

Kingsmead Parish Council

Welcome to the new Parish!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Kingsmead Parish and introduce your Parish Council committee who were elected in May this year. There are approximately 1800 homes in the new Parish which includes homes on London Road (previously within Davenham Parish), Royal Gardens and Kingsmead village.



From left to right: Cllr Emma Bannister, Cllr David Boylan, Cllr Helen Weltman, Cllr Patrick Warner, Cllr Andrew Murison, Cllr Stephen O'Donnell, Cllr Bill Simpson (Chairman), Jo O'Donoghue (Clerk), Cllr Simon Bury, Cllr Brian Done and Cllr Beth Colbourne.

We have been working hard for the Parish since the election in May, and are committed to ensuring Kingsmead Parish is a safe and supportive place to live.



Christmas in Kingsmead Parish

This year, the lights of the Kingsmead Parish Christmas tree will be turned on by Graham Evans MP. Proceedings will start at 5pm on Wednesday 30th November 2011 at The Kingfisher pub, and will be supported by entertainment from the children of Kingsmead Primary School and local singing sensation Paige Phillips. Light refreshments will be provided by the pub and we hope to see you there.

We would like to thank local business owner Simon Harding of Broomheath Plantation for erecting our tree and supporting this event.

Parish Council meetings

Kingsmead Parish Council meets on the 3rd Monday of each month. We hold a majority of our meetings in Kingsmead Primary School Hall from 7.30pm. We have a public open forum for the first 15 minutes of the meeting and those who are interested are welcome to stay for the rest of the session. To formally raise an item with the Parish Council, please contact our Clerk, Jo O'Donoghue, at least 4 days before the meeting – this will ensure you are added to the agenda.

Next meeting Monday 21st November 2011.

20 is plenty for Monarch Drive

This Summer the Parish Council were approached to review the '20 is plenty' initiative for residents of Monarch Drive, Kingsmead. Monarch Drive is the only residential through road in Kingsmead, and is an access route for Sir John Deane's College and approximately 500 homes. Residents have regularly reported speed issues in this area and have wanted to improve road safety for some time.

'20 is Plenty' allows communities to identify residential roads where they believe the speed limit should be reduced to 20mph from 30mph. There is considerable research that this reduction, in a residential area, saves lives specifically those of children, adult pedestrians and cyclists. A survey of Monarch Drive has been completed by concerned residents, and the Parish Council are taking this feedback to Cheshire West and Chester County Council. **Watch this space!**



Contact Us

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Land Handover Update

As many of you will be aware, Kingsmead village have been in the process of taking control of all their public land, parks and ponds for several years. These amenity areas are currently managed by RMG who are based at Gadbrook Park.

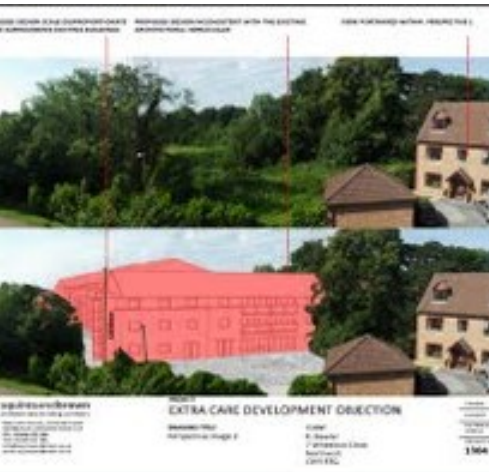
The formation of Kingsmead Parish Council has enabled us to act in a more official capacity with developers Redrow and Taylor Wimpey. Whilst their efforts wavered in September this year, we have managed to get them back on track and have a target handover date of 1st March 2012. The Parish Council has appointed local solicitors Chambers and Fletcher to manage the land transfer. This handover is important to the Parish for so many reasons. We need to have safe parks, we want to protect green spaces, and we have to ensure the developers do not offer Kingsmead common areas to a 3rd party.

The Parish Council will be arranging an Open Evening in the New Year for residents to review the land affected by the handover, and to discuss the new maintenance plans. This meeting will be publicised and we hope that you will come along and give your input.

Please continue to direct all Kingsmead maintenance requests to RMG until notified.

www.rmgtd.co.uk

Extra-Care Apartments Planning Applications, Kingsmead Village



Kingsmead Parish Council has been actively supporting the residents of Wheelock Close, Sandbach Drive, and Monarch Drive in opposing planning applications for Extra-Care Apartments off Sandbach Drive. The developers, Cruden Homestyle, have submitted multiple planning applications, and although refused by the local planning board, have now appealed to the Planning Inspectorate.

The proposed building is 4 stories high and made up of 2 blocks which contain 60 apartments. With additional commercial facilities that include a restaurant and hairdressers, residents are clearly worried about the traffic to and from the facility in an already busy area, as well being concerned at the sheer scale of the development (shown left).

We need your help!

We are in the process of creating a new Parish website, and want to establish a regular newsletter. But, we don't have a logo or recognisable image that represents Kingsmead Parish!

Could you help us? Please contact Jo O'Donoghue on the details below...

Our Parish PCSO

Kingsmead Parish is supported by Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Caroline Stevens. If you need to contact Caroline about a non-emergency Police matter, please contact her on:

- 0845 458 0000 (24hr non-emergency incident number)
- 0845 458 6392 (answer phone facility in the office)
- Email: caroline.stevens@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

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