

KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2008

INTRODUCTION

This report highlights the activities and business of the Council for the financial year ending **31st March 2008**

MEMBERS

Cllr. E. Lewis (Chairman)	787305
Cllr. M. Goodridge (Vice Chairman)	788917
Cllr. Fletcher	788873
Cllr. G. Warburton	788329
Cllr. C. Maddock	787126
Cllr D. Moores	787199
Cllr. M. Barker	787414
Cllr. S.Ireland	788096
Cllr. Gwillim	789098
Cllr. R. Wilson	787678
Cllr.B.Brooker	788516
Mrs. D. Woods (Clerk)	739400

Footpaths & Playing fields

Over the past year there have been few complaints about the footpaths in the village and the Council continues to fund the cutting back of overgrowth to keep the footpaths open to all. The new Notice board has been a great improvement and the re-print of the footpath walks leaflet is well in hand and nearing completion.

Any feedback on the footpaths is welcome.

The playing field is still without a play area but it is pleasing to note that funding is now available and construction is due to commence in 2008 with facilities for older children as well as youngsters. We hope it will be well cared for.

The tree management plan has been completed and will be monitored carefully.

Traffic & Transport

Parking still causes a problem at various times around the Kingsley County Primary School and also in the area around the shops in Hollow Lane. The headmaster of the Primary School has given his full co-operation to trying to minimise the disruption to residents in the area.

Meetings have taken place with County Highways to see what can be done about the various trouble spots in Kingsley and we are still working to resolve some of these issues.

Cemetery

We are pleased that the Cemetery entrance has now been completed and additional railings have been installed.

KU 17 Group

The KU 17 Group continues to thrive and work is now commencing on the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. The number of members has grown to 67 with ages varying from 11 to 16 years.

The group has passed level one validation with the Youth Federation and is now working towards level two. The higher the level means more fundraising can be applied for through the group. This year new furniture was provided.

The group continue to enjoy various activities and have visited many interesting and exciting places throughout the year.

The aim of the group is to welcome young people to participate in a community focal point, for social, educational, sports and Arts pursuits for all ages. It is intended to imbue a sense of community family values, respect for others, themselves and for their environment, and of course most importantly to have fun.

Youth Issues

Further progress has been made within the village to encourage all teenage groups to join KU 17 and to become part of this increasingly popular activity.

This facility has in part contributed to less anti social behaviour being noted in the village.

Web Site

It is felt that this site is now a good source of information on future events in the village, local businesses (Directory Section) and security issues through Home watch and the regular police updates. The Parish Council continue to provide regular reports and also the Litter Pick Team continues to thrive.

Other local groups such as the WI are also now beginning to use the site more regularly. Support has also been provided via the site for genealogy issues.

Appreciation is expressed to Simon Sherlock for his untiring efforts in keeping the site up and running.

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.

Community Liason

This is a new initiative set up by the Parish Council... The principal object is to engage with the various groups in the village to set up a link with them to enable the Parish Council to be aware of their needs and future plans. The development of this opens opportunities both to enhance the Parish Council's involvement with local groups and also to open opportunities within the groups themselves for development within the community.

CHAIRMAN'S OVERVIEW

I would like to thank all the Councillors for the support they have given me over the past year. I feel that we have achieved a lot for Kingsley by working as a team and helping each other. The first by coming 3rd in our category in the Best Kept Village competition and overall best achievement award.

Councillors Maddock and Moores have worked hard together getting the new footpath leaflet ready for the village and Councillor Gwillim organised the clearing of the brook which now looks much better.

The projects which had been started at the commencement of my year are coming along well and efforts by Cllr.Moores to improve the parking around Kingsley County Primary School are continuing.

The play area project is now coming to fruition and I would like to pay special thanks to Cllr.Fletcher for working with Groundwork on this issue.

Summary of Accounts 1st April 2007– 31st March 2008

INCOME

Balance brought forward	15051.23	
Precept	20200.00	
Burials	1355.00	
Bank interest	397.30	
Carnival	340.00	
CCC Grant re playing field	3750.00	
Walks books	70.00	
Community Pride donation	5.00	
CCC Grant re Footpath leaflet	486.00	
Refund Cemetery Seat	388.26	
Refund VAT	784...12	<u>42826.91</u>

EXPENDITURE

Salaries & Tax	5377.97	
Footpaths	1475.00	
Administration	2096.09	
Playing Fields	1406.59	
Insurance	547.52	
Subscriptions/donations	713.47	
Subsidy Youth Club	2000, 00	
Carnival	189.20	
Cemetery general maintenance	3667.86	
Cemetery Entrance	570.41	
VAT	839.34	
Hedge laying trees	3750.00	
Plants for planters	179.05	
Loan repayment	2738.68	
Memorial plaque	127.57	
Brook clearing	443.50	<u>26120.25</u>

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD £16706.66

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