

# **Kingsclere Parish Council**

## **Annual Parish Assembly held in the Village Club**

### **on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

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**Present:** Cllrs Adams; Denness; Farey; Mussett; Price.  
Clerk; 5 members of the public:

#### **1. Welcome by The Chairman: Alan Denness:**

**2. Apologies:** B Cllr Osselton; B Cllr Sherlock; C Chapman; Cllr Cruickshank Cllr F Sawyer; Cllr J Sawyer

Cllr Denness introduced Dean Hodges of Eastleigh Community Resilience Team; Stuart Cobb – Hampshire Fire Service; Rob Gazzard – Kingsclere Fire Crew

#### **3. Presentation on Community Resilience**

The community resilience programme involves Hampshire and Isle of Wight Emergency Service Teams and other risk agencies that include Local Councils, to provide a joint response to help cope with the risks of severe conditions such as Flu Pandemics; Extension Flooding; Storm Damage; Deep Snow; Chemical Incidents etc.

It was set up after the 2007 floods which stretched the emergency services who had to contend with the rescue of over 7,000 people in Hampshire alone.

The Community Resilience Teams were set up to compliment the services already in place, not replace them. Large scale emergencies generate pressure to the add on facilities, in particular during the floods, the services had to cope with 500+ calls.

Community Plans aid the work of the Emergency Services but are set up by local communities, for their community. With the right organisation and Risk Assessments etc the plans flag up vulnerable people which aid the diverse work of the Fire and Rescue services. If there is a plan in place that they can refer to which highlights vulnerable people and areas they can respond more effectively in tackling these areas first.

Household resilience is equally important to families. Know where your cut off switches are, have grab bags ready with important documents ready to save and be aware of your exits. There is a template on [www.hantsfire.gov.uk/keeping-safe/majoremergencies](http://www.hantsfire.gov.uk/keeping-safe/majoremergencies) that will prove very useful to everyone.

Help yourself before needing help – eliminates damage.

The first step is to set up an action group, they will set up volunteer lists, organise sandbags for flooding and many other exercises that will benefit communities greatly for having a plan in place. For help with this, Bucksin in Basingstoke is a very good example of a Community Plan.

For more information and assistance contact [start.fox@hants.gov.uk](mailto:start.fox@hants.gov.uk) at the emergency Planning Office.

#### **4. Minutes of last Meeting:**

The Minute of the PM held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014 were agreed as a true record and signed.

#### **5. Matters arising:**

None

#### **6. Chairman's review:**

The retiring Chairman Alan Denness gave a report on the work of the Parish Council over the last year. They included reports on:-

- i. The saving of the Library which is now run by a large group of volunteers following closure by HCC due to financial cuts.
- ii. New social housing which was given to Kingsclere residents from the housing list.

- iii. The setting up of an allotment management group who are helping to turn the allotments into the best gardens we have seen in a long time.
- iv. The implementation of a Speed Watch volunteer Group – thanks to Janet Bond for helping to get this set up. The group is doing an excellent job in encouraging drivers to slow down in Kingsclere, making it safer for everyone.
- v. The Neighbourhood Plan is continuing to develop which will help Kingsclere residents have a say in the future development of housing in Kingsclere – thanks to Sue Adams for her excellent work and perseverance.
- vi. The Parish Council has aided many local groups with grants totalling £850.
- vii. The Community Bus service is continuing to thrive, it has proved to be a great success.
- viii. Thanks were offered to the Clerk, Sheila Thompson, who this year was voted Runner Up in the Clerk of the year competition run by the Hampshire Association of Local Councils.
- ix. New street lighting has been installed in Kingsclere to conform to EU regulations.
- x. This year's Volunteer of the Year Awards saw 10 individuals and 2 businesses rewarded and thanked for their services to the community.
- xi. We acknowledged the work done by our retiring MP, Sir George Young, and represented him with a certificate of thanks which was greatly appreciated by him.
- xii. The village now has a defibrillator centrally located with trained people on standby for any emergency. Thankfully, we have not had to use it yet.

### **7. Review of Village Clubs and Organisations:**

The Annual report giving details of the activities of many of the Village's Clubs and Organisations over the past year is currently being compiled. The Annual Report is expected to be delivered in June.

There is much community spirit within Kingsclere and this is clearly shown within these reports but as always, more volunteers are needed to keep these organisations going.

### **8. Open Forum:**

The results of the recent Elections were confirmed. As we had 9 nominations for 9 Councillors all candidates stand unopposed. The Councillors for the next term are, Cllrs: Sue Adams; James Cruickshank; Mick Farey; Clive Mussett; Nicola Peach; Ray Peach; Adam Price; Fiona Sawyer; John Sawyer.

Thanks were given to the retiring Councillors for all their work over the past years:- Janet Bond; Alan Denness and Tony Savin.

### **9. Close:**

Alan Denness ended by thanking everyone for their support during his term of office.

Meeting Closed 8:30pm

Signed:.....  
Chairman

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Parish Clerk

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