

## Kempsey Neighbourhood Plan

After six years of work on this document by your Parish Council, I am very pleased to announce that on October 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 the parishioners of Kempsey voted in favour of adopting Kempsey's Neighbourhood Plan. We were grateful that it turned out to be a dry and pleasant day for the referendum, and I would like to thank all who came out to vote. The official figures were a turnout of 38%, which was a very healthy figure indeed, with 993 votes for and 90 against, which is a 92% majority. It was a long day but voters were coming in from 7.00am right up to 9.50pm.

On behalf of Kempsey Parish Council, I would like to thank all of you who supported us with a Yes vote. It is of course not just the PC who benefit, but all you parishioners who now have protection up to 2030 from unwanted developments in Kempsey parish.

Another part of this plan is to provide for additional sports facilities and a new community centre. By voting yes, you have given us a firm mandate to progress with these aspirations. I would like to reassure everyone, though, that we are not disposing of Plovers Rise playing field. The new facilities will complement Plovers Rise, which are remaining. We believe that some of the No votes were because of these new facilities, but please let me say that during all future planning for these facilities we will not be insensitive to your comments. We are working very closely with Kempsey Sports Association on all matters here and they will be very happy to discuss any questions you may have.

I mentioned last month that Kempsey Youth Centre has been refurbished and is open for business. There are many daytime slots still available should anyone wish to start a new activity at this venue. Carpet bowls and dancing have been suggested should anyone wish to set up such a group.

By the time that you read this, the removal of tree roots and tarmacing of the driveway at the Community Centre should be complete. We apologise if you have been inconvenienced by this but it had to be done as the old tree roots were lifting the existing tarmac and creating a hazard. Unfortunately it took a little longer than expected as the gas main that runs under the driveway could not be located. All is well now, however, and so the driveway will be safer and easier to negotiate.

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