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Kings Hill Parish Council
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The Parish Council election in May means that all 12 councillor roles have to be filled again. There's so many things happening: Community Centre and Sports Park Pavilion extensions; moving the tennis courts; a Church; skate park (yes, really); trim trail; the TMBC Parking Review, a 10k Run; summer concert; and Remembrance Day Parade. Being a Parish Councillor means having a direct say in those things and more, it's a real opportunity to get involved with your community. If you're interested in helping to shape the future of Kings Hill, now is the time to apply to be a candidate. Details of how can be found on the TMBC and KHPC websites.

Dave Hurring

Annual Parish Meeting

**3rd April 2019, 7pm
Kings Hill Community Centre**

Your opportunity to ask **YOUR** councillors what they have been doing for you

Parish Council Precept 2019/20

At the meeting of Full Council on the 16th January 2019 Kings Hill Parish Council approved a precept rise of 10% for 2019/20. In previous years the parish council has worked hard to keep its expenditure low and used reserves where possible to fund projects and large expenditure. This has resulted in the reserves falling below the recommended levels for a parish council of this size.

The council acknowledge that whilst 10% may appear to be a large increase for the average Band D property this only equates to around £7 per year, or 60 pence per month. The council is confident that this relatively low impact on residents will ensure that the parish council has the necessary funds to continue to be a stable council in the future.

Local Plan

The parish council submitted its objections to the Local Plan and the proposed building of 'Phase 4' on Broadwater Farm and has joined forces with Mereworth Parish Council to bring the local traffic issues to the attention of the planners.

The next step of the Local Plan process is for the Planning Inspectorate to review the evidence, so we will keep residents updated on matters as and when they happen.



Parish Council Committee Updates

Community Centre



The committee are busy looking into a community cinema scheme, to offer a local 'big screen' experience to residents. This has been a hit in other parishes and, with the facilities already in the hall for a large projector screen, the council will be investigating how it can show movies at a good price for local residents to enjoy.

Planning, Highways & Environment



This has been a hectic time for the planning committee, with the Local Plan responses completed and objections lodged against the proposed development at Broadwater Farm. The committee is now working on its objections to phase 5, in particular the proposed housing in Amber Lane.

Other projects being worked on are the parking restrictions, re-introducing Speedwatch and working on a communal shed at the allotments.

Sports Park



This committee continue to work on future proposals with the various sporting groups in our community, including bringing the tennis courts to the Sports Park and expanding the facilities for football, rugby and cricket. A new 3G is being explored, along with the Rugby Football Union, with a view to offering more playing time to the waiting list of users.

Events



With a successful synthetic rink under its belt, the committee have been reviewing the performance of this event to look into what can be done next year to improve the customer experience. Other events in the pipeline are an Easter egg hunt, a summer concert and a halloween party.

Parish Council Elections

Are you passionate about your community and would like to stand in the parish council election in 2019?

Find all the details you need on the parish council website;

www.kingshillparish.gov.uk

ELECTIONS
2 MAY 2019

Parish Council News

West Malling Group Practice Appointments

West Malling Group Practice

KHPC has recently been lobbied by members of the public regarding the waiting times for booking an appointment. The parish council attended a positive meeting with the West Malling Group Practice (WMGP) where the following was discussed:-

- WMGP is currently actively recruiting but are experiencing difficulties due to the national shortage of doctors. Different avenues are being investigated and hopefully further appointments will be made shortly.
- Patients will be asked questions by receptionists, who may be able to sign post them to other services, as it is not always necessary to see a GP. There are nurse practitioners who are also able to prescribe and refer.
- New service February 2019. There is now an orthopaedic practitioner working at the practice all day every Monday. Suitable for patients with

joint pain and mobility problems. They can assess and refer on when necessary.

- WMGP is currently "managing" their patient list to only include residents within the practice area. All new applications are referred to the Patient Allocation Team who will allocate a surgery to patients.

- WMGP is investigating further recruitment to man all ten incoming telephone lines in peak hours.

It is felt that these changes will make a significant impact on patients, so please bear with the surgery whilst these changes are implemented.

Phase 5

The developer, Liberty Property Trust, have submitted several planning applications to build another 475 dwellings in and around Kings Hill.

The parish council held a public meeting to hear resident's views on the proposed housing and are working on a detailed list of objections to submit to the planning authority.

Kings Hill Parish Council

RESPOND NOW!

475 MORE DWELLINGS
What does this mean for you?

*Liberty Property Trust have submitted five planning applications.
*All the planning authority know your views.
*Comments should be made for each individual planning application.

To give your comments to the applications go to
www.planning222.mbc.gov.uk/online-applications/ and enter the reference number (or left)

HAVE YOUR SAY - MAKE A DIFFERENCE
You have until
4pm on Wednesday 13th February 2019
to respond to the Liberty Property Trust planning applications

Tonbridge School Buses



The parish council continue to support the need for improved school buses to Tonbridge from Kings Hill.

A group of residents are lobbying for a direct bus route to save time for students travelling to and from the village.



Local Churches

More about your local Easter church services can be found at the following websites:

St Gabriels, Kings Hill
Kings Hill Christian Fellowship
St Thomas More, West Malling
West Malling Baptist Church

www.kingshillchurch.org.uk
www.khcf.org.uk
www.westmallingrc.org.uk
www.wmbc.org.uk

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