



Minutes of Kingsclere Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting Held at 7.30pm on Monday 1st April 2019 in the Village Club

Present:

Cllrs: Adams; Bowes; Farey; Mussett; Peach N; Peach R; Price; Sawyer F; Sawyer J.

CCllr Thacker. BCllrs: Rhatigan; Sherlock. Clerk – Porton; Admin Assistant – Read.

1. Apologies:

None.

2. Minutes:

Minutes of the APM held on 14th May 2018 were accepted and signed.

3. Chairman's Review:

The Chairman welcomed all those in attendance and introduced the Councillors, Clerk and Admin Assistant. He spoke of the outstanding and busy year the Parish Council has had and listed several successes: The Neighbourhood Plan being voted in last September; all the commemorate WW1 village events last November; Kingsclere receiving two awards in the Fullers Hampshire Village of the Year Competition 2018. Cllrs then gave a short review on various projects they have been involved in:

Holding Field car park development:

Planning permission is being sought; the plan is to extend it by approximately 40%. Works will be scheduled around school holidays.

Fullers Hampshire Village of the Year competition:

Kingsclere received runner up in the Best Small Village category and winner in Excellence in Localism. The national competition wasn't held.

The Malthouse Open Space:

The space has been opened out, 3000 native bulbs planted including bluebells and crocuses, and a WW1 memorial bench installed. The PC will receive advice from environmental consultants on further improvements and maintenance.

WW1 Commemoration events:

Planning started about 18 months before events took place. The 'Lest We Forget' performance at the Fieldgate Centre involving the Kingsclere Players, Kingsclere Singers and Dance Academy raised £710 and throughout the village £8000 was raised for the poppy appeal. Other events included a lecture at the Library, war poems being placed around the village, knitted/crocheted poppies in village windows, a victory tea party, the PC installing a memorial bench, a beacon being lit on the Downs and the village Remembrance Day parade. Thanks to all involved.

Echinswell Road Cemetery improvements:

Car park repairs, path improvements will be first. Improving signage and the general appearance of the cemetery will be after. Improving office cemetery records will also be investigated.

Traffic:

The Parish Council has no traffic powers. There was a meeting to discuss concerns about the A339 with two HCC officers and representatives from seven other PCs. There is an A339 traffic survey planned for this year. Safety concerns on the B3051 remain, a SID has been installed by the PC on Winchester Rd and bollards in Swan St are to be replaced. HCC say that replacement drains on Swan St and Love Lane footpath improvements are 'on the list'.

Environment:

The Community Orchard is approximately 75% planted with 80 different fruit trees already growing and another 20 to be planted. The orchard will hopefully be fully planted and open by summer 2020. On the 30th March the PC held the Kingsclere Great British Spring Clean and over 40 volunteers removed a total of 18 bags of rubbish and recycling from the outskirts of the village. It was noted the centre of the village was immaculate due to the hard work of our Litter Warden who we're very grateful to have.

The Dell Recreation Ground:

The footpath from Swan St has been cleared to ensure it's wide enough for emergency vehicles to pass. The play area has been refurbished and there is new play equipment to be installed. The wildflower meadow is flourishing.

The Chairman thanked the Parish Councillors, Borough and County Councillors, the Tree Wardens, the Royal British Legion (for maintenance of the Crown Green memorial garden and War Memorial beds), Allotment Management Group, two residents who maintain the wildflower plot in St Mary's churchyard and the Parish Paths Co-Ordinators.

The Chairman also thanked the Litter Warden for his continued hard work, the Admin Assistant for taking minutes and keeping on top of social media and website updates and the Clerk for the endless tasks she completes and keeping Cllrs focused and updated.

4. Annual Update on the Neighbourhood Plan:

The NP went to referendum on 6th September 2018. Poll turnout was 34.46% of the electorate of which 85% voted in favour of the plan (748 votes). The NP was adopted by BDBC on 18th October 2018 making it a Supplementary Planning Document to the Local Plan. The three sites proposed were land behind Coppice Rd/Stokins Rd and Fawconer Rd totalling 52 dwellings. One developer has been in contact with the PC and wishes to meet with the Planning Panel to discuss their proposals. Another developer has contacted the PC to say that their expectation is to submit planning applications later this year and will be in contact again when that happens. For all sites the PC will ask developers to hold a drop-in session for local residents.

