

# Kings Hill Parish Council **Annual Report** 2012 | 2013

## Chairman's Report

**Another year has passed very quickly and once again the Parish Council has been very active. The following committee reports give details of Parish Council activities over the last year. The Parish Council Budget is also included.**

During the last year two Councillors have left the Parish Council and I would like to thank both Gary Morris and Chris Joselin for their contribution to the Parish Council. We now have 2 new co-opted Councillors, Emma George and Robert Griggs and I wish them success on the Parish Council.

In September last year I met some of you at the consultation on the future plans for Kings Hill. The final planning application has not yet been submitted to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council. Once the plans are submitted, the Parish Council will be consulting with Kings Hill Residents. I would encourage you all to comment on the plans, Kings Hill is about to change!

In May 2013 I will be stepping down as Chairman, as required in the Parish Council's standing orders. I will still be a Parish Councillor and will continue to play an active role. Since I became Chairman in May 2009 there have been many changes in Kings Hill

and at the Parish Council. My role over the last four years has been made easier by the Clerk, Helen Munro's guidance through the do's and don'ts of being Chairman. I would like to thank Helen, all the staff at the Parish Office and those Councillors who play an active role in the work of the Parish Council.



**Sarah Barker**  
Chair of the  
Parish Council &  
Amenities Committee

## Committee Reports Civic Year 2012|2013



### Community Centre Committee

The Community Centre was established for the benefit of residents and the community at large and 2012 was another successful year for the Centre, which now has more regular groups and classes than ever before. A leaflet giving details of activities was delivered to every house in Kings Hill last year.

The Community Centre is licensed to serve alcohol and can be booked for functions, making it an ideal venue for weddings, christenings, parties and family gatherings.

Other community events included:

- The Annual Summer Fete, last July, which was a great success, assisted in no small way by the beautiful sunny weather.
- The Christmas Pantomime 'Puss in Boots', once again had two showings.
- In response to parental requests, a number of holiday activities including a couple of plays, took place during the school holidays. Their popularity will ensure further school holiday activities this year.

### Kings Hill Sports Committee

Much of the activity on the new sporting and leisure facilities has focussed on planning how the facilities will be managed and the early stages of construction.

At this time, the five grass pitches are seeded and maturing well and building work has commenced on the pavilion and the base for the artificial grass pitch. Further construction throughout the spring and summer will see the floodlights, fencing and 3G playing surface installed, the car parks laid and the pavilion and changing rooms fitted out. Grant funding of £5,000 towards the installation of the kitchen has already been secured and further sources of funding are being pursued.

The Parish Council are keen to hear residents' views about other sporting facilities that you would like to see at Kings Hill.

### Amenities Committee

Two benches commemorating the Diamond Jubilee have been placed in the village, one at the cricket oval and the other on the Green at Pippin Way. The benches were bought with a grant from the TMBC Community Grant and Parish Council funding.



Allotments have been a major project over the past year. Together with help from a focus group, drawn from members of the allotment waiting list, the Amenities Committee have produced a project plan and as soon as a lease for the allotment site is signed the process to turn the donated land into workable allotments will begin. Residents who have their names on the allotment waiting list will be getting regular updates from March 2013.

**DOG FOULING CAMPAIGN** - There has been a major campaign to get dog owners to pick up after their dogs. Bins are provided throughout the village – please use them.

### Planning & Transportation Committee

This year has been one of the most active and successful years that the P & T Committee has had on the Parish Council.

**Salt Bins** - Our rolling programme has increased the number of bins placed in the community. In 2012, although the cost of salt had escalated, we were able to keep up with demand for salt. We intend to purchase more salt bins in 2013.

**Speeding on Kings Hill** - With the help of a grant, an anti-speeding campaign started in November and will continue until the end of March. We intend to continue with this action over the coming year, providing a safer place for us all to live. We would like to thank residents for bringing this really important issue to our notice.



