

Minutes of Kingston Annual Parish Meeting Held at 8.00pm on 16 May 2019 in the Village Hall

Present:

James Clear, Chair of Kingston Parish Council, Chair of meeting

Katherine Reid, Councillor, Kingston Parish Council

Peter Stokes, Clerk to Kingston Parish Council

Tumi Hawkins, Councillor, South Cambridgeshire District Council

Members of the public: Janet Clear, Suzy Stokes, Irene Heyman, Paul Wright, Rachel Hooper, Linda Rimmer