



# KINGSTON NEWS

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**Kingston Parish Council Newsletter**

**Issue 26, November 2020**

**Message from  
the Chairman**



Dear Resident,

Welcome to our November newsletter.

I do hope you are all keeping well. It is still a worrying time for all of us as the Coronavirus pandemic continues, and there is a reminder about how to find information and help on the back page of this newsletter.

Planning issues are still keeping the Council busy and you will find a report overleaf on a meeting we had with Sir Peter Bottomley MP to discuss the setting of Kingston (the Gap) and our response to the Government’s ‘Planning for the Future’ white paper.

As usual we will be setting our Budget for next year at the January meeting of Council and would be interested to hear your ideas for any potential projects you would like us to consider for inclusion in the Budget. Please send your ideas to the Clerk by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

If you want to know more about the work of the Council and cannot get to one of our meetings, please ask the Clerk or a Parish Councillor - you will find contact details on the back page of this newsletter.

This is probably our last newsletter for 2020, so I take the opportunity to send our best wishes to you for Christmas and the New Year.

**Cllr Geraldine Walker**  
Chairman Kingston Parish Council

***You are welcome to join our Meetings***

Full Council meets six times a year, usually combined with meetings of the Planning Committee and the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

***Diary dates for you:***

20 19<sup>th</sup> November, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> May

**Meetings commence at 7 pm**

**and are currently being held remotely**

You will find details of how to join the meetings remotely on the back page of this newsletter

***Remembrance Sunday***



**8 NOVEMBER 2020**

**Information from the Royal British Legion:**

Due to the coronavirus pandemic there will not be a parade through East Preston this year or a Remembrance Service at St Mary’s Church. Arrangements are:

**12 noon** Wreath laying service at East Preston War Memorial.

**12.30 pm** Wreath laying service at the Kingston War Memorial, Sea Lane, Kingston

**Note from Council**

Government guidance says that the public may attend as spectators as long as they maintain social distancing rules, however, we ask that you think carefully before doing this.

The Royal British Legion are encouraging people to ensure Remembrance Sunday is still marked appropriately by taking part in remote and socially distanced Remembrance activity, whether that be watching the service on television or pausing for the Two Minute Silence in their home or on their doorsteps. Other ideas include displaying a poppy poster in your window or outside your house so that it can be seen by others.

## Meeting with Sir Peter Bottomley MP – Report from Cllr Roger Wetherell

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October representatives of Kingston Parish Council met with our MP, Sir Peter Bottomley in Kingston. The representatives were Chairman Cllr Geraldine Walker, Vice Chairman Cllr Roger Wetherell and Clerk to the Council Val Knight.



Cllr Walker and Sir Peter Bottomley MP

The reasons for the meeting were to show our MP the rural setting of Kingston and the effect indiscriminate building would have on our settlement, and to discuss the Government's new White Paper on Planning.

The meeting started off with a tour of the Parish - suitably social distanced of course - with a focus on the East Preston-Ferring Gap between Settlements as currently set out in the Arun Local Plan and with much of the land falling within Kingston.

The tour took us from the north of Kingston Lane to the very east, giving a good overall view of the area with its mainly agricultural land and coastal location. Views to the South Downs and the sea were pointed out, along with the Rife and its Lagoons.

Following this we retreated to the Chairman's house for morning coffee and a discussion on local building plans and the Government White Paper on proposed planning changes "Planning for the Future".

Sir Peter was very sympathetic to our situation with regard to any large-scale house building in the area and said he would discuss the situation with the Housing Minister, or even the Prime Minister if necessary. He urged us to keep up the pressure on Arun with regard to the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) allocations in the area, and to respond robustly to the consultation on the Planning White Paper, which we have done! He was not in favour of many of the changes proposed in the White Paper. He is already fighting the case for the Goring Gap development in Worthing, where 450 homes are due to be built. He maintained there were sufficient brown field sites available locally to fulfil most of the building need.

All in all, this was a very useful meeting for us and we were encouraged by Sir Peter's interest in helping us to maintain our distinctive character and rural setting whilst avoiding coalescence with surrounding settlements due to building within the Gap.

### FINANCE - Annual Return

Council publishes an Annual Return, which reports on Governance and Finance matters but only a "certificate of exemption" needs to be submitted to the external auditor. If you would like to see the completed Annual Return or our 2019/20 accounts please check our website or contact the Clerk.

### SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2021

County have advised that the application process for children due to start school in September 2021 began on 5 October, 2020 and ends on 15 January, 2021.

Key points are:

- Apply online [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions)
- Special rules apply for house movers until 12 February 2021.
- Further information for parents is available on the County website or by calling 03330 142 903

### RAMPION 2 OFFSHORE WIND FARM

Rampion 2, is a proposed expansion of the existing Rampion 1 wind farm. RWE Renewables are intending to 'engage and consult' in the coming months, in order to refine their proposals, and are running Project Liaison Group Meetings that this Council has been invited to attend.

Cllr Keith Buckenham reports on the first meeting of the Group held on 22 October 2020:

The project is at an early development stage.

It will run west from 'Rampion1' to Bognor and have a larger area than 'Rampion 1' because the turbines will be approximately three times larger, producing enough power to run one million homes. It is planned that the power cable will make landfall at Climping.

You can find out more about this by visiting: <https://www.rampionoffshore.com/news/news-events/rampion-2/>

## KINGSTON'S SEAT OF HISTORY - We hope you like the Chapel Marker as much as we do!

You may have already seen this in the press, but in case you missed it ...

A 2 ton natural boulder in the shape of a seat was unveiled in September on the West Kingston greensward to mark where the old Chapel of Kingston was lost to the sea.



