



KINGSWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (KRA)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held Village Hall, Waterhouse Lane, Kingswood, on Tuesday 26th March 2019, commencing at 8.00 p.m.

Please come early as numbers are restricted to the hall's official seating licence.

All Kingswood residents are invited to attend and join in the discussions, but please note we ask that only members of the Association vote on formal Association business. Any member wishing to propose a resolution at the AGM and any nominations for Officers, or Committee members, must give not less than 7 days' written notice thereof to the Hon. Secretary, address detailed below. Subscriptions may be paid to the Hon. Membership Secretary prior to or after the meeting. All members of the current Committee offer themselves for re-election.

AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes of last AGM
2. Annual Report by the Chairman
3. Hon. Treasurer's Report and re-election of Hon. Auditor
4. Election of Honorary Officers and Committee for 2019-2020
5. Open discussion and questions on matters of local interest and advice from our County and Borough Councillors
6. Guest Speakers:
 - Surrey Police:- Inspector Angie Austin, who will cover topics of current interest.
 - Southern Rail (GTR):- Jane Cobb. Update on revised train service
 - Inspired Villages Group (L & G Site Development):- Jamie Bunce C E O, and Keith Cockell Executive Chairman.
7. Any other business
8. Meeting closes

HONORARY OFFICERS

Chair:	Des Camblin	833823	Membership Secretary:	Dave Saunders	350718
Treasurer:	Adrienne Light	832133	Chair of Planning Sub-Committee:	John Lang	832105
Secretary:	David Floyd	07776 437436	Chair of Roads & Transport Sub-Committee:	Mike Gibson	351682
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CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Tom Corrigan	Stephen Gale-Batten	Guy Kingsbury	Keith Denyer	Sapna Dhami
Amanda Smith	Barry Miles	Alistair Sinclair	Des Camblin	Matt Tidman
Andrew Winyard	Chantal Cox	Caroline Neame	Janine Connick	David Moroney
	Richard Lewis		Suzanne Palmer	Valerie Evans

ROAD REPRESENTATIVES

Alcocks Lane	Tom Corrigan	373253	Heather Close & Glen Close	Matt Tidman	07754067124
Birch Grove	Amanda Smith	833041	Hamilton Place	Janine Connick	830006
Beech Drive	Andrew Winyard	07809600570	Hill Lane & Waterhouse Lane (W)	Mike Gibson	351682
The Chase	Stephen Gale-Batten	831282	Waterhouse Lane (E)	Caroline Neame	832877
Copleigh Drive	Dave Saunders	350718	Lilley Drive & Gledhow Wood	Richard Lewis	832984
Doric Drive	Barry Miles	358189	St. Monica's Road	Chantal Cox	07957 810771
Eyhurst Close	David Moroney	833834	Sandy Lane	Des Camblin	833823
Furze Hill	Guy Kingsbury	373335	The Warren & Woodland Way (S)	Adrienne Light	832133
The Glade	Alistair Sinclair	832762	Woodland Way (N)	Sapna Dhami	07740923069
Warren Lodge Drive	Gary Whitney	830512	Kingswood Warren Park	Vacant	
Eyhurst Park	Peter Clark	847778	Forest Drive	Suzanne Palmer	833533
Warren Drive	John Lang	832105	Copt Hill Lane (W)	Norma McDowall	379595
			Copt Hill Lane (E)	David Floyd	07776 437436

The appropriate road representative also represents the roads that branch off the above "primary" roads.

Volunteers are urgently needed to fill vacancies shown above. Please contact the Secretary so that they can be proposed at the meeting

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ISSUED BY THE KINGSWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association is to be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 26th March 2019 commencing at 8 p.m.

Annual Report is published in this Newsletter. Resolutions by members to be proposed at the AGM must be given in writing to the Hon. Secretary not less than 7 days prior to the meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Kingswood Residents Association (KRA) is a non-political voluntary organisation whose formally stated objectives are:

"The Objectives of the Association are the promotion of the welfare of the Community through the good governance of the district in relation to planning, environment, safety and conservation, so as to preserve and improve the amenities of the village of Kingswood".

The KRA is separate from the Kingswood Village Community Association and the individual Private Road Frontagers Groups who have their own aims and objectives. The KRA works closely with Reigate and Banstead Borough Council (RBBC) through its Borough Councillors and also works with our County Councillor on SCC matters.

The KRA wants to work for the community as a whole so all Kingswood Residents are welcome to come to our AGM and join in the discussions. Whilst we hope you will join the Association you do not have to be a paid up member to attend.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Kingswood Matters 2019

Another year under our belts and events in Kingswood move on. Looking back over the last twelve months, there have been important changes on two particular fronts.

