



'YOUR PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS' November 2018

By the time that this is published, another of our projects will have been completed for the benefit of Kempsey parishioners. The car park at Plovers Rise playing field has been extended to provide extra spaces for all users. It will provide spaces for users of the Youth Centre and for the sports clubs, which will mean less inconvenience for residents of Plovers Rise when several matches are taking place at the same time.

It is with regret that we have had to close the Parish Office for a period of around three months as at present we have no clerk to be on duty there. Those of you that know our clerk, Mrs. Sharon Baxter, will know that after a long wait she was called into hospital for serious surgery at the beginning of October. Her recovery time is estimated at around three months. I can tell you that her surgery went well and she is now convalescing. All correspondence and answerphone messages to the office will be dealt with, however.

Our Battle's Over event to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War will soon come to fruition on the evening of 11th November 2018. It takes place on the Church Meadows entering from the top of Lanes End. We do hope that you can make this occasion. Further details are shown on a poster within this magazine.

We are still progressing with providing an off-road cycle track for the young people of the village despite objections from a few people that have put Planning and Environmental Agency obstacles in our way. Fortunately, parish councils are exempt from planning fees so the objectors will not cost you the tax payer any money on this occasion. The Environment Agency having seen all the details are sympathetic to our plans for this area between the ford and the bund and east of the Hatfield Brook. We are very lucky to have been offered this area as finding available and suitable land is very difficult nowadays. Someone said to me the other day that the church and graveyard would be in danger from this scheme. I replied that if that was the case the Church Lands Trust would not have offered us this piece of land in the first place. I do not understand why certain people think that every young person of secondary school age is trouble. So much is spoken about young people spending too much time on computers and social media, and yet when we try to provide an alternative to that we have it objected to. We have had some letters of support from parents, for which we are most grateful, and so we will persevere with what should be a very minor project compared with others that are going on in Kempsey at present.

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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