5. County Councillor:

CCllr Thacker stated that while he has been a CCllr for almost 10 years, he has only been our CCllr for 2 years. He also thanked the Chairman for all his work over the past year. It was reported that HCC has a yearly income revenue of £2 Billion and gave figures on how much HCC spent on adult social care, primary schools, and secondary schools in the past year. It was suggested that any forthcoming S106 money could be put towards highways maintenance and improvements. There has been an improvement on pothole repairs with 1 million² miles of roads repaired – 20% more than 2017/18. HCC has invested in 'Dragon Blasters' which are more effective at repairing potholes. The permits allowing Hampshire residents to use the recycling centre in Newbury is only a temporary arrangement and if the decision to charge external residents to use HCC recycling centres is reciprocated by West Berkshire the PC will be informed - the current permits are still valid. HCC has provided grants to both the Kingsclere Heritage Association and the PC for the Community Orchard.

6. Borough Councillor:

A furniture survey, which includes signage, has been requested on the A339 from Basingstoke to Knightsbridge, Headley. It was noted that the Manydown development site was jointly owned by BDBC and HCC. A new Leader of the Council will be elected in the next 6 weeks.

BCllr Sherlock is due to retire at the May elections and was thanked for all he has done.

7. Reports from Village Organisations:

Kingsclere Royal British Legion: Report attached - Appendix 1.

Kingsclere Bowling Club: Report attached - Appendix 2.

Kingsclere Heritage Association:

The aims of KHA are to find out about the history of Kingsclere and the local area and to build an archive. Around 25 people attend however they are members of an aging population and younger people are needed to look after the archive for the village. Last November KHA appealed to residents for photos of Kingsclere soldiers killed in WW1 and WW2. They have had a major breakthrough with the discovery of a gunnery range on the road from Kingsclere to Sydmonton consisting of 30 buildings and a railway. This information was received from an ex-Kingsclere resident now living in Canada. The KHA has also managed to date some old photos, a photo of George Street dated to 1897 celebrating Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee and a photo of Kingsclere Square possibly being the same date. Last May there was a group trip to the Houses of Parliament and there was a trip to Reading Abbey advertised in the Tower however this opportunity wasn't taken up by anyone. A website is hopefully in development, if anyone has any information about the village or local area please inform the KHA, likewise if anyone wishes to be part of looking after and adding to the archive please get in touch.

Kingsclere Parish Paths:

The Parish Paths keep 24 miles of well used paths accessible and meet every month at the village – dates are in the Tower. The Small friendly group is grateful of the support of the Parish Council, everyone is welcome please come and join.

Kingsclere Community Library:

KCL has had a successful year with support from HCC helping with book rotation and a weekly visit from Tadley library staff. Library membership has increased, and the library is now open one morning a month for the Village Bunnies.

Kingsclere Girlguiding: Report attached – Appendix 3.

Kingsclere Photo Club: Report attached – Appendix 4.

Kingsclere Village Club: Report attached – Appendix 5.

Kingsclere Singers: Report attached – Appendix 6.

Kingsclere Players:

The WW1 performance last November was a big event for the Kingsclere Players. Many social events have been held and we are looking to put on events such as a murder mystery with St Mary's Church and a pantomime in November.

Kingsclere Youth Football Club: Report attached – Appendix 7.

Kingsclere Community Association: Report attached – Appendix 8.

The Tower: Report attached – Appendix 9.

Kingsclere Tennis Club:

Kingsclere Tennis Club are continuing to play in the Basingstoke League. They are currently fundraising with the aim of getting the courts resurfaced.

Kingsclere Film Club:

KFC show a wide variety of films throughout the year in the Village Club, 2nd Saturday of each month apart from October. Guests welcome, new members welcome. Look in the Tower for the month's film.

The Chairman thanked all the representatives for contributing to the meeting and for all their efforts in the village.

8. Open Forum:

A resident questioned whether the new housing developments close to the A339, as indicated in the Neighbourhood Plan, would influence the speed limit for the Kingsclere bypass. Their concern was regarding air/noise pollution and safety on the junctions to the new housing developments as the proposed locations are very close to the A339. – *One of the developer's plans has shown an outline plan for tackling these issues. We will wait and see when the plans come through.*

A resident requested that the PC 'take the lead' to promote a village diary to help avoid clashes with different events going on in the village. – *The PC will look into this.*

The question was raised by a councillor asking the public if they would like the PC to spend more on Christmas lights.