Firstly the redevelopment of the Station site is now well under way, tidying up the entrance to the Station and the car park considerably, installing improved and much needed drainage at the bottom of Furze Hill to eradicate the flooding problems which have existed for many years there and undertaking much needed repair works to the Station building itself.

Secondly, the future of the L&G site became a very live issue during the year, with IVG Group (a subsidiary of L&G) exploring the development of a retirement village on the site. The site has been largely inactive since L&G departed and residents have no doubt appreciated the cessation of the traffic jams which used to occur outside their doors on a daily basis during the L&G days. Understandably therefore local residents have deep concerns about the development and future use of the site in terms of traffic generation.

The proposed scheme would also involve the use of some Green Belt land (formerly laid out by L&G as car parking) and clearly this is also a very sensitive issue. Helpfully, IVG representatives have kindly agreed to attend our AGM to present their proposals and take questions about the scheme.

This will be my last AGM as Chair, since after six years, I shall be am standing down, though I plan to remain on the KRA committee. Fortunately we have an excellent candidate to take over as Chair in Valerie Evans. Valerie has a very relevant career background and has been on the KRA committee for some years. She has the full support of the committee and I wish her every success in the role.

Des Camblin
Chair

PLANNING OVERVIEW.

During the course of 2018 the National Planning Policy Framework, originally issued in 2012, was revised and re-issued in July. The Core Strategy setting out the Borough plans for growth to 2027 was adopted in 2014 and was followed by the draft Development Management Plan (DMP) which sets out the detailed policies for development in line with the Core Strategy and the NPPF. The draft DMP was considered at a hearing in November and the Planning Inspector has just published her post hearing advice on the main modifications needed 'to make it sound'. Details can be seen on the R&BBC website. A further public consultation period is expected through March.

Local Planning. (As at 18th February.)

Potentially, the most significant development in Kingswood in the near future will be that of the Legal & General office site and car park. Agents for L&G have endeavoured to get the site removed from Green Belt classification and have submitted a Scoping Opinion for an Environmental Impact Assessment to the Council. This is for a Continuing Care Retirement Community. The Office building and part surround are Grade II* listed but inevitably a further use needs to be found for the site.

The construction of 18 residential dwelling houses at Kingswood Railway Station is behind the original schedule. Enforcement action was taken by the Council in September to stop work on the 9 apartment building at Kings Barn, Waterhouse Lane. The outcome is still pending.

Since a proposal for 14 apartments to replace the old Winscombe Nursing Home was refused yet again, no further applications for the site have been notified. An application for replacing Fairlawn, The Glade, with a building of 7 apartments has surprisingly been allowed on appeal. This has now been followed by an application for 'Glade Lawn' (in The Glade) to be changed from a dwelling house to a residential care home.

John Lang & Keith Denyer, KRA Planning Sub Committee.

ROADS & TRANSPORT 2017/18

We were actively involved with Walker Construction, the company involved in the first phase of the Station Car Park redevelopment. They agreed to amend their traffic plan in order to exclude lorries from Waterhouse Lane as they agreed that it was too narrow through the parade for lorries. They agreed to erect signs and notify suppliers in order to prevent this happening.

I hope that the work that they have done to improve the car park and approach to the station meets with everyone's approval.

As part of their work, they have installed much bigger drains to replace the very old broken ones, that we had been pressing for, which should mean that the flooding that we had been having in Waterhouse Lane & Bonsor Drive be a thing of the past.

We continue to press County Highways to update the parking bays as gaps are no longer required outside the pet shop and barber shop. The old parking bay across the disabled crossing by Saunders needs its markings burning off as the paint over them keeps being worn off by vehicles and is also on our list for Highways. We continue to notify Highways with any problems with the roads. It is easy for anyone to report problems on Surrey Highways website.

Mike Gibson

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MESSAGE FROM OUR BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

From Borough Councillors Simon Parnall and Rod Ashford.

The Boundary Commission's recent review means that the rather quaintly named ward of 'Kingswood with Burgh Heath' will disappear as of the election on the 2nd May. Kingswood will now be part of a new and slightly larger ward - 'Chipstead, Kingswood and Woodmansterne'. The boundary change requires the Council to conduct a so-called 'all out' election and so we will all be asked to vote for not one but three councillors - three crosses in three

boxes. As we say goodbye to the old ward it is surely fitting that we should again record our thanks and gratitude to our ward colleagues Ros Mill who died last September and Joan Spiers who died in 2016.

The Borough's new Development Management Policies will govern all new development in the Borough and, because they provide for differences between areas, they specifically cover development in Kingswood. Having already gone through two stages of public consultation and an in-depth public examination by the Planning Inspectorate, it is a relief to know that - with relatively minor changes - the inspector has approved all our documents. These must now go through yet one more stage of public consultation before being formally adopted by the Council and used, together with National Planning Policies, to assess all future planning applications.

