

Kingsley Parish Council
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Affordable housing in Kingsley

A survey carried out earlier this year shows that there is a significant need for more affordable housing in Kingsley to allow people who have grown up in Kingsley and have a close association with the village, to continue living here.

Please see the article by HARRAH in this edition of King's World.

Kingsley Quarry

The Parish Council attended a meeting with Lafarge Tarmac (LT) on 2 June 2015 to hear about their plans for the future of Kingsley Quarry. We were told that there is enough sand that can be extracted from the current quarry to keep the operation going for about 3 more years. This aligns with the expiration in 2018 of the planning permission for the operation of the current processing plant.

LT now want to proceed with plans to submit planning applications to extract 2 million tonnes of sand, for approximately 20 years, from a new site in Kingsley to the west of Oakhanger Road (in the South Downs National Park) and renew permission for the processing plant (outside the Park).

At the meeting, LT said they would like to hold regular stakeholder meetings to involve the local community in the development of their plans and suggested that the Parish Council should be part of this group.

The Parish Council considered this suggestion and whilst wanting to keep well informed about proposed developments, it decided that the Council should not become a member of the stakeholder group. Joining this group may be incorrectly interpreted as indicating the Council is in favour of the new development.

Lengthsman scheme

HCC has allocated Kingsley further funding to help keep our paths in good order. We plan to use some of this money to complete the clearance of the footpaths along side the B3004 from Baker's Corner to the entrance of Country Markets.

This work clears only the surface of the footpaths (and makes them seem nearly twice as wide in places!) but does not cover cutting back overgrowth from adjacent land.

So **please** can we ask owners of land along side the footpath to cut back any growth from plants, hedges or trees on their land that overhang the footpaths. It really is a safety issue when pedestrians are forced to walk near to the pavement edge with lorries and cars rushing past.

St Nicholas Chapel

The east wall of the Chapel was badly damaged by floodwater during the very wet weather in early 2013. It has taken a long time to find a specialist architect, builder

and then obtain insurers consent to commence the repair work. The work has now started and will take about 4 to 6 weeks. The church may not, therefore, be open for the first Saturday in August.

It will, however, be open for the annual music recital and cream teas at on Saturday 5th September; an event not to be missed.

Cradle Swings

We have successfully applied for funding from the District Councillors Community Grant Scheme to repair the cradle swings on Upper Green. We hope the swings will be back in action for the summer holidays.

The motorbikes are back

Once again there has been motorbike activity on the Common. Please let anyone you know who rides bikes on the Common that if they are caught their bikes can be confiscated and may even be crushed. If you see or hear these bikes please try to report this to the MoD police on 01420 482310

And finally ...

Please note that the Parish Council will not have a meeting in August; the next meeting will be on Thursday, 24th September at 7.30pm in the Kingsley Centre.

Visit the Parish Council website to read the minutes of all discussions and decisions made at Parish Council meetings

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