



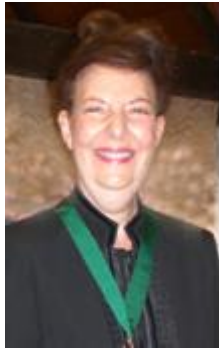
KINGSTON NEWS

“Looking After Your Interests”

Kingston Parish Council Newsletter

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**Message from
the Chairman**



Dear Resident,

Welcome to this May edition of our newsletter.

Overleaf is the Annual Report of the Council updating you on our work over the previous year. I do hope you find the information of interest.

Please do join us at the **Annual Parish Meeting** on the 16th May 2019 when you will have an opportunity to discuss the Annual Report and other parish issues.

Elections for Parish Councillors and District Councillors were held earlier this month and you can see the results in the Annual Report.

We welcome Keith Buckenham to the Parish Council but say goodbye to Michael Hodge who decided to step down from Council after 21 years! We will greatly miss all of his valuable knowledge and advice and wish him well in his ‘retirement’.

If you have questions about the work of the Council and cannot get to the Annual Parish meeting please ask the Clerk or a Parish Councillor - you will find contact details on the back page of this newsletter.

I hope you have a good summer.

Cllr Geraldine Walker

Chairman Kingston Parish Council

Do come and join us

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday 16th May 2019

at 7pm in

**Our Lady Star of the Sea Hall,
Vermont Drive, East Preston**

The Annual Parish Meeting is quite distinct from a meeting of the Parish Council. It is an opportunity for all electors to come along and discuss parish issues. Agenda:

1. To receive apologies.
2. Minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting (available on our website)
3. To receive the Annual Report of Kingston Parish Council 2018/19 (as set out overleaf)
4. Observations of your District and County Councillors.
5. Resolutions of which written notice has been given (none to date)
6. Public Question Time

Late news! PCSO Jess Chambers is expected to attend the meeting.

The meetings of Full Council and its Committees will immediately follow the Annual Parish Meeting.

Message from

East Preston and Kingston Royal British Legion

We are having a Church Service on Sunday 9th June, 2019 to honour our Parishes Normandy “D” Day and WW2 veterans.

This will be held at St Mary’s Church, East Preston at 12.00 hrs, followed by a drink and small buffet at the Legion.

I would appreciate the help of Kingston residents to try and locate as many veterans as possible to help commemorate this occasion.

If anyone has any information please do let me know.

Steve Toney, Branch Secretary

email: steve@theyellowperil.co.uk or write c/o East Preston and Kingston Royal British Legion, The Street, East Preston BN16 1JL

KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Report April 2018 - March 2019

PRESENTED BY THE CHAIRMAN

I am pleased to present the Annual Report of Kingston Parish Council for 2018/19 which tells you about the work of the Council over the previous year.

My thanks to Cllr Roger Wetherell, the Vice-Chairman of Council, Cllr David Joyce, Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Cllr Valerie Masson, Chairman of the Planning Committee, Cllr Karen Kenning, Cllr Peter Jolly, Cllr Michael Hodge and Valerie Knight, Clerk of the Council for their support and hard work during the year.

Cllr Hodge has been a Councillor since the inaugural meeting of Council in April 1998, serving at various times as Chairman of Council, Vice-Chairman of Council and Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Cllr Hodge decided not to stand for re-election and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all of his hard work and service to the community over the past 21 years.

I would like to thank County Cllr Roger Elkins and our District Councillors for their attendance at our Council meetings and their support on local issues. Congratulation to District Cllrs Ricky Bower and Terry Chapman on their re-election as our District Councillors and welcome to our new District Cllr Paul Kelly.

Geraldine Walker

Chairman, Kingston Parish Council

KINGSTON EMERGENCY PLAN

As reported before, the Emergency Plan is complete and can be viewed on our website. Despite previous appeals, no new **volunteers** have come forward. Being a volunteer may sound daunting but it could be just to keep an eye on what is happening around you. Ideally, we need people spread across the Parish to report back on situations as they might evolve. Also, if you, or someone you know, in the parish may **need additional help** or be vulnerable in an emergency please let us know

The purpose of the plan is to provide guidance and local resilience in the event of an emergency.

Whilst we all hope an event never occurs – such as fire, flooding or even a drought - it is best to be prepared – **please help us!** Contact the Clerk – using the contact details on the back page.

DRAINAGE AND SEA DEFENCES

We are progressing an application for funding from the Operation Watershed scheme to carry out works to the drainage at the northern end of Peak Lane. Arun District have carried out some works to the southern end this year and plan further works in 2019/20.

All residents can help prevent flooding by ensuring that ditches on or abutting their property are kept clear with water running freely in the ditch.

We are concerned that local **sea defences** should be well maintained and receive an annual inspection report from Arun District so that we can monitor what works are being carried out.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Council has a Winter Management Plan in place with County covering Kingston Lane (a public highway) but thankfully the winter was milder than last year so the salt bins were not needed quite as much and we did not have to call on our contractor to clear snow or grit the road.

We continued to press for potholes to be filled and overhanging vegetation to be cleared. You can help: **report problems at love.westsussex.gov.uk.**

If you are responsible for hedges and trees along a road, please do **keep them cut back** as they could cause an accident by obscuring visibility, forcing cars into the centre of the road, or preventing pedestrians standing clear of the road if they need to.

During the year Council paid a contractor to clear overhanging vegetation at the southern end of Kingston Lane as it was creating a hazard. In future, if vegetation overhangs the highway from private property, the resident will be advised and informed that, if it is not cleared within two weeks, Council will carry out the works and recharge the resident.

The **'gateway' sign** just south of the junction with Elm Avenue to emphasise to drivers that they are approaching a rural lane with no footpaths and no vehicular access to the sea is finally on its way! It is due to be installed in July 2019.