*Unveiling the seating stone L to R: Val Knight (Parish Clerk), Cllr Geraldine Walker, Cllr Roger Wetherell Cllr Valerie Masson, Cllr Peter Jolly, Cllr Karen Kenning and Cllr Keith Buckingham.*

Some 250 yards out to sea from the seat, just before the Black Rocks which are seen at very low tide, is the site of the Chapel that once served the old settlement of Kingston.

Because of coastal erosion it is said the Chapel was lost to the sea in December 1626. A whimsical story tells of the Chapel bells tolling from beneath the sea whenever storms and Spring tides batter the coast.

The idea for a marker was suggested by a Kingston resident and the Council then came up with placing this unique seating stone, complete with plaque.

Advice on determining the wording for the stone was sought from local historian Richard Standing, the East Preston and Kingston Preservation Society and the Ferring History Group. A full history of the Chapel can be found on the latter's website.

The seating stone has its own history dating back thousands of years to the Ice Age. Mid Wales Stone said "This was found in Trawsfynydd in mid wales, by an enthusiastic farmer always looking out for good artwork. We would class it as a glacial boulder. In the many years that we have been sourcing boulder seats, we haven't quite known anything like this one. We are over the moon that this piece has gone to such a stunning location."

The stone was unveiled on Friday, September 4th, by Councillor Geraldine Walker, Chairman of Kingston Parish Council who said it would give the opportunity for residents to sit in a beautiful spot and look out towards the lost Chapel. Councillor Walker thanked members of the Council and the Clerk for their work on the project, and many who had also helped including Richard Andrew, John Hickson (Chairman of West Kingston Residents' Association) and District Cllr Terry Chapman.

## POLICING

**Crime Statistics** – We were waiting for crime stats when our May newsletter went out so here they are now for the year ending 30 April 2020 with the previous year shown in brackets for comparison purposes: Anti-Social behaviour 4 (2), Domestic abuse 3 (8), Vehicle crime 4 (0), Burglary 3 (1), Other theft 2 (0), Public Place Violent Crime 3 (3), Alcohol related crime 1 (3).

**PCSO** Kate Houston is currently the PCSO for Kingston, East Preston and Ferring whilst Neil Billingham is temporarily working in the Chichester area. Kate has provided the following report:

" I would like to say thank you to the locals in East Preston and Kingston and Ferring for making me feel welcome and saying 'hello' when they see me on foot patrol. No new concerns have been recently raised by the community members across all Parishes. I understand from conducting a Police crime reporting system check, that there have been no reports of crime occurring in Kingston for September 2020."

**Contact Sussex Police:** Online at <https://www.sussex.police.uk>, email 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or telephone 101 (in an emergency call 999).

**Neighbourhood Watch** - We encourage all residents to sign up to the NHW email Alert Scheme email Richard Richards at [ramblers22oro@gmail.com](mailto:ramblers22oro@gmail.com) with your name and street.

## *Do you know about what3words?*

It has divided the globe into 3m squares and given each one a unique 3 word address. It can be used to share your current location with friends etc. and more importantly emergency services. It is available as a free app for smart phones and there is an online map at [map.what3words.com](http://map.what3words.com).

## Coronavirus Information

**Government Advice** - always be sure you are acting on the latest government advice - go to:  
<https://gov.uk/coronavirus>

**NHS advice** – go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>)

**West Sussex County Council** has a community hub website page for residents to find – go to:  
<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-and-information/community-hub-covid-19/>. If help is needed urgently phone 033 022 27980 (daytime).

**Arun District Council** has a webpage giving advice and information on local services –  
<https://www.arun.gov.uk/coronavirus>

**Parish Councillor** Cllr Roger Wetherell is on hand to advise you who to contact for local help. Roger's number is 07828 747209.

## COUNCILLORS - Contact details

Cllr Geraldine Walker (Chairman)	Rife Manor, Brookside Road BN16 1SE	01903 772043
Cllr Roger Wetherell (Vice-Chairman)	Newcote Farm, Kingston Lane BN16 1RP	01903 787205
Cllr Keith Buckenham	Wood End, Peak Lane, BN16 1RN	073 991 947 46
Cllr Karen Kenning	The Saltings, Downsview Road, BN16 1SD	01903 774931
Cllr Peter Jolly	Thatched Corners, Coastal Road, BN16 1SW	01903 786825
Cllr Valerie Masson	Windy Corner, Gorse Avenue BN16 1SQ	01903 786139
Cllr David Joyce	Orchard Cottage, Kingston Lane BN16 1RS	01903 779374

## MEETINGS of COUNCIL

All residents are welcome to attend Council meetings that are being held remotely at this time, and there will be an opportunity to make representation and ask questions on matters relating to Council business. Alternatively please contact the Clerk prior to the meeting if you have a question for Council.

The usual meeting pattern is for Council and Committees to meet on the third Thursday in the odd months of the year with additional meetings as required. Dates of future meetings are on the front page of this newsletter.

## VENUE:

Meetings are being held remotely at the moment due to the coronavirus. Details of how to join the meeting are available from the Clerk – **requests to be received by 5pm** on the day before the meeting, preferably by email to [clerk@kingston-wsx-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingston-wsx-pc.gov.uk)

## CONTACT the COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council: Mrs Val Knight, 33 The Ridings, East Preston, West Sussex BN16 2TW  
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## WAYS to KEEP in TOUCH

Sign up to receive our information e-mails by e-mailing the Clerk.

Visit our website <https://kingston-wsx-pc.gov.uk/>

See our noticeboards located in Gorse Avenue and Coastal Road.

Agenda for meetings can be viewed at East Preston Library 3 days prior to the meetings or on our website.