

Kingsclere Parish Council

Annual Parish Assembly held in the Village Club

Monday 14th May 2018, 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Adams; Bowes; Farey; Mussett; N Peach; R Peach; Price; F Sawyer; J Sawyer.
Clerk; 2 members of the public; PCSO Emma Page.

1. **Welcome by The Chairman:** Cllr John Sawyer welcomed Mrs and Mrs Denness to the meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Cllr N Peach (late); BCllr Donald Sherlock; BCllr Ken Rhatigan.
3. **Minutes of last Meeting:** The minutes of the APM held on 15th May 2017 were agreed as a true record with one correction and signed.
4. **Matters arising:** No matters arising had been notified
5. **Chairman's review:**

The Chairman reviewed the work of the Parish Council, now in its 3rd year of office, over the previous year from April 2017 to March 2018 under the headings of the draft plan which had been prepared in 2017.

Village of the Year: the group has met twice and has gathered several interesting projects to bring the village together. Applications are now open for the Hampshire scheme, but there are no details yet of the Channel 4 programme.

World War 1 Centenary Commemorations: a wide range of activities is planned and there is a further meeting tomorrow. A programme will be issued during the summer.

Improvements to the Holding Field: a big project which will cost a lot of money, so the first steps will be to improve the car park (not by concreting it over!). Sadly, the boys have lost interest in the skate ramp, but it would be good to get one there in time.

Parking & traffic: not within the powers of the parish council, but it is working as a pressure group to those who do have the powers. The council believes that granting of planning permission for the redevelopment of the catholic church is unsound, as insufficient note had been taken of parking issues.

Churchyard and Malthouse Open Space: a great deal of work has taken place and the project is moving into its final phase with the development of the pond/spring.

Square improvements: ongoing. The lamp has been cleaned and the bus shelter updated. Work is planned for the flowerbeds and the installation of a memorial bench to mark the centenary of the end of world war 1. Consideration is being given to making more of the Square pedestrian area.

Love Lane footpath: this is a significant route across the village, but its condition makes it a frequently unpalatable proposition. There is an interesting plan to work with Hampshire Highways, who have added it to "the list" for upgrading.

War Memorial restoration: this has progressed extremely slowly given the requirements of the War Memorial Trust's and their deadlines. It is most unlikely that the work will be completed as originally envisaged by November 2018.

Community Orchard: Cllr N Peach has taken the lead in this plan to turn the old pony paddocks into a community orchard and recreation area. It is already 25% planted and grants are being sought for the remainder.

Brown signs: awaiting action.

Village Business Directory: action is under way to update the old directory.

Recreation ground: new equipment has been purchased and much refurbishment undertaken.

Recycling: the long-term solution to the problem of accessing the Newtown Road site is not in sight, but the existing permits are valid until the end of the year. Thanks are due to the Borough Councillors for their help in this matter.

In addition to all of this, the council has

- Reviewed its internal auditing policy; updated the assets register; adopted new Standing Orders; measured all the council's land (approx. 17 acres);
- The Planning Panel has responded to all planning applications;

- Joined the Lengthsman Scheme which gives £1000 worth of small works, for instance to verges;
- Reviewed the Conservation Area with Basingstoke and Deane BC which has now been slightly enlarged;
- Supported applications for LIF funds, successfully for the Fieldgate Centre;
- Maintained a presence at the Church Fete enabling fruitful engagement with parishioners over the Neighbourhood Plan;
- Improved the Christmas lights and the power supply;
- The council remains deeply concerned about the impact of developments at both ends of the A339 and is attempting to set up a meeting with the responsible HCC cabinet member;
- In the face of reduced grants from government, the council was pleased that the increase in the precept was only £1.24 p.a;
- An advertisement has been placed for an assistant to the Clerk.

The Chairman ended by thanking: the Clerk for all her work; fellow councillors for their support; Basingstoke & Deane and Hampshire County councils; Speedwatch volunteers; Parish Paths group.

6. Review of Clubs and Organisations:

Film Club: has stable membership, financial stability and shows an excellent range of films during the year.