## What is a Parish Council?

A Parish Council is the tier of local government closest to the people. It is not linked to the church in any way. The Council can respond to the needs of the community - delivering the services or representation it most needs. To do this well we need to hear from the community about local issues, so please keep in touch.

## What does a Parish Council do?

The responsibilities of a Parish Council can include the provision and management of allotments, looking after open spaces and maintaining bus shelters and community buildings. A Parish Council can provide them itself, or by helping others (such as a charity) financially to do so.

Councils are also the focal point for various local consultations. The Parish Councillors know the village and can represent its views to other local authorities.

## Who runs the Council?

Parish Council elections were held in May 2011 to elect twelve councillors to run the council for four years. They work for the community on an unpaid voluntary basis. A Parish Clerk is appointed to advise the Council and manage the administration and operations of the Council.

## What does Kings Hill Parish Council do?

KHPC is responsible for the following:

- The Kings Hill Community Centre
- Maintenance of the playground and green in Anson Avenue and other open spaces in Phase 1
- Installation and replenishment of salt bins in residential areas
- The provision and maintenance of a bus shelter
- Community notice boards
- Set up and design of new allotments at the Heath Farm site
- Set up and running the new sports facilities at Heath Farm - due to be operational in September 2013
- Consulted on all planning applications in the parish
- Acting as a liaison between the community and other local organisations and Councils
- A quarterly newsletter sent out to all residents of Kings Hill Parish
- Nominates representatives to serve on 12 local voluntary, public and community organisations

## Representatives on local voluntary, public and community organisations

<b>Kings Hill Youth Club</b>	Lindsay Sharp (Chair of Trustees) Sarah Barker (Trustee)
<b>Kent Association of Local Councils TMBC Area Committee</b>	Sarah Barker
<b>Kent Association of Local Councils Executive Committee</b>	Sarah Barker
<b>Parish Partnership Panel</b>	Sarah Barker   David Morfill   Matt Peake
<b>Blaise Farm Liaison Committee</b>	Sarah Barker
<b>TMBC Standards Board</b>	Dave Waller
<b>Manor Park Liaison Group</b>	Sarah Barker
<b>TMBC Crime Prevention Panel</b>	Dave Waller
<b>Malling Action Partnership</b>	Sarah Barker   Dave Waller
<b>TMBC Joint Transportation Board</b>	Sue Woodcock
<b>Joint Parish Councils Transport Consultative Group</b>	Sarah Barker

## Grants

The following grants were awarded to local community groups in 2012 | 2013:

Kings Hill and Larkfield Community First Responders for training facilities	£714	Tiddlers and Toddlers mother and toddler group for new equipment	£978
TMBC Summer play scheme	£218	Kings Hill School towards their Olympic celebrations	£250
Kings Hill Youth Club for room hire and general running costs	£17,600	Discovery School towards their Key Stage 2 activity trail	£250
Kings Hill Pre-school for wooden toys	£250	Citizen's advice Bureau	£100
Kings Hill Youth Club for their outreach programme	£2,880	Kings Hill Cricket Club for cricket equipment	£390

## Budget 2013 | 2014

The Council's accounts are prepared in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations' 2003 (Amended 2006). They are subject to external and internal audit (by an independent auditor).

Every year local government electors are given the opportunity to examine the Council's accounts and financial records. Copies of full accounts are available on request.

2012   2013 Budget £	Income	2013   2014 Budget £
154,150	-Precept	158,728
175,419	Facility Income	220,465
12,975	Other	19,519
188,823	Spending from Reserves	87,516
92,500	Grants Receivable	26,000
<b>623,867</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>512,228</b>
	<b>Expenditure</b>	
163,238	Staff Costs	180,463
15,647	Rent and Office Costs	16,950
98,080	Facility Building Costs	162,742
0	Sports Ground Costs	15,050
43,000	Grants Payable	22,100
16,126	Open Spaces	56,520
42,696	Loan Repayments	42,696
221,220	Capital Projects	0
23,880	Other	15,707
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