Meeting closed 21:20

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....

Signed:.....Clerk

Date:.....

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Appendix 1:

Kingsclere Royal British Legion April 2018 to March 2019

April 2018 started with a bang as your Kingsclere Branch of The Royal British Legion held its first ever "Fete Day" in late April which proved very popular with funds being raised for the branch which allows us to deliver more support to the community throughout the year. Watch out for the posters around the village for the 2019 April Fete!

Wreaths were laid throughout the year for village men who were killed in action during the First and Second World Wars and others to commemorate VJ Day, VE Day and the Battle of Britain Day events.

A number of "Away Day Saturdays" were also conducted throughout the year, with Fort Nelson and the D Day Museum at Southsea visited by members of the branch and more are planned for 2019.

Recruitment is up! We have had 9 new members joining our branch since January 2019 making a for a great start to the year, which for a branch with only a relatively small number of members last year is a great achievement and is testament to the hard work the whole branch is putting into our publicity and media campaigns and the local support we are receiving.

The Remembrance event in the village had the largest attendance in memory, with support coming from all across the community and village organisation including a superb number of youngsters marching with us on the parade and we were honoured by Sgt Jim Beasant marching with us. The village was dressed with a number of Silent Soldiers and large lamp post mounted poppies, including one up our church tower and poppies were illuminated against the church wall (thanks to the Parish Council for this).

In December we undertook an idea to send Christmas parcels to servicemen and women who would be serving overseas on operational duty over the festive period. With the help of many villagers, the Scouts and Brownies the branch put together and mailed to various location 128 parcels; a feat which we are very proud of and we hope to increase on this number in 2019. The parcels were created and self-funded by branch members and donations from the community.

In late November we laid and dedicated a stone in the small garden opposite The Crown to remember and honour Lt Cdr Darren Chapman, Royal Navy; a village man who was sadly killed in action in Iraq. Attendance was made by family members as well as serving personnel from Darren's old unit.

We have also started 2019 off with a bang, winning two awards at the Royal British Legion Hampshire County Conference in January; our first ever won as a branch and it is superb to have some recognition of all the hard work our branch has put into raising our profile over the last year.

In an attempt to bring the community together more, we have established a Brunch Club which we intend to run on the first Saturday of each month at 11am in The Crown here in Kingsclere. The first Brunch Club was held in January with 18 attendees taking part, many who have shown interest to join the RBL. Brunch Club is planned to run on the first Saturday of each month and all are welcome however numbers of attendees are required the day before. Further details can be obtained from either our Facebook page (Kingsclere Royal British Legion) or from the Branch Chairman at Kingsclere.Chairman@RBL.Community

Planning is well underway to deliver a number of events over the year, including various branch "Saturday Club" outings, an Easter Fete and WW2 themed village "Bake Off" as is the plan to widen our interaction with the youth groups across the village this year,

All members of the community who are over 18 are welcome to join the Kingsclere Branch of the Royal British Legion. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month from 7pm at The Crown or join our Facebook page at "Kingsclere Royal British Legion".

Appendix 2:

Kingsclere Bowling Club Annual Report 2018/2019

As most local residents know, we are situated on the Holding Field, Ashford Hill Road on land that is leased from the Kingsclere Parish Council.

Having originally forms in 1935, and therefore entering our 84th year, Kingsclere Bowling club must be one of the oldest continuously run clubs in the village.

The current clubhouse was built in 2000 following the fire which burnt down the original timber structure.

Bowling is a very enjoyable, social sport and as competitive as you wish to make is and can be played by all ages and abilities.

Appendix 2 continued:

For people wishing to try the sport, we offer a month's free trial on Tuesday evenings during May followed by tuition and guidance for the rest of the summer season for a membership fee of £20.00. This gives new bowlers a chance to see if they enjoy the game before buying their own kit.

Most small clubs struggle financially to maintain their facilities, and we are no exception, relying on membership fees, bar takings, fundraising and local grants where applicable. An example of this is the cost of maintaining the high standard of the bowling green itself, averaging £4000 - £5000 even by using our own volunteer labour.

We are a well-run club and make every endeavour to increase our membership so that we are able to continue to provide this local sporting facility.

Appendix 3:

Girlguiding Kingsclere July 2018 to April 2019

During the past year Kingsclere Girlguiding has been very busy. A new programme has been introduced across all sections which has been well received by the girls and includes learning first aid and learning about the environment.