Guiding: 2 new leaders have been trained and a new guide group has been set up.

Youth football: 115 youngsters in 6 teams are now involved.

KCA: stable, with footfall of 38,000 last year, excluding the fireworks evening.

Village Club: new chairs were purchased this year. New classes have been set up and are well received. Work is continuing to improve the frontage. The Chairman thanked the club for its maintenance of the building.

Sports clubs: will benefit from the project to improve the drainage of the Fieldgate playing field, which should be completed next year.

Police: PCSO Emma Page gave a report for the year which is attached – Appendix 1.

7. Open Forum

7.1. Resident asked what improvements were to be made to Love Lane: it was explained that these included improving drainage and lighting; cutting back the canopy and stabilising the banks.

8. Close: There being no further comments the meeting was closed at 20.28

Signed:.....

Chairman

Dated:.....

Signed:.....

Parish Clerk

Dated:.....

Appendix 1 – Police Report



Kingsclere Annual Crime Review **(01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018)**

Please note that the figures on this report include Ashford Hill, Headley and Hannington as this is how it appears on the Police system. The majority of the figures represent Kingsclere.

Current Neighbourhood Priorities are:

- Burglary
- Traffic related incidents
- Theft
- Criminal Damage
- Anti-Social Behaviour

Dwelling Burglary (8)

1. Apr 17 – Headley
2. May 17 – Byfields Road
3. May 17 – The Dell
4. Oct 17 – Longcroft Road (car keys & car stolen, vehicle later recovered by Police)
5. Oct 17 – Knowle Crescent
6. Oct 17 – Anchor Road
7. Jan 18 – South Road
8. Jan 18 – Coppice Road

Burglary Non-Dwelling (sheds and garages) (6)

1. May 17 – Kingsclere Park
2. May 17 – Winchester Road
3. May 17 – Sydmonton Road, Ecchinswell
4. Nov 17 – Headley
5. Jan 18 – Headley
6. Feb 18 – Winchester Road

Road Traffic Collisions (34)

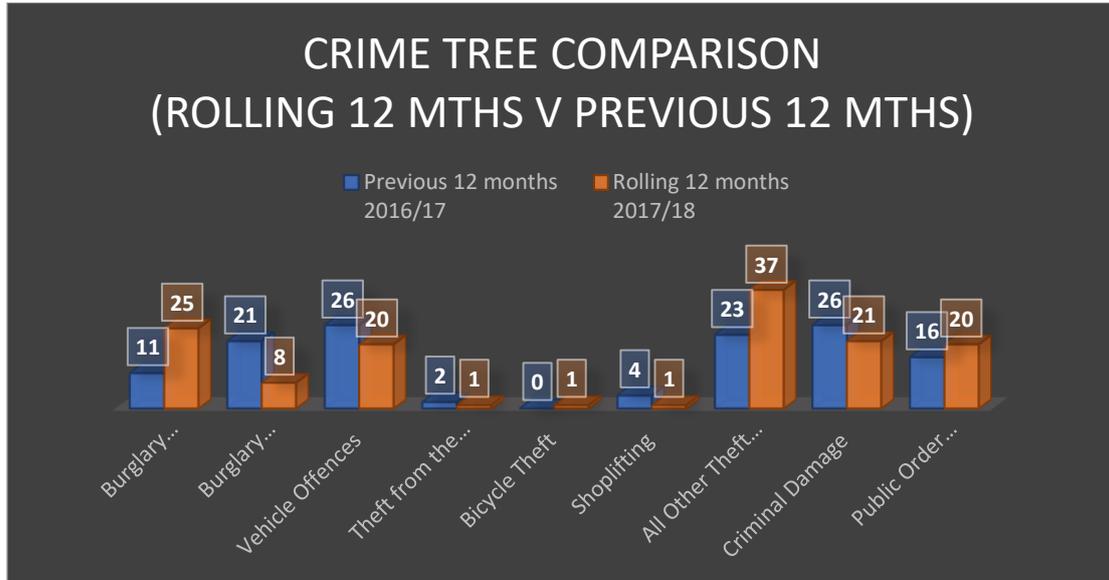
1. 24 x Damage only (1 on the A339)
2. 5 x Minor Injury (3 on the A339)
3. 4 x Serious Injury (3 on the A339)
4. 6 x vehicle seizures for no insurance (4 on the A339)

