

KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2006

INTRODUCTION

This is the second Annual Report of the Parish Council and highlights the activities which have taken place in the financial year to 31st March 2006.

MEMBERS

Cllr. C. Maddock (Chairman) `	787126
Cllr. E. Lewis (Vice Chairman)	787305
Cllr. D. Ogg	788315
Cllr. M. Barker	787414
Cllr. C. Siebert	787892
Cllr. N. Stockdale	788466
Cllr. G. Warburton	788329
Cllr. M. Goodridge	788917
Cllr. A. Bridges	787806
Cllr. C. Hale	787769
Cllr. C. Jones	787268
Mrs. D. Woods (Clerk)	739400

Footpaths & Playing fields

Work has again been undertaken to ensure that the footpaths in Kingsley (of which there are 16 miles) are kept as free as possible for the public to enjoy. Footpath strimming is carried out by local tradesmen.

The playing fields also continue to be cut by local tradesmen but the play equipment has been removed and the site cleared. This has been necessary due to the poor state of the equipment and the unacceptable state of the area in general.

Discussions and negotiations are now taking place with a view to the provision of a new and better lit play area which will cater for all age groups.

Traffic & Transport

It is pleasing to report that at last some kerbs have been lowered to allow wheelchair access to the Doctor's surgery .

The additional litter bins requested have been sited.

The introduction of the interactive 30mph sign in Hollow Lane will we hope, continue to keep the speed of traffic within the specified limits.

Improvements to the road layout at the junction of Hill foot Lane and Kingsley Road have been pursued to reduce the number of traffic incidents at this point..

Cemetery

Council are pleased to report that progress, although a little slow, is being made in relation to the proposed new entrance. Mr. Jeffs the adjacent landowner has kindly donated the necessary piece of land needed for the improvement. A contractor has been agreed and we are currently finalising funding for the project. It is hoped that work will commence in the next few months.

Again using a local workforce the cemetery is kept in a very tidy condition.

Interments have commenced in the new section.

KU 17 Group

Through the efforts of Councillor Lewis and her associates the KU 17 Club has gone from strength to strength... They now have in place a constitution policy, equal opportunities policy, insurance, child protection policy and first aid

A Youth worker and assistance youth worker has been employed and has taken over the running of the club nights with the help of parents on a rota list.

The Club average 20 youngsters per session aging from 11 to 14 years.

Youth Activities

Councillor Jones has been a very active member of the Council in relation to youth activities and good progress is being made in ensuring that Kingsley Parish Council obtains representation at the various group meetings. Although some issues are still outstanding contacts have been developed that could be called on to assist in being proactive.

Regular bulletins from PC.Hodges of the Cheshire Constabulary have proved very useful.

Web Site

It is pleasing to report that through the support of Simon Sherlock a resident of the village the web site is now greatly improved. Additional links have been included and many local groups now use the facility. (www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk) Council information including Agendas and Minutes can be found on the website and additional local news items will continue to be added on a regular basis.

Kingsley News Monthly Magazine

It is pleasing to report that the Council now has a regular page in the newsletter and tries to keep residents informed of all important issues.

CHAIRMAN'S OVERVIEW

I am pleased to thank all my colleagues for their hard work during what has been a particularly demanding year.

Council continue to monitor all planning applications which this year have included one or two major decisions. The Crossley Hospital East development and the proposed Wind Farm at Aston. It was important to hold public meetings over these two applications to obtain the general views of the residents...

The new cemetery entrance has progressed well and it is hoped this will finally be constructed during the next financial year.

It is sad to report the removal and clearance of the play area site but the proposals for a new play area currently under review are exciting and will cover all age groups.

It is pleasing to note that the KU `17 Club continues to grow and some excellent work has been carried out during the year by the scouting movement.

Unfortunately, however, there has been some youth nuisance by a few teenagers in the village but by working with the community action team it is hoped these will be substantially decreased.

The first Open Day held at the beginning of March was very successful and the views of the residents who attended will be taken on board. It is hoped this will become an annual event and the residents of Kingsley will work side by side with the Council to improve areas in the village.

One of the low points in the year was the position of Kingsley in the Community Pride Competition when we came last. It is hoped that in 2006 we can improve on this.

The second Chairman's award was presented to Mr. Barrie Speed for his contributions to the Kingsley community over many years.

The biannual carnival is due to be held in July 2006 and it is hoped that everyone will support it and make it an enjoyable day.

The work of the Parish Council is acknowledged and it is hoped that the good relations they have with parishioners will continue.

The turnout of parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 18th March was again disappointing but we will continue to advertise as much as possible and hope for better support in 2007.

Summary of Accounts 1st April 2005 – 31st March 2006

INCOME

Balance brought forward	26468.38	
Precept	19000.00	
Burials	3737.69	
Bank interest	415.78	
Carnival	311.00	
Photocopying refund	31.00	
Refund VAT	966.78	<u>50930.63</u>

EXPENDITURE

Salaries & Tax	5001.57	
Footpaths	1240.00	
Administration	1525.72	
Playing Fields	2726.00	
Dog Bins	392.84	
Insurance	568.24	
Subscriptions/donations	675.64	
Subsidy Youth Club	2000.00	
Carnival	105.66	
Cemetery general maintenance	2561.19	
Cemetery Entrance	363.09	
VAT	702.35	<u>17862.30</u>

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD £33068.33