

Kingsley Parish Council – Jan 2017

Good News – New Councillor

The Parish Council is please to announce that the vacant seat on the Council has been filled.

The new Councillor is Roger Fletcher. Roger was coopted onto the Council at the November meeting; an election was not needed as no other candidates have come forward in the several months since the seat was vacated.

Cllr Fletcher is a new resident having moved in to the western end of the village about a year ago.

Allotments

At the moment there is one vacant plot at Kingsley Allotments. There is no one on the waiting list, so now is the time if you want to apply for a plot – first come first served.

To find out more about applying for an allotment please go to the Parish Council website - <http://www.kingsleyparishcouncil.org/allotments.php>

Community Speedwatch

The last four deployments in 2016 of the Speed Indication Device (SID) took place in November. Traffic volumes were lower than the summer with 152, 142,129 and 172 vehicles counted for each hour. The number of vehicles measured as exceeding 35mph also fell November to 6.7% and is lower than usual.

Since February 2016, Hampshire Police have sent 75 letters to vehicle drivers as a result of the SID sessions in Kingsley. This figure excludes the “high speeders” (over 40mph) who were contacted in other ways.

The SID will be coming back to Kingsley in February 2017 and new volunteers are required. Sessions are never more than an hour and the more volunteers we have the more deployments we can organize. Please contact Cllr Lowe on councillor.lowe@kingsleyparishcouncil.org to volunteer.

The PC is very grateful for the time given by Miranda Orbell as Coordinator for the Kingsley Community Speedwatch Volunteers. Miranda has given up this role and Cllr Dave Lowe is now Kingsley’s coordinator.

Dog Mess

It is very much appreciated by everyone when dog owners clean up after their dogs and deposit the faeces within their own household waste or waste bins.

Unfortunately, a few owners still do not do this. Local residents have reported dog mess left in public places, on footpaths and on the playground at Upper Green. The path from Forge Rd across Churchfields to Kingsley Common and the footpaths around Kingsley Pond have been noticeably bad recently.

So again, we ask all dog owners please clean up your dog's mess in and around the village. We also ask dog owners to stop their dogs from going onto the play areas on Upper Green.

Happy New Year

So what are likely to be key items on the Parish Council agenda during 2017? The list includes:-

Village broadband; Traffic volumes and speed; Repairs to St Nicholas church; Improving recreational enjoyment of Upper and Lower Greens; Contingency plans (power cuts, bad weather); Footpaths; Planning applications; Unapproved development and use of land.

And, of course, regular contributions to King's World!

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