Dear Parishioner

**Re: Public Rights of Way and Dog Fouling**

We recognise that most dog owners in Kempley act responsibly and clean up dog waste on farmland and from our roadside verges when they are out walking their dog. Unfortunately, a small number do not follow this practice, which is illegal under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 and is creating health concerns in our community.

Human contact with dog faeces can cause toxocariasis, an infection leading to dizziness, nausea, asthma and blindness. Dog faeces also causes abortion and death in livestock due to Neosporosis. Farm animals become infected when they eat fodder contaminated with Neospora eggs excreted in the faeces of infected dogs, so there is a particular risk during hay and silage making.

Kempley Parish Council considered the problem of dog fouling at their meeting on 20th March 2023, details are on the website, see minute item #176. The decision was taken not to install Dog Waste Bins at this time, the correct procedure is therefore to bag the faeces and take it home to dispose of in your own domestic waste bin. Please do not put it in someone else’s bin that you pass.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Kind regards

**Kempley Parish Council**