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## **Kingsley Parish Council**

### **First the good news**

Richard Coury has agreed to become a member of the Parish Council. He was co-opted as a Councillor at the meeting in November.

### **Now the not so good news**

Carole Pearson has resigned from the Council as she felt her increasing work commitments meant she could not dedicate the time she would like to Parish Council activities.

We are indebted to Carole for her contribution to the Parish over the past three years. In particular, Carole was the Lead Councillor for St Nicholas Chapel and she successfully negotiated the bureaucracy of an insurance claim and managed contracts for major repairs to the Chapel following water ingress.

### **And now the plea**

There is once again a vacancy on the Parish Council. If any one is interested in joining the Council then please contact the Chairman or any Councillor. We can be contacted via our website [kingsleyparishcouncil.org](http://kingsleyparishcouncil.org)

### **Community Emergency Plan**

Over the last few years the village has been adversely affected by weather events, snow and storms, which put people's wellbeing at risk. The Parish Council, lead by Cllr Karin Clayton, is helping to put together plans that will help alleviate some of these risks in any future emergencies.

One of the requirements during such events is to communicate with people to find out if they need any help or support and to let them know what is going on. This can be difficult especially if power or telephone lines are down.

There may also be occasions when help is needed from local people who own 4x4s, tow ropes, chainsaws, generators, water pumps or other useful items and who have medical training and skills.

The Community Emergency Plan will, as its name implies, rely on the local community and volunteers to provide a helping hand in the case of an emergency. It is not intended to undertake activities that must rightly be carried out by the professional services.

To this end, Karin is looking for volunteers who would be willing to be part of the Emergency Group and who have some useful items or skills that may be used in the case of an emergency.

Please contact Karin via the Parish Council website to offer your help.

### **Smiley SID (Speed Indication Devise)**



The Parish Council has a share in equipment that can be deployed to display the speed of cars, vans and lorries through the village. Any vehicles that exceed the speed limit can also be reported to the police. Regular use of this equipment is a very effective way of slowing down the speed of traffic through the village. The equipment can be deployed at any time (during daylight hours) and can be set up for just an hour or so or for a whole day.

However, more volunteers are needed to make full use of the equipment when it is our turn to have it. So please consider if you can offer an hour or two now and again - full training will be provided.

Miranda Orbell is the village coordinator for the deployment of the equipment. Please contact her or Cllr David Lowe, the Lead Councillor for traffic and highways, who can be contacted via the Parish Council website [kingsleyparishcouncil.org](http://kingsleyparishcouncil.org)