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# Annual Parish Meeting of Kingsmead

Minutes of Kingsmead Annual Parish Meeting  
held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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

The meeting started at 7pm.

Minutes:

## 1. Apologies

Cllr B Boylan, Cllr D Boylan and Cllr Herring.

## 2. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 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 for 2024-2025

In 2004 we managed to carry out several successful projects.

A volunteering day was held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 to get rid of as many roadside weeds and soil debris as we could. We managed to clear most of the weeds and may consider doing another session this year. We also upgraded, Kensington Way Park, with a multi sports surface on the field. This now provides a high-quality play area, for ball games, while still leaving the rest of the field for those wanting to walk their dogs. An orchard project was started to renovate the old farm orchard on St Georges field, and, whilst this is a long-term project, in year 1 debris was cleared and a bark path laid to make the orchard more accessible. We are hoping a volunteer group will help maintain the orchard going forward. Coronet Pond overflow was successfully repaired; this is important to keep the water level at a consistent height to help the amazing wildlife in it. The PC was also delighted to come to a maintenance arrangement with CWaC for the Crown roundabout, which has now had its first cut to reinstate the crown shape. The hedge will now be maintained going forward by Northwich Town Council. And we also continue to organise litter picks on the last Sunday of the month.

We held another successful Christmas event on 29<sup>th</sup> November, and we have arranged a summer event for this year, which will be on 28<sup>th</sup> June with a VE day themed picnic on St George's field.

We continued to help fund the Mini Police who, alongside our PCSO Lee Robertson won a national award for their contribution to our local community.

We also welcomed a new councillor, David Herring in February, following the resignation of Mike van Gordon who moved out of the area. We'd like to thank Mike for his contributions and look forward to working with David.

Finally, I want to thank all our councillors who give up their time voluntarily and who put in a lot of hours to make sure our parish is kept in the best condition and bring the community together. And our wonderful Clerk Wendy for all her hard work.

## 5. General Discussion

**The Parish meeting was attended by the Kingsmead Mini-Police, accompanied by the Headteacher of Kingsmead Primary school and several parents, the Principal of Sir John Deane's College and CEO of The Sir John Brunner Foundation and six members of public.**

The Kingsmead Mini-Police summarised their year and described the experience in London when they won the National Crimebeat's Richard Walduck award. They also presented the monthly PCSO report, as PCSO Robertson was unable to attend the meeting. A presentation was made by the Chair of Kingsmead parish council to the Mini-Police for their hard work and efforts; this consisted of a Police lantern and plaque, with the following inscription:

"In Honour of Kingsmead Mini Police and PCSO Lee Robertson  
Congratulations on winning the National Crimebeat's Richard Walduck Award 2025.  
For their outstanding dedication, community spirit, and service to the people of Kingsmead.  
With gratitude and pride."

The Principal of Sir John Deane's College commented that it had been disappointing to see the response the parish council had received from the Highways department of CWaC regarding a road traffic incident earlier this year and their refusal to consider additional road safety measures along this stretch of the A533. It was suggested that a working group of interested parties (to possibly include the local MP, Town and Ward councillors in conjunction with the college and KPC) might be able to lobby CWaC more successfully. He also acknowledged the concerns that had been raised recently by residents living near to the college about students parking on local roads. It was outlined how SJD provides more parking for students than other colleges in the NW and it also encourages students to walk (where possible) or to use buses, which are subsidised by the college. However, with the large catchment area covered by the college, including lots of rural places, it is a reality that cars will still be used by students. With this in mind, a parking study had recently been completed, which the college is considering as part of its long-term plans. It was also suggested that the problem only really manifests towards the end of the school year, with the impact of more drivers passing their test and the "A"-level period. Residents were reminded that parking issues on public roads should be reported to the police, using the non-emergency number (101), the Cheshire police portal or "Resident's Voice". The members of the public who attended the meeting commented about their frustration with the poor parking practices on the roads where they live and the lack of positive action being taken by the college to manage the situation. They acknowledged the work being done by the local PCSO to mitigate the problem and that also the action of extending the area of cones put out by the college had helped. However, there was concern that the college is not trying to tackle the problem at its source, i.e. by extending the parking areas within the college grounds, and that the issue was only going to get worse as the college expands in the next 4-5 years.

The meeting ended at 7.35pm.