For the first time Rainbows have interest badges to work on at home and animal lover seems to be the most popular. Brownies also have new badges including Aviation, Archaeology, and Local History plus the more traditional Baking badge. The new Guides interest badges include Aspirations, Campaigning and Backwoods Cooking.

There is also now a Gold Award for girls that complete all the different sections of the programme.

Rainbows have been working on their Communications Skills Builder badge learning how to sing over the rainbow in sign language. They celebrated Chinese New Year, pancake day and have made mini pizzas as well as planting vegetable seeds, having a teddy bear picnic promise part and taking part in Parliament week 2018. Earlier in the year some of the girls also attended a special day at the zoo.

Brownies have also worked on their Communication Skill Builder badge and learnt to spell their names in British Sign Language, designed their own emoji and acted out songs. They completed an engineering badge in partnership with amey and the girls had great fun building capsules to protect an egg during an egg drop, looking at the cost and environmental impact of building a new railway line and built dancing robots.

They were very lucky to have a visit from Liz, an officer in the RAF stationed at Odiham. She talked to the girls about her career and being part of a helicopter crew. The girls were able to try on her gear and asked lots of great questions.

They also teamed up with the Kingsclere Royal British Legion in December and helped pack Christmas boxes to send to serving soldiers abroad.

Brownies are currently looking forward to a beach themed pack holiday next week to Foxlease in the New Forest where they will have a go at archery, be able to climb the climbing wall and whiz down the zip wire.

The Guide unit has grown and are now meeting after Brownies. They are working on selection of new skill builders and have built field stretchers, enjoyed a night out campfire cooking and made campsite gadgets. They joined in with Parliament week 2018, managed to escape from a puzzle room and have made mosaic lanterns.

One Guide is currently working towards her Baden Powell Award, the highest award a Guide can achieve, and has organised an evening to celebrate Chinese New Year and an international evening looking at Guides in South Africa including music, food tasting and crafts.

Lastly girls from all sections took over Tadley Library as part of a regional event across South West England. They were involved in a fun filled night of activities ending in the Rainbows returning home after dark leaving the Brownies and Guides to sleep between the shelves.

Our leadership team is growing strong, Jo is organising a trip to Marwell Zoo in May as part of her Leadership Qualification and Eleanor has started working on her Queen's Guide Award.

Appendix 4:

Kingsclere Photo Club Report

During 2018, our 19th season, Kingsclere Photo Club met on the first Wednesday of the month at the Village Club and continued to offer a variety of events from speakers to practical workshops. In-house and external speakers covered topics including mobioigraphy (mobile phone photography), travel to the West Indies and wildlife photographer Tom Way and underwater photographer Lena Roy instructed and entertained us with the fabulous images from all around the world.

Our practical workshop in September was well attended and the subject for the evening was 'oil and water' as well as objects for still life photography.

Our photography 'challenges' indeed challenged our creativity; 'Beyond' producing the most varied results. 'Inspired by....' Challenged members to reproduce a favourite work of art or photography and works by Constable, Monet and Escher to name a few were recreated, some members using post processing to achieve the desired result.

Photos from all of our challenges and workshop were displayed at our 11th exhibition, alongside photographs from our annual photo walk, this year from Hannington back to Kingsclere together with panels of 20 members photographs, the criteria being that the photographs must have been taken during the year. As well as our calendar of photographs taken in the Kingsclere area, members notelets, cards and postcards were also on sale as well as a number of mounted photographic prints. Entry to the Exhibition was free, and approx. 150 people attended in spite of a very wet weekend. Also included were three panels of photos from the photographic club in Cormicy. Chris Brown's photo of Wells cathedral won the public vote competition.

The darkroom was used 10 times between November 2017 and October 2018. New members have joined to use from Basingstoke, Southampton and Hungerford.

Appendix 5:

Kingsclere Village Club Annual Report: Year ending 31 March 2019

In 1921 the building now known as the Kingsclere Village Club was given to the people of the Parish of Kingsclere in perpetuity by the family of William and Mary Holding, and since 1994 it has had Village Hall status. As a result the Trustees are tasked with the provision and maintenance of a village hall for the use of the inhabitants of Kingsclere for meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

As regards the provision and maintenance of a village hall, leases to maintain the Police Office and Parish Offices have been successfully renegotiated meaning that we continue to accommodate services that contribute to improving village life. A new income stream has developed with the therapy room starting to attract regular bookings, which means a previously disused part of the building is being used in a way that can improve the lives of local inhabitants.