We are also in contact with the County Access Ranger on footpath matters and hope to meet up with the Ranger next time she carries out an inspection of footpaths in the parish.

<p>FINANCE COMMITTEE</p>	<p>REPRESENTATION</p>
<p>The Parish Precept is collected from residents with their Council Tax, and for 2018/19 was set at £8,066. It is considered prudent to hold reserves so costs can be spread over several years. Costs during the year met from reserves carried forward from last year were new website £1423 and the 20 year celebration of Council's inauguration £557. Balances at 31 March 2019 include reserves for: Environmental projects £2029, Community involvement/newsletters £971, Parish elections £2530, 30 years celebration of the Parish Council £292, Winter Management Plan £410, Neighbourhood Plan Review £4788, and General Fund £16545. Three projects for completion in 2019/20: Gateway sign, the lost Kingston Chapel Marker and a new chain of office, will be met from the General Fund. The Precept for 2018/19 was set at £8066 and for 2019/20 it has been set at £8228 (up slightly by 2%). A set of accounts will form part of the Agenda papers for the May meeting of Committee.</p>	<p>Council was represented on the Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee, the Highways and Transport Sub-Group, the Arun District Association of Local Councils and the Eastern Arun Parishes Groups. We also attended Arun District Council liaison meetings regarding the Local Plan.</p>
<p>POLICING</p>	<p>PLANNING COMMITTEE</p>
<p>Crime Statistics – For a few years Sussex Police did not provide a breakdown of crime statistics for Kingston (only combined statistics with East Preston). We have now received a breakdown of crime statistics for the year ended 31 December 2018 and hope that comparative figures will be available next year. They are: Burglary Business & Community 1, Burglary Residential 2, Criminal Damage 6, Other Theft 2, Public Order 5, Violence With Injury 8, Violence Without Injury 10 = Total 34 Contact details for Sussex Police are: Report online at https://www.sussex.police.uk E-mail: 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk Telephone: call 101 or if 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 with your name and street.</p>	<p>The Planning Committee considered twenty planning applications during the year and we continue to refer to our Neighbourhood Plan. Council objected to 2 applications in Ferring. One of these related to the Bluebird Café and it was refused by Arun and the other relating to development along the A259 was approved. For applications within Kingston, Council made: No objection to 11 applications although this was often subject to conditions being imposed e.g. obscure glazed windows. Objection to 7 applications for reasons such as out of character to the surrounding area/intrusive to neighbours. Arun granted planning permission for 16 of these applications but often with conditions reflecting the comments made by Council. Of the remaining 2, one was withdrawn and one has yet to be decided. Arun Local Plan – Although the Arun Local Plan 2011 - 2031 was finally adopted by the District Council on the 18th July 2018, there are some matters still unresolved. There are no changes to the 'Strategic Gap' in the new Local Plan but Arun are still looking for sites for additional housing allocations and working on a Non-Strategic Sites Development Plan Document. Potential sites across the district are being assessed (including some in Kingston which this Council has already made some representation on). Consultation by Arun on the proposed new sites is expected later this year – we will keep you informed.</p>
<p>SOUTH STRAND COMMUNITY TOILETS</p>	<p>LOST CHAPEL OF KINGSTON</p>
<p>We gave you some background to this in our November newsletter. Instead of the toilets being closed it was hoped they could be run by a community group. South Strand Community Toilets Limited has now been set up. Council has included £300 in its budget for 2019/20 to support this initiative.</p>	<p>We have been looking at ways to commemorate the lost Chapel by placing a marker along the greensward at a location looking out to where the Chapel was lost to the sea many years ago. We are consulting with County, Arun District and West Kingston Residents Association, on our proposal for a large natural boulder in the shape of a seat. This would both enable the placing of a commemorative plaque and provide the opportunity to sit and look out to the lost Chapel.</p>
<p>FERRING RIFE</p>	
<p>Cllr Joyce has continued to regularly walk the Rife to ensure that any problems with the water flow can be reported to the Environment Agency promptly. The good news is that there have been fewer problems to report this year than last year.</p>	

FLAGPOLE (junction of Sea Lane and Gorse Avenue)

Council is considering the future of the Flagpole as it either needs major refurbishment or replacing with new, or it could be removed. Let us know your views – Clerk’s contact details shown below.

MEETINGS AND COUNCILLORS April 2018 - March 2019

MEETINGS: During the year there were 7 Full Council meetings, 6 Finance and General Purposes Committee meetings and 10 Planning Committee meetings, as well as the Annual Assembly of the Parish.

COUNCILLORS: PARISH ELECTIONS MAY 2019 - As seven candidates were nominated for the seven seats available they have been elected without a poll in a non-contested election. The one change from last year is that Cllr Michael Hodge decided not to stand for re-election in May 2019 and Keith Buckenham joined the Council. Here are your current Councillors:

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

FORTHCOMING MEETING DATES

All residents are welcome to attend meetings of the Council when there will be an opportunity to make representations 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. Here are the main meeting dates for this year:

16	May	2019	Annual Parish Meeting, Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee, Full Council
18	July	2019	Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee, Full Council
19	September	2019	Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee, Full Council
21	November	2019	Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee, Full Council
16	January	2020	Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee, Full Council
19	March	2020	Planning and Finance & General Purposes Committee, Full Council

VENUE and TIME:

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

CONTACT the COUNCIL

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E-mail: Sign up to receive our information e-mails by e-mailing Val Knight: kingstonpc@tesco.net

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

Library: Agenda can be viewed at East Preston Library 3 days prior to the meetings.

Noticeboards: See our noticeboards located in Gorse Avenue and Coastal Road - but sorry information is limited due to the display space available.