



KINGSTON NEWS

“Looking After Your Interests”

Kingston Parish Council Newsletter

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Message from the Chairman



Dear Resident,

Welcome to our November newsletter.
I do hope all is well with you.

Concerns about COVID-19 still remain and you will find information on the back page of this newsletter about receiving a booster vaccination. The link takes you to a website that has information about the vaccination programme not just the boosters.

Planning issues are still keeping the Council busy and we await the Government's latest thoughts on reviewing the Planning system and how that will impact locally.

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. Please send your ideas to the Clerk by 1st January 2022.

As this is probably our last newsletter for 2021, I take the opportunity to send our best wishes to you for Christmas and the New Year.

Cllr Geraldine Walker
Chairman Kingston Parish Council

Do you have a question for your local County Councillors?

The Arun County Local Forum will take place virtually, via MS Teams, on Monday 8 November from 6pm. If you would like to attend virtually or ask a question, you will need to be quick and email a request to talkwithus@westsussex.gov.uk.

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:

18th November, 20th January, 17th March, 19th May in
**Our Lady Star of the Sea Hall,
Vermont Drive, East Preston.
commencing at 7 pm.**

The Annual Parish meeting will also take place on the 19th May at 7pm prior to the start of the Council meetings.

Agenda can be viewed on our website 3 days prior to the meetings: <https://kingston-wsx-pc.gov.uk/>

Remembrance Sunday



14 NOVEMBER 2021

Information from the Royal British Legion:

Arrangements for this year are:

- 10.30 am Parade leaves The Street, East Preston, and marches to St Mary's Church for a Remembrance Service
- 11.45 am Parade marches to the East Preston War Memorial
- 12 noon** Wreath laying at East Preston War Memorial
- 12.30 pm** Wreath laying at the Kingston War Memorial, Sea Lane, Kingston

All are welcome to attend but please observe social distancing recommendations where possible.

! ROAD CLOSURE !

Please note that Sea Lane will be closed whilst the Kingston service is in progress and that West Kingston Residents Association have kindly agreed that the gate at the east end of Coastal Road will be opened for this period (approximately 12.15pm – 1pm)

PLANNING NEWS

This time last year we told you about a meeting with Sir Peter Bottomley MP and a discussion on local building plans and the Government White Paper on proposed planning changes “Planning for the Future”. 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 (East Preston to Ferring Gap between Settlements as defined in the Arun Local Plan).

Ministers had promised a response to the consultation on “Planning for the Future” white paper and a new planning bill this autumn, but there was no mention of this anywhere in the chancellor's Budget speech on 27th October 2021. Earlier that week the housing secretary Michael Gove said he was still "considering" all the responses to last year’s consultation on the planning white paper “and will make an announcement on next steps in due course”.

So, we have to wait and see what changes come forward. This will be very important as it could affect the housing numbers that Arun have in their Local Plan and the factors to be taken in to account when new housing development applications are considered.

In the meantime, Council is still making comment on planning applications submitted to Arun District Council. We comment on individual householder applications in Kingston, but here are two applications we have objected to recently that although within Angmering Parish impact on the Gap or the local infrastructure:

A/168/21/PL Land South of Littlehampton Road and East of Worthing Road - Erection of 76 No. dwellings
Council’s main objections were: it is an infringement of the Gap, loss of agricultural land and severe impact on the traffic network. **Undecided by Arun**

A/129/21/PL Rustington Golf Centre, Golfers Lane, Angmering - Erection of 191 new homes in a mix of 1 - 4 bedroom dwellings and 1 bedroom apartments, with associated landscaping, parking, open space, play areas, construction of a new access from Golfers Lane, and all other associated works.

Council’s objections were it would be detrimental to the A259 with the additional traffic and proposed road layout increasing the hazard along this stretch of road and causing much heavier traffic congestion and it will put an unacceptable strain on other local infrastructure e.g. drainage, Water supply, Health and education facilities. **Undecided by Arun**

To end on a good note, planning application K/54/20/PL on Land east of Kingston Lane for a single storey 4 bed dwelling & stable block to be located within the Gap was Refused by Arun and when the applicant appealed the **Appeal was Refused** by the Planning Inspector.

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 the accounts for 2020/21, please check our website or contact the Clerk (see back page for contact details).

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2022

County have advised that the application process for children due to start school in September 2022 ends on 15 January, 2022.

Key points are:

- Apply online www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions
- Special rules apply for house movers until 11 February 2022
- Further information for parents is available on the County website or by calling 03330 142 903

RAMPION 2 OFFSHORE WIND FARM

The Rampion 2 community consultation closed in September. It will be interesting to see the analysis of comments received and Rampion’s responses when the information is published.

Our local MP, Sir Peter Bottomley has supported this Council’s view and said “We can unite in supporting renewable energy but share in concern at inappropriate projects with adverse impacts. I echo the concerns shared by Andrew Griffith MP for Arundel and the South Downs and Nick Gibb MP for Bognor Regis and Littlehampton, in saying that the location for the project isn't the right one.”

The next expected application phase is that the owners of Rampion 2 have a finalised scheme and apply for a Development Consent Order to the Planning Inspectorate. At this point there will be further formal opportunity for Council and residents to make comment on the application.

INFORMATION FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Are You Receiving Local and Other Crime Alerts?

