

Annual Parish Meeting of Kingsmead Parish

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Kingsmead Parish held on Monday 15th May 2023.

This meeting is the annual meeting of the electorate, and all members of the public were invited to attend.

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

1. Apologies

Cllrs Boylan, Hoey and Jewitt.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 16th May 2022 had previously been accepted and signed.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

4. Annual Report from the Chair of the Parish Council (read by Cllr Bannister in Cllr Jewitt's absence)

It's been another busy year for the council, and I would like to thank all the councillors for their dedication and commitment to maintaining and improving Kingsmead estate. I would like to extend a special thank you to Wendy, our clerk, who in her first years has worked very hard and has proved to be a real asset. This year's budget was set and due to good financial management, we have been able to freeze this year's precept. So, no increases in your Council Tax due to the parish council, which I'm sure was gratefully received.

This year we have seen Councillor Chappell retire from the council due to a house move. Steve has been an excellent councillor for Kingsmead, and we thank him for all his contributions. Steve has been replaced by Alex Swift who is already showing himself to also be an excellent councillor. Alex has lived on the estate from the first build and is probably well recognised!

KPC has worked hard with the ground's maintenance team Countrywide over the last 2 years, and this is now showing dividends as the grounds around the estate are looking very smart. To add to this, we have had the path edging put back to the pin lines around Regency Way, and all road signs jet washed. Benches have been installed at some beauty spots for residents to enjoy the views and a lot of work has been completed which will see improvements to Kensington Park and Kingslawn park later this year. Last year we celebrated the Jubilee in style with an extravaganza on St Georges field which was hugely supported by our residents, and again this year for the Kings coronation. The Annual Xmas event was a huge success again especially with the introduction of the inflatable Santa on the clock tower.

5. General Discussion

There were no members of the public present.

The councillors present thanked Cllr Jewitt for his hard work over the last two-years as Chair of the Council.

The meeting closed at 7.14pm.