

KINGSTON NEWS

“Looking After Your Interests”

Kingston Parish Council Newsletter

Issue 2, October 2009

Message from the Chairman



Dear Resident,

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter.

This newsletter is mainly focussed on finding out what you think about the Parish and how we look after it. We need your views and comments on this – from as many of you as possible to get a balanced view of all our residents.

So please do complete the attached questionnaires and return them to us by 31st October 2009.

Cllr Geraldine Walker
Chairman Kingston Parish Council

About our Questionnaires

There are two questionnaires attached to this newsletter. They relate to:

The Kingston Design Statement

We have developed a draft Kingston Design Statement. This is your chance to let us know your views on planning matters, for inclusion in the final version which we hope will be adopted by Arun District Council as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

and

The Kingston Action Plan

The need for a Parish Action Plan was discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting in May this year and it was agreed that it was important for the parish to identify both short and long term objectives for inclusion in an Action Plan e.g. what to protect, what to improve. Now we are seeking your views to identify what should be included in the Action Plan and how it is best taken forward.

If you have internet access why not look at the draft Kingston Design Statement in full and complete both questionnaires on-line by following the link from our website:

www.arun.gov.uk/kingston

Remembrance Sunday



8 NOVEMBER 2009

At approximately 12.30 pm there will be a Wreath laying service at Kingston War Memorial

Full itinerary:

10.30 am Parade leaves The Street, East Preston, and marches to St Mary's Church for a Remembrance Service

11.50 am Parade marches to the East Preston War Memorial

12 noon Wreath laying at East Preston War Memorial.

12.30 pm Wreath laying at the Kingston War Memorial

Do come and join us - Diary dates for you

Full Council meetings

in the Warren Room, East Preston and Kingston Village Hall commencing at 7.45pm on

12th November, 21st January and 11th March

Next Planning Committee meeting



in the Warren Room, East Preston and Kingston Village Hall commencing at 7.00 pm on Monday 26th October

Why not keep in touch?

To be added to our e-mail circulation list please e-mail kingstonpc@tesco.net

Where to deliver your questionnaire

To one of your COUNCILLORS:		
Cllr Geraldine Walker, Chairman	Rife Manor, Brookside Road BN161SE	01903 772043
Cllr Michael Hodge, Vice-Chairman of Council and Chairman of F&GP Committee	23 Coastal Road, BN16 1SJ	01903 784611
Cllr Andrew McMenemy, Chairman of Planning Committee	Foxearth, Middle Way, BN16 1RY	01903 856819
Cllr Peter Jolly	Thatched Corners, Coastal Road, BN16 1SW	01903 786825
Cllr Valerie Masson-Kaidbey	Windy Corner, Gorse Avenue BN16 1SQ	01903 786139
Cllr Max Chatterton	Cover, Middle Way, BN16 1SB	01903 784096
Cllr Karen Kenning	The Saltings, Downsview Road, BN16 1SD	01903 774931
To the CLERK:		
Clerk to the Council: Mrs Val Cousins, 33 The Ridings, East Preston, West Sussex BN16 2TW e-mail: kingstonpc@tesco.net Tel: 01903 771922		Why not keep in touch? Visit our website: www.arun.gov.uk/kingston

POLICING - PCSO Moves On	Fire Safety
<p>We were sorry to lose Lee Matthews, our Police Community Support Officer, who during his short time in the Kingston and East Preston area did so much to improve local security and curb vandalism. He has moved to work in the Yapton area. As yet no new PCSO has been appointed to cover our Parish, and both Kingston and East Preston Parish Councils have asked for extra Police patrols to cover the area until we have our own PCSO.</p> <p>The most recent 90 day crime statistics reveal just three crimes in the Parish: one attempted burglary in Gorse Avenue; one burglary in Sea Lane, and one person in possession of cannabis. This related to a camp set up in a field behind Coastal Road which was used for drinking and possible drug taking by youths. The tent has now been removed.</p> <p><i>A reminder: For an incident or anything suspicious ring 0845 60 70 999; In an emergency ring 999.</i></p>	<p>Did you know there was a recent incident where a wash out valve could not be located because it was hidden by foliage? Whilst we all know that Fire hydrants give fire crews somewhere to obtain water when fire fighting, wash out valves can also be used by fire crews or by Southern Water to wash out blocked sewer pipes. So please make sure any fire hydrant or wash out valve near your property is not hidden.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><i>Look for markers like these</i></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> </div>

Greening Campaign - Phase 2
<p>Council continues to support the Kingston and East Preston Greening Campaign, which aims to help the community reduce their carbon footprint by making small lifestyle changes – to not only help the environment but save participants money. An independent Committee of volunteers has been set up to run the campaign. The ‘card challenge’ was the first phase of the campaign and 4% of households in Kingston participated - thank you. Phase 2 will be launched soon, so it is not too late to take part. Keep an eye on our noticeboards or visit www.greening-campaign.co.uk</p>



Kingston Parish Design Statement - Questionnaire

This questionnaire has been prepared to enable residents to express their views on items regarding the planning and design issues that impact the Parish.

Please consider completing the questionnaire on-line by following the links from our website www.arun.gov.uk/kingston where you can also see the detailed draft Kingston Design Statement including photographs from around the parish.

About You

This first section gathers a few details about you. This is to try and make sure that you are a resident of the Parish and that we are not getting bombarded with irrelevant responses.

Please enter your address

This will not be used except as check that we are not getting "spammed" with lots of entries - and that we only take into account the entries from residents of the Parish.

Full Name

This is OPTIONAL - but it makes it easier should we enter discussions regarding your views

E-mail address

This is OPTIONAL - but makes it easier to respond to any comments or issues that may arise from your responses.

General Views

Everyone has different views about the area in which they live. These next few questions are designed to try and get a general feel from the residents regarding the Parish of Kingston.

What Makes Kingston special to you?

Everyone has different views about the area in which they live - we are interested to understand what makes the Parish special to you (Just a short paragraph - not an essay! You won't be marked on your response.)

Are you in favour of more, or less planning control?

The Government is frequently changing the Planning Laws and the Parish Council try to maintain a sensitive but pragmatic approach to this, but what do you think?

- There should be more control over planning
- It's probably about right
- There should be less interference
- Other: -----

Parish Council and Planning Applications

The Parish Council has strenuously protected a number of principles over the past ten years. In this section we would like to solicit your views on these issues which may have a significant impact on the Parish of Kingston

The strategic gap (open land) between Ferring and East Preston is important as a Site of Nature Conservation Interest, a vital part of the flood plain, and an essential part of the rural nature of the Parish.

The Parish Council has defended the strategic gap against any encroachment; the Government has now removed the designation of "Strategic Gap" and this may open the possibility of development. We need to understand whether this gap is important to you.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

Do you think it's important to maintain the character of properties when they are undergoing alterations or being rebuilt?

- Changes should fit with the existing and surrounding properties
- Changes should use similar materials
- Changes should not cause a substantial increase in the build footprint
- Other: -----

What are your thoughts on infilling?

Infilling - for example building between existing properties or in the gardens of existing properties - obviously changes the housing density of the Parish.

- Infilling should be strenuously resisted
- Infilling should be resisted, except in extraordinary circumstances
- Infilling should be permitted between properties, but not in gardens
- Infilling should be permitted in gardens, but not between properties
- Infilling should be permitted
- Other: -----

What are your thoughts regarding the height of new developments, extensions, or house modifications?

In general most houses in the Parish have one or two stories, perhaps with a loft conversion.

- The two-story limit should be maintained
- Roof lines add to the visual harmony of the Parish and should be maintained
- Height doesn't matter as long as it doesn't block the view or overlook another property
- Height doesn't matter
- Other: -----

Should the Parish Council continue to resist efforts to create an East-West cycle path across the Parish?

Attempts have been made by West Sussex County Council to create a cycle route through Kingston using the Greensward or the Ferring-East Preston footpath

- There should be NO cycle path along the Greensward
- There is no suitable East-West route for cycles through the Parish
- Cycles could follow the route of the footpath from Ferring to East Preston
- Cycles should be allowed along the Greensward
- Other: -----

The Parish Council believes that maintaining the existing character of Parish, whilst allowing it to evolve, is important

How important is the existing character of the Parish to you

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

Are there any restrictions that you would like to see applied to planning proposals?

