revised design, at which time it will go before the Planning Committee again.

For those amongst us who walk the commons you will notice that 10 Red Devon cattle have recently appeared on Ashmoor Common. This common which is owned by us and is located beyond the Oast Houses at Baynhall, is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). We manage it in conjunction with Natural England and have found that cattle are better for keeping the grasses and rushes down than using mechanical means.

The chairman of our Commons & Hams Committee recently attended the Worcestershire Pollinator conference where the decline in pollinating insects across the county was discussed. These insects are desperately needed to pollinate the wide variety of plants/crops that provide much of our food. An initiative is underway to improve local habitats for these insects and as we have five commons within our boundary, we would like to participate in this initiative. The plan is to use our ground and to encourage other landowners to help reinstate the necessary habitats. We do want to make this a community project, though, and would ask if there are any parishioners that would like to help us in getting this project off the ground. If you would, then please contact the parish office. Posters will soon be going up on notice boards.

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