

## **Appendix 1**

### **Report for the night of the Annual Parish Meeting**

Thank you all for coming along tonight we hope that you will enjoy listening to the speakers that we have invited to present to you tonight.

#### **Planning**

The building work has started at Chestnut Park and we are working with Crest Nicholson on ensuring that issues are kept to a minimum. Crest Nicholson has put up speed signage and has a banksman at the entrance to Chestnut Park to direct traffic. We are aware that there have been some issues but we are working with Crest Nicholson to overcome these.

We have a presentation from Peter Cox from Ac Archaeology who will be enlightening us on what archaeology was found at the Chestnut Park site.

Last year you heard from HC1 on their plans for the Penwood Lodge site at Wotton Road. Some of you may have attended their recent presentation here at the village hall. This application has now been given permission and we hope to have more information to give you on when this build will start.

#### **Wildlife land at Chestnut Park**

The land at Chestnut Park with the wildlife ponds and community orchard has finally been transferred to Kingswood Parish Council. Last year we managed this land in partnership with Stroud Valleys Project. We are pleased to announce that we have renewed this partnership for the year 2018/19. Richard from Stroud Valleys Project is here tonight to talk to you about the work that has taken place and what is hoped to be achieved this year. He will also update you on the many events that we have planned for this year. I do have one plea on this project! More people from Kingswood are needed to help manage the land. Richard and his volunteers will be at the shed at the community orchard from 10.00am every Monday morning. Please if you have the time come on down and help.

#### **Allotments**

The new allotment site is looking fantastic so a big thanks to the Allotment holders for achieving so much in such a short time. The Allotments won an award from Campaign for Rural England for setting up a unique type of allotment which is environmentally friendly and has to exist along with the Great Crested Newts which presents many challenges.

#### **Highways Objectives**

We are very aware of many issues in relation to highways within the parish and the parish council are committed to trying to resolve these issues if we can. The issues in the main relate to speeding, parking and lack of footpaths. The parish council had as its main objectives in 2017/18 to purchase an automated vehicle number plate recognition camera (ANPR). The parish council has purchased two cameras. These will be located on Hillesley Road, Charfield Road and Wickwar Road. The Police have committed more resources to help with this initiative. There is a presentation from both the Police and Whiteshill parish Council on the benefits of this initiative. To enable this to happen the parish council has updated 3 lampposts to enable them to take the cameras. We are currently awaiting the installation of the cameras this should take place any day.

The parking issues are more difficult to resolve as we do not want to just move an existing problem to another area. The parish council will be carrying out a consultation with the community on these issues and looking at possible solutions.

We are also looking at the provision of footpaths and cycle routes within the parish. We have a new Footpaths working Group and are looking for keen walkers to help with walking the footpaths and letting us know of the condition of the footpath. This way we can work with landowners to ensure that there are no issues. Celia Williams is helping the parish council with this initiative and is calling for volunteers to help walk the footpaths. If you want to find out more come along to an informal meeting to be held at The St Mary's Room on Thursday 31st May, 7-9 pm.

Kingswood Parish Council is supporting the Greenway Project which is a major initiative to introduce a project to provide cycle path and footpath links between Kingswood Wotton and Charfield. There is a representative here from the group who will be able to give an update on this project. Kingswood Parish Council has just awarded a grant to this group to help towards the cost of a feasibility study.

### **The Playing Field**

An issue in relation to the use of the playing field has been raised. The parish council are taking these issues seriously. Complaints have been made in respect of dogs being allowed to use the playing field. Dogs are currently allowed in the playing field but not on in the area with the play equipment. The council has upped its patrols of this area. The parish council will be consulting with the community on this issue during the summer and then will review its policy to see if it needs to be changed.

### **Local Council Award Scheme**

The Local Council Award Scheme is monitored by the National Association for Local Councils (NALC) The council applied for Quality status and achieved it. There are 3 levels Foundation, Quality and Gold. NALC state the following in relation to the Quality Award " *The Quality Award demonstrates that a council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement.*" The council are very pleased to be seen as a quality council but will now strive to achieve the Gold Award.

### **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

Some of you will be aware that there is new regulation coming in to effect in connection with data. The parish council has taken advice and is working towards being fully compliant. The council has carried out a data audit and has a new privacy policy. The parish council will also be reviewing its email data base and will be seeking new permission from you to use this information. To help with this the parish council has set up a Mail Chimp Account to manage this data base and to seek new permissions. If you still wish for the parish council to be in contact with you and to update you in parish news please access this link and sign up to updates. From May 26<sup>th</sup> 2018 the old email data base will be deleted and not used.

### **Website/Social Media**

Please have a look at the Kingswood Parish Councils new website. There is a lot of information on there that may be of interest. Please visit Kingswood Parish Council's Facebook page. This is proving

a successful and speedy way of updating the community on information as it becomes available.  
Please like and follow our page.

### **Objectives for 2018/19**

To analyse the ANPR camera data base and ensure that action is taken by the Police against persistent speeding offender.

- To extend the CCTV camera coverage at the playing field
- To put in a new footpath at the entrance to the village hall
- To consult with the community on how best to spend the Section 106 money on improving community facilities at the site adjacent to the Chestnut Park development
- To update the handwashing facilities at the Public Convenience
- To carry out a consultation on Highways and the use of the playing field.

Any Questions

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