

Kingsley Parish Council

Broadband.

As it stands at this time, almost half of Kingsley will have only 2 Mbps download speed or less at the end of the final phase of the Hampshire Superfast Fibre Broadband roll out programme 3 years from now. The Parish Council has formed a working group to discuss and work on ways to improve this situation, which will doubtless include meetings with H.C.C. and BT Openreach.

Kingsley Parish Council Website

You may not have noticed but Kingsley PC has a new website. It has a much more contemporary look, an improved layout and contains significantly more information than in the past. Visit <http://www.kingsleyparishcouncil.org> and take a look.

Local Grant.

Our local District Councillor has £1000 to support a worthwhile project, idea or cause. The Parish council has a number of ideas but suggestions are welcome. If you have a suggestion please contact the council via our new website.

B3004 Road Safety

Kingsley Parish Council has a lead Councilor for Highways (Cllr David Lowe) with road safety and pedestrian safety through the village being top of the priority list. The council has recently agreed to extend the use of the Speed Limit Reminder sign for another year. This illuminated sign is shared with Headley and a number of other local parishes who all contribute to the cost of deployment, with Headley Parish coordinating it's use. The sign will appear in our village at least 4 times over the next year to re-enforce the 30mph limit.

Pedestrian safety is also extremely important so maintaining the pavements through the village is a necessity. Parish Lengthsmen were used in Hampshire until the late 1960s, carrying out maintenance works across their allocated parishes. Lengthsmen were given lengths of highway to maintain and were expected to do everything necessary to keep 'their' sections of road up to scratch. Hampshire C.C. re-introduced a successful pilot Lengthsman scheme in 2011 and subsequently extended this to many parts of the county. Kingsley is in partnership with Grayshott and other local parishes and receives a small grant to fund a contractor to work to keep the surfaces of our paths and pavements clear. The main work takes place after Autumn and Spring, based on a list of priorities drawn up by the Parish council. So look out for improvements to the "old Forge Road" footpath" and to the pavement between the village and Country Market.

In addition to the Lengthsman Scheme it is the responsibility of property owners that border pavements, to keep hedges trimmed and not allow them to restrict pavement width.

Dogs on Upper Green

It is very much appreciated when dog owners clean up after their dogs on the Village Greens (and other public places) and deposit the faeces within their own household waste or waste bins.

Unfortunately, a few irresponsible owners do not do this. Dog mess left in public places can be unpleasant, offensive and a health risk, especially in areas used by children. Dog faeces may carry a disease called toxocarasis, which can occasionally cause severe health problems for children and older people.

So please can we ask all dog owners to clean up their dog mess on the Village Greens. The Parish Council also asks dog owners to prevent their dogs from going onto the play areas on Upper Green.