Maintenance of the listed building is ongoing. This year we have upgraded the hearing loop system in the main hall with a grant from the Four Lanes Trust and upgraded our fire alarm system. We are getting near to being able to replace the Parish Office front door, and works are due to start in the garden in April to reaffirm the boundary, improve security and discourage fly tipping and dog fouling which have become issues this year. In the spring, the Stannah Stair lift had become so unreliable that it is unusable. Replacing it is complicated by a need to replace the main stairs, which have been damaged by furniture beetle. Options to resolve are currently being considered.

Turning to use for meetings, lectures and classes, a good number of community groups such continue to hire rooms in the building regularly for meetings. Our classes continue to be popular, especially the new NHS endorsed 'Move it or Lose it' exercise class for people with health issues, or limited mobility or who are new to exercise has proven to be enjoyable, with some participants staying on for a post session social meet up. The classes being run by teachers themselves continue to be well attended including the new Tai Chi for people with limited mobility, meditation and monthly restorative yoga.

A full winter events programme, which is one of the other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupations that has taken place this year was reinstated. The most notable events were the theatrical productions such as 'Brilliance' by Farnham Maltings, and the volunteer run WW1 style tea party with its authentic menu. This year we also offered a summer event: A Winter's Tale by the Festival Players, who enthralled the audience in our garden. The events programme was made possible by sponsorship from Bluebird Care, Calla Salon and Wiltshire Farm Foods as well as grants from Howe and Son as well as the Covenant Trust.

Appendix 5 continued:

Our plans for 2019-2020 include concluding our change to a Charitable Organisation. The maintenance of the building is ongoing – both in relation to routine servicing and repairs as well as ensuring it is fit for modern purposes. The maintenance and repairs mentioned earlier in this report are just the tip of the iceberg as regards the works that are needed. The works needed have been scoped, and a programme is being devised so that we can undertake the fund raising that this needed. Over the next year we will be looking to undertake a consultation with local people so that we can be sure that our plans match up with local needs and interests; revisiting and updating key policies; and undertaking a Heritage Plan to help us gain the necessary planning permissions. The Heritage Plan is a large document looking at the historical value of the building, which will require some professional input as well as a group of volunteers to research difference aspects. We are looking for another one or two people with an interest in old buildings and conservation to help with this.

Appendix 6:

Chairperson's Report from the Annual General Meeting of Kingsclere Singers

The Kingsclere Singer's Annual General Meeting is a time to review our achievements and 'learnings' over the last year. To look to the future and how we work towards our share goals.

Our repertoire has expanded. As usual we have worked hard on the variety of music. We have sung with enthusiasm and gusto. Our events have been varied, challenging and enjoyable. They ranged from afternoon tea with music to evening concerts, weddings and other events.

We are most grateful to our Honorary President Jon Whitfield, who also supplies ideas, music and sorts out the sound system at our events. Our choir members work together to organise the advertising, raffle, stage, refreshments - all that makes the event successful. Thank you everyone.

Good news, the choir membership has increased, not only more sopranos and altos; we now have an impressive number of basses. More tenors will be good. The Kingsclere Singers have developed soloists and conductors who have enhanced our concerts, and given the choir an additional dimension, Thank you. During the year members have coped with difficult life events. It was a great shock that our helpful, efficient, lovely secretary Hannah was very ill. It is great she is recovering supports us at our events.

Our dedicated musical director Hazel as always enthuses and inspires the choir. She has encouraged and supported all aspects of the choir. Thank you for everything, you are incredible.

Our very talented accompanist Paul enables the choir to learn our pieces quickly through his ability to play all combinations of the parts as required. Thank you for all you do for Kingsclere Singers.

Appendix 7:

Kingsclere Youth Football Club Report 2019

The club entered its 30th year and continues to provide a sporting environment for boys and girls of the village and surrounding areas. The club continues to hold the FA Charter Status – the kite mark of a quality club.

The club is running organised football in 5 age groups from Under 7 to Under 12 with training available to youngsters as they turn or approach 6 years of age. In all the club has just over 80 playing members.