All of us are acutely aware that Legal and General are working up a proposal for development of their site, including repurposing their now listed buildings, and that they are in conversations with adjacent residents and the KRA about what they hope and seek to achieve. It is important that you know that no planning application to the Council has yet been made, and if and when an application is made it will be assessed against all relevant national and local policies, including that of the greenbelt. Please be assured that you will have every opportunity to comment and participate in this process.

An issue causing concern to many young families right across Surrey is the County Council's on-going changes to its Children's Centres. Sure Start Children's Centres were introduced in 1998 to address a specific need for children aged up to five years. However, the scheme's legacy has been to leave Surrey with 58 separate Children's Centre service providers, each requiring its own staffing structure and associated administrative costs. Surrey's new Family Places will offer targeted services to the families in most need with children aged up to eleven years. The Borough Council understands the need for reorganisation and will continue to work with the County Council to ensure the best possible outcome for families across our Borough.

Please don't hesitate to get in contact with either of us if you have questions about any of the above or, indeed, any other matter of concern that you'd like to raise.

Simon Parnall (simon.parnall@me.com) and
Rod Ashford (rod.ashford@yahoo.co.uk)

MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR - JEFF HARRIS

The Autumn brought more challenges for Surrey County Council in terms of savings targets-just for this financial year. These amount to just over £106million before April. It's the highest amount any Council has ever and to save in one year-on top of the previous £540m over the past seven years, and there's no doubt that services will be severely impacted. This week saw the close of five Consultations about services. These include Special Educational Needs and Disabilities provision/Transport, Libraries, Re-Cycling Centres, subsidised bus travel and Children's Centres-the results will be known soon. No one wants to lose services, but despite repeated requests the money Surrey receives from Government doesn't match the ever-increasing demand. I hope people took advantage and had their say. We have an ever ageing population who need more and more expensive care, we have many more young people with Special needs, and hundreds more additional school places are needed. The list goes on. That said, the major worry for many people is the roads, and much more money has been spent mending potholes, and where possible re-surfacing sections of roads-again it's a question of money v need, but I'm pleased that some of my requests have been agreed and Dorking Road and Chequers Lane in Walton on the Hill have seen sections replaced. The County Council is catching up with the thousands of holes in the highway, but as we received about half of the funding we should, its never going to be a satisfactory position for us.

However, I've been able to secure funding from my Members Allocation for Community Projects in Preston-for youth services, Tadworth Cricket Club for children's Cricket and security of their Pavilion, Walton on the Hill Warriors FC for kit for children's football, and renovating an historic fingerpost in Tadworth. I've also supported the TWRA in tree-planting, tidying up and renovating an area in Shelve's Hill and Tadworth in Bloom for the next year. I've also replaced two Salt bins in Burgh Heath and agreed to find the money replace some stolen pavements in Tadworth Park-yes stolen!

Next year I may have £5,000 for Community Projects and about £7,500 for minor highways projects in our area, so am willing to hear from applicants if they want more detail-remembering this is April onwards.

I spend time each month out and about with the local Highways Officer, checking work has been reported and completed. This includes pavements, foliage cutting back, and damaged signs, etc.

Jeff. Harris
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MEMBERSHIP

Being a member of any organisation means you are interested in what that organisation does and more importantly, what it can do for you. In particular, the KRA helps to protect our collective interests in what happens in Kingswood by working with the Borough Council and County Council to monitor, and – where appropriate - comment on planning applications, press for our needs and concerns in respect of roads and public transport and, in every way that we can, ensure that Kingswood remains a unique and special place to live.

The good news is that all the work of the KRA is carried out by unpaid volunteers and the cost of membership remains at £20 for 4 years or a £5 annual standing order – for the whole household, This includes up to 2 e-mail addresses. We also provide an e-mail information circulation service to keep you updated with news and events.

Becoming a member is very easy. Also, if your membership is due for renewal in the coming year, you will get a renewal notice from me, and I respectfully ask that you renew as soon as possible. Below are the options for joining, and how to pay your membership fee. If you have any questions or concerns about the KRA, please contact me or your local road steward (shown on the facing sheet)

You can sign-up and pay on line. Go to www.kingswoodvillage.org click KRA and the joining and paying options are explained.

or

You can e-mail your interest and the details listed below, to Dave Saunders, Membership Secretary - davesaun@btinternet.com. I will then forward our bank details so you can either set up an annual £5 standing order or via BACS, transfer your £20 subscription fee.

or

Complete the form and return with your cheque (for £20 made payable to 'KRA') to
Membership Secretary, 3 Oakdene, off Copleigh Drive, Kingswood, KT20 6BN.

Name:.....

Address:.....

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Email 2:.....

Information provided in any format will be for the sole use of the KRA and will not be divulged to third parties.

Dave Saunders

Membership Secretary – KRA

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