An Email Crime Prevention and Reduction Scheme, which is provided by Neighbourhood Watch locally, has been running successfully in Kingston Parish for 15 years. Almost 50% of households in Kingston receive Email Alerts sent out under the Scheme.

The Scheme, available to both members and non-members of Neighbourhood Watch, was set up with approval from Sussex Police and has the support of Kingston Parish Council. If you wish to sign up, send an email to the Administrator, Richard Richards (Golden Avenue), giving your name and address. Richard's email address is ramblers22oro@gmail.com

Wanted: Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Co-ordinators for Coastal Road and Golden Avenue

There are currently 3 vacancies for Co-ordinators on West Kingston Estate.

The Co-ordinator serves as a focal point for households within their Scheme. In West Kingston, Scheme sizes vary with the largest having 24 households.

Co-ordinators have the scope to take on as many tasks as they wish and have the time for, provided they are in line with the broad objectives of Neighbourhood Watch, which concern:

- promoting crime prevention and reduction and
- strengthening communities / promoting neighbourliness.

The main tasks of a Co-ordinator are:

1. Passing on crime prevention / reduction information to households in the Co-ordinator's Scheme.
2. Welcoming new residents who move to an address covered by the Scheme.
3. Acting as a point of contact with their Scheme members, the local policing team, other local Co-ordinators and partners to receive and pass on information as relevant.

If you are interested on taking on this role or would like to have further information, please contact Richard Richards (Golden Avenue), at: ramblers22oro@gmail.com

HIGHWAYS

The **Community Winter Resilience Plan** applies to Kingston Lane, the only public highway in Kingston. It provides the self-help salt bins that are in three locations along Kingston Lane and there is an arrangement with County for snow clearance to be carried out along the Lane by a contractor, when County agrees it is necessary (costs are shared).

Reducing Carbon Emission - County have recently issued information about new methods they use, saying we "work with contractors to explore use of the latest technology, such as allowing resurfacing materials to be mixed at much lower temperatures than conventional asphalt and using recycled material from our roads. This can significantly cut the carbon emissions, without impacting on quality." County are also trialling the Velocity road patching system to fill potholes, where high-velocity air is used to remove dust and debris before cold bitumen emulsion is applied followed by an aggregate mix, which is fired at high velocity coating the granules with bitumen and building up the water-proof seal, with no joints. **Report a pothole online:** <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-pothole-online/>.

Roundstone Crossing - The problems and hazards of the Roundstone Crossing junction are under scrutiny again and Cllrs Walker and Wetherell are attending meetings with County and other parishes to explore ways to improve safety and traffic flow.

SOUTH STRAND COMMUNITY TOILETS

We have been contacted by George Schlich, Chair of the toilets management committee to say: "We send our thanks for your continuing donations towards running of the toilets on South Strand. This has been a wonderful all-round effort with support from the wider community of residents, walkers, locals and visitors to the beach who appreciate the clean and well-kept facility. We particularly want all to be aware that as a result of some individual donations we now have a defibrillator installed on the block. We would welcome any comments you have on any improvement we can make for the future. Thanks again, from all of us at South Strand Community Toilets Limited. Email: southstrandcommunitytoilets@gmail.com"

ARUN WELLBEING

The Arun Wellbeing team have asked if we can make you aware of the services they provide:
"Arun Wellbeing supports you to improve your health and wellbeing by helping you and your family to get more active, eat more healthily, or simply improve your general wellbeing. It is a friendly and impartial service brought to you by Arun District Council in partnership with West Sussex County Council and does not charge residents for its services." Other topics include home energy advice, reducing alcohol consumption, quitting smoking and fall prevention. You can call them on 01903 737862 or visit their website <https://arun.westsussexwellbeing.org.uk/>

COVID-19 AUTUMN BOOSTERS - ARE YOU DUE YOURS?

Information from West Sussex County Council:

This autumn, everyone aged 50 and over and people aged 16 and over with a health condition that puts them at high risk of Covid-19, are being offered a booster jab. If you are in these groups, you will be eligible when you reach six months or 182 days from the date of your second vaccine. Clinics and walk in sessions are already underway and thousands of people have already received this vital protection ahead of winter.

If you are eligible, there are four ways to get your booster vaccine:

- You will be invited by the National Booking System (NBS) to use the national website or phone 119 to book
- You will be contacted by your local team to book an appointment directly or to invite you to use the NBS
- Come to a walk-in session when you reach six months (182 days).
- You can try the NBS after 190 days (six months and a week) from your second vaccine without invitation.

You can find the latest information here:

<https://www.sussexhealthandcare.uk/keepsussexsafe/sussex-covid-19-vaccination-programme/phase-3/>

If you prefer to speak to someone, you can call the Vaccine Enquiry Line for Sussex on 0800 433 4545 (open 9am – 4pm, Monday to Friday). Please do not call your GP practice.

COUNCILLORS - Contact details

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| 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 when there will be an opportunity to make representation and ask questions on matters relating to Council business.

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 usually held in the hall of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Vermont Drive, East Preston, BN16 1JU, commencing at 7 pm – but please check agenda to confirm the venue dates and times.

CONTACT the COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council: Mrs Val Knight, 33 The Ridings, East Preston, West Sussex BN16 2TW

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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.