Saturday morning training is held at the Fieldgate Centre in the early and large part of the season as poor drainage generally makes it an unreliable venue mid-season. Training is then moved to Michaels Field in Hannington where all matches are played as the Fieldgate cannot provide the pitches the club requires. The good news is that there is a major push to improve the drainage at the Fieldgate which may mean training can be held there throughout the season. If the work is successful small sided pitches might be created to allow for some matches to be played there but Hannington will probably have to remain the clubs main playing venue.

Appendix 8:

Kingsclere Community Association

It has been another good year for the community association. The number of people visiting the Fieldgate Centre increased, the financial position has stabilised, and major improvements have been made in the building.

The Kingsclere Community Association (KCA) is a charity that runs the Fieldgate Centre and our objective is to provide for the benefit of the people of Kingsclere and the neighbourhood facilities that promote social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation, improving the well-being of those who live in the area. We are run by volunteers, not by the council, and rely on the support of many people to ensure we all can make the most of this fantastic community asset.

Appendix 8 continued:

The number of people going to the Fieldgate continues to increase with 2018-19 seeing over 42,000 visiting the facility. This has been achieved by increased use by regular users who run classes at the centre and one-off hires for events and parties including five wedding receptions. Activities include Ceroc dancing, pilates, fitness classes, gentle aerobics, badminton and short mat bowling. There are Slimming World group sessions on Wednesday. The Youth Club is well attended and we ran the National Play Day event in August. The Christmas Sing Along saw the centre full of festive spirit and we were delighted to hold the "Lest we Forget" event to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War 1.

We have to generate all of the revenue to keep the centre running as we receive no funding from the council or other bodies to do this. Hire fees now make up 80% of our operating income with income from the bar making up the remainder. Hiring the centre out and running activities is therefore essential for the financial viability of the community association.

Replacement of aging infrastructure is now one of the key activities of the association to ensure that we have a facility for many years to come. This year has seen the replacement of doors and windows and next we plan to upgrade the heating and the electrical system. This work has been made possible by Local Infrastructure Fund grant from Basingstoke & Deane BC and a Community Building fund grant from Hampshire County Council. To fund further work we were delighted to be awarded a £100,000 matched funding grant by the Greenham Common Trust. The challenge we have is to raise the matched funding to allow this grant to be made available and we are making grant applications and running our own events to raise funds. We have been able to refresh the look of the centre with the installation of new curtains throughout, some new carpets and refurbished benches and we have also bought equipment all with the help of grants from Greenham Common Trust and the Four Lanes Trust. The financial assistance of our grant providers is vital as the expense of upgrading the centre is well beyond what we currently raise through operating revenue.

Although the playing fields are owned and run by B&DBC the KCA has been managing the upgrade of the outside sports facilities. The first upgrade has been the installation of an all-weather artificial turf surface in the Multi-Use Games Area court. This is now a great facility for many different types of sports activities including netball and football. We are currently working on the project to improve the drainage of the pitches.

The year ahead is packed with events and activities. There will be play sessions every Wednesday during the school holidays and we are starting up the Monthly Meet Up @ The Fieldgate, an event open to all. Look out for the Last Night of the Proms event to be held along with a Pantomime, a Rock Night, Racing Night and the Christmas Sing-along.

Thanks need to go to all who provide their time to do so many different things for the KCA including managing day to day activities, running events, raising grants, decorating, repairing and refurbishing such as the great work on the benches. We could not operate without the support of the community and we would be really pleased to welcome anyone one who would like to help.

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Appendix 9: The Tower

The Tower magazine continues to be an extraordinary success in the way it keeps the residents of Kingsclere informed of local activities, notices and church events.

It is produced by a huge team of volunteers each month who edit a steady flow of local content, organise advertisers, arrange printing, insert monthly flyers and deliver to nearly 1600 households.

It's a well-oiled machine which works very well and thanks to all our local advertisers ensures that its print and production costs are covered.

We have a small committee which meets two or three times a year and ensures we keep the village at the heart of what we do and that the Tower stays an important and informative document.

We want to hear about what your group or organisation gets up to each month.

We currently have a waiting list of local advertisers and the temptation is to make the Tower 'bigger' or add colour pages, but we feel that's its current format is the right one.

Any item which needs to be included needs to be with the editors by 12th of the month and preferably in 'word' format.

Keeping pace with technology we now provide an on-line version in PDF format on the parish council website: www.kingsclere-pc.org.uk/tower.html

If you need to contact the Tower we have all the necessary contact details printed at the front of each months copy of the Tower or email us on: kingscleretower@gmail.com