



'YOUR PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS' May 2017

Firstly, this month, I would like to let you know that the **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 15th May at Kempsey Community Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend and there will be an opportunity for you to raise any matters of concern regarding the Parish. Equally, I am sure that your hardworking councillors would be heartened to hear that they are doing the right things for the Parish, if you feel that this is the case.

We are now up to a full complement of thirteen councillors again, and it gives me great pleasure to welcome Cllr Tim Dodge to our ranks. Tim and his family have lived in Kempsey for many years and he knows the area well and so I am sure he will be an asset to the Council and community.

Our Neighbourhood Development Plan is not progressing at anywhere near the rate that we had hoped for due to delays within the system at MHDC. It has progressed favourably through the MHDC Consultation Period but is now delayed pending being allocated to a Government Inspector for evaluation. Although this is a local plan, it has to follow the same procedure as the South Worcestershire Development Plan did, and we all know how slowly that progressed.

There does seem to be an increase of crime being experienced in Kempsey at the moment and so I would encourage everyone to be extra vigilant with their security. I did ask last month if anyone was interested in being a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. As of this moment no one has come forward. Maybe there is a different way of looking after our community, and this could be in the form of social media. There are a couple of Facebook groups directly related to Kempsey which you could possibly join and be kept aware of any worrying goings-on in the Parish. However we help ourselves it can only be good.

Whilst on the subject of crime, we must thank McColl's store for hosting another Cash Point machine following the theft of the last one. It is a most useful community facility and one that we would not want to lose permanently.

I am not hearing so many complaints about vehicles speeding through the village, so maybe the Safer Roads Partnership monitoring and our own Vehicle Activated Signs are having an effect. To reinforce these measures, however, we are about to have another fixed VAS at the southern end of the village to remind drivers of the 30mph limit.

Summary of minutes and actions from March and April meetings

The Recreation Committee; have had a five yearly electrical safety survey carried out at the sports pavilion; and have had a name sign put up so that visiting sports groups will know that they are in the right place.

The Commons and Hams Committee; have approved work to deepen and widen the anti-trespass ditches along the edges of Stonehall Common; have agreed that a drone club will not be operating off any of Kempsey's commons; and are updating Commons Rights Leasing Agreements.

The Community Centres Committee have for the benefit of all its users now installed a defibrillator at Kempsey Community Centre. Training for user groups in the use of the device has now taken place.

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