Theft of Motor Vehicle (7)

1. Apr 17 – Union Lane – vehicle later recovered by Police
2. July 17 – Penny's Hatch
3. Sept 17 – Strokins Road - vehicle later recovered by Police
4. Sept 17 – Thorneley Road – vehicle later found burnt out by Police
5. Sept 17 – Hannington - vehicle later recovered by Police
6. Nov 17 – Winchester Road - vehicle later recovered by Police
7. Dec 17 – Ashford Hill Primary School

Theft from Motor Vehicle (17)

1. 2 x Apr 17
2. 1 x May 17
3. 1 x July 17
4. 2 x Aug 17
5. 1 x Sept 17
6. 2 x Oct 17
7. 2 x Nov 17
8. 1 x Dec 17
9. 1 x Jan 17
10. 1 x Feb 17
11. 3 x Mar 17



- Please note the figures in the above area for Kingsclere, Hannington, Ashford Hill and Headley

Self Evident

A new way to report incidents via an App. The report is submitted to the Postmaster Mailbox which is monitored 24/7 in 'slow time'. This should not be used in an emergency. There is a short video on You Tube promoting it - <https://youtu.be/vC5srDRqP6Q>

Speedwatch

Speedwatch is back up and running with Mark Holden. Thank you to Mark for all his excellent work now and in the past. We've had a number of new volunteers which is good news too.

Immobilise

Register your valuables to help reduce property crime and improve the chances of getting them back in the event of theft or loss. Further information can be found at: www.immobilise.com

Hampshire Alert

If you live or work in Hampshire or the Isle of Wight, you are invited to register now to become a recipient of messages of information, crime alerts and witness appeals local to the area in which you live or work in a way that suits your needs and lifestyle by email, text or telephone. Further information can be found at: www.hampshirealert.co.uk

Current Financial Picture and Resources

The force had to find £80m of savings from its budget by April 2015, which it did by designing and implementing a new policing model.

Hampshire Constabulary's policing model still remained based around neighbourhood policing.

The rural team did not lose any establishment as we changed to this new model. The team based at Tadley still have two sergeants, six PCs and an establishment of 10 PCSOs. However, we are currently 3 PCSOs short and there is no PCSO recruitment at this time.

We are supported by 24 hours a day response teams, CID and custody based in Basingstoke; the Roads Policing Unit based in Whitchurch; and other specialist police teams that will assist with serious incidents or pre-planned operations. We also work very closely with the Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Team. There are also two Country Watch PCs and based at Tadley.

Further budget cuts are now required - overall, we need to save £21m by 2021. We have already found 40 per cent of the savings we need to in 2018/19 from non-staff costs.

The £12 increase in local council tax is so important because, as you will know, the force is underfunded massively compared with others.

If we did not receive this increase in local funding we would have had to cut our teams even further. The headlines would not just be about cutting some of the specialist teams, they would be about reducing a range of other policing services as well.

At present – Neighbourhood Teams have not been cut but we are waiting to see what further budget cuts are on the horizon in 2019/2020.

Communications and Intelligence

Many of you will have already receive regular contact from your local officers. The team also use 'Hampshire Alerts' which is a very quick method of circulating messages relevant to local communities including NHW schemes. If you are not already registered on this system online I would encourage you to do so if possible -

<https://www.hampshirealert.co.uk/>

Please also make note of our team email address -

Basingstoke.Rural.Police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

One of the challenges of today remains the gathering of rural intelligence. A new free mobile phone app is available called Self Evident. It is really good and very easy. The app report is submitted to the police's postmaster mailbox, which is monitored 24/7 in 'slow time'. Call handlers are happy to accept this as a way of reporting incidents, but not for emergencies.

Please report any suspicious activity to us – every report is read locally and if there are any potential links to crime or other intelligence then further enquiries do take place.