This is an opportunity to provide some additional guidance that we should consider when the Parish and the District review planning applications.

And

This section is an opportunity for some additional input

Are there any further comments that you wish to be considered and addressed within the Parish Design Statement

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire – please also complete the next questionnaire on a Parish Action Plan



Kingston Action Plan – Questionnaire

We are hoping to develop a Parish Action Plan and would like to elicit your views.

Communications

In this section we are trying to find out the extent to which the various Parish communications are known, seen, or used

How do you receive your information about what is happening in the Parish of Kingston?

How useful do you find our Parish Newsletter – Kingston News?

Not Very useful 1 2 3 4 5 Very useful

What should be the frequency of the Newsletter?

1 each year 2 each year 3 each year Other: -----

Have you ever attended a Parish meeting?

Yes No

If you answered No, why have you not attended?

We are trying to determine if people don't know about the meetings, find the timing of meeting inconvenient, are not interested, or would attend if the subject was important to them

Do you ever look at the Notice Boards?

There are two Parish notice boards. One is shared with Kingston Gorse Estate (located in Gorse Avenue) and one is shared with West Kingston Estate (located in Coastal Road)

Yes No

What would you look at the Notice Boards for?

We are trying to determine what information should be published on the Notice Boards:

- Information regarding dustbin collections
- Parish Council information
- Residents' Association information
- Neighbourhood Watch bulletins
- Church service times
- Other: -----

Do you ever look at the Parish Council website?

The Parish Council has a website at www.arun.gov.uk/kingston

Yes No

How do think Parish Communications could be improved?

We are looking for suggestion for improving the Parish Communications

Security

Did you know that our Police Community Support Officer regularly holds a drop-in surgery in East Preston?

Yes No

Does your road have a Neighbourhood Watch scheme to which you belong?

Yes No

Parish Premises

Does the Parish need its own meeting room?

Yes No

How many times have you used the East Preston and Kingston Village Hall over the last two years?

0 2 or fewer 6 or fewer 12 or fewer More

If you have made use of the Village Hall, can you describe the purpose?

Support for the East Preston and Kingston Village Hall

The buildings date back to the 18th Century, and were originally the barn and stables belonging to a local farm. In 1981 they were converted to use as a village hall for the benefit of the inhabitants of East Preston and Kingston Parishes, and today are run by a self governing Trust.

Should we make a contribution?

towards the annual running costs towards the proposed new extension neither

If so, how much per annum?

Note this will affect your Council Tax. For example, a contribution of £1,000 per annum will increase the annual council tax charge (Parish Precept element) for a Band D property by £2.35 and for a Band G property by £3.91

0 £200 £500 £1,000 £2,000 £5,000 Other £ -----

Amenities

Is there an amenity that you would like changed or added in Kingston?

We will assume that a blank response means that you are happy

What would you like us to consider for the future of Kingston?

For example: play areas, Parish events, conservation improvements, new footpaths, etc.

Do you think it would be worth having Information Points along the beach?

Yes No

Do you own a dog?

Yes No

In your opinion is there a problem with dog fouling in the Parish?

Yes No

Where, if anywhere, do you perceive this problem to be particularly bad?

Transport

Would you be willing to take part in a scheme to share private vehicles or take part in a voluntary transport service?

Yes No

Do you think there are danger spots on the roads in the Parish, if so where?

Environment

There has been a move to reduce or remove central funding of sea/flood defences. What should be the Parish's stance on sea and flood defence?

Progressing the Parish Action Plan

Do we need a separate Community Action group to work on the Parish Action Plan (assuming enough volunteers came forward), or should this be progressed by the Parish Council?

Separate Community Action Group Parish Council Other: -----

Would you be willing to participate in the development of the Parish Action Plan?

If you answer Yes to this question, then please ensure you have provided us with contact details at the start of the form.

Yes No Maybe

And

If you have any further ideas you think should be on a Parish 'Wish List', please write them here.

What to do with this questionnaire

Please detach the completed questionnaire from the front page of the newsletter and post or hand to one of your Parish Councillors – see page 2 of the newsletter for details.

Thank you for taking part.