

Kingston News March 21

Report from Kingston Parish Council

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At our meeting on 13 January ...

We discussed:

- The **Conservation Appraisal** – unfortunately the review of the current Appraisal has been delayed due to staff shortages and staff illness.
- We decided **not to increase the parish's precept for the coming year.**
- The **traffic issues, and residents' concerns about speed, safety and pollution as well as concerns about oversized vehicles and poor signage.** We will explore applying for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds in order to help alleviate some of the ongoing issues.

Covid19

As I write this we are in lockdown 3. Thankfully, the children's playground can remain open this time round, but many other activities have had to be curtailed or stopped. It is good news that many residents have already been vaccinated and others have received the call up. The Pavilion committee is continuing to prepare for, and look forward to, reopening the Community Pavilion. **Thank you** to all who have met the government guidelines on social distancing, and who have offered help to those in the village who need it.

Tennis courts

In preparation for reopening the access matting is to be replaced and drainage improvements are planned once the weather improves.

A new bin!

Lewes District Council has replaced the bin on The Street adjacent to the Parish Hall, on request by the Parish Council.

Pavilion fuel

We have switched to renewable electricity (provided from East Sussex) **and carbon neutral gas.** This will save around £400 pa.

Tree survey works

...following the 2019 KPC tree survey works are due to commence **on essential maintenance for trees on KPC land.**

How to report floods, potholes ...

Please do keep on reporting issues! Go to East Sussex Highways – report a problem or ring on **0345 608 0193**.

Planning applications in the village

You can find details, and can comment, at <http://planningpublicaccess.southdown.gov.uk/online-applications/>. This is your opportunity to comment, or you can contact any of the councillors to discuss.

Saxondown easement funds

Please do read the **yellow flyer** that comes with the issue of the Kingston News. We need your ideas and your help!

Date of next council meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 10 March. We are continuing to meet by Zoom. If you want to “attend” please email clerk@kingston-pc.org.uk by **4pm on Tuesday 9 March** and a link will be sent to you on the following day. (I can promise you that it won't be like the Handforth Parish Council meeting that went viral at the beginning of February!)

KPC contact details

We are still working during these difficult times – our contact details are on the KPC website (www.kingston-pc.org.uk) and also on the notice boards. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need to and we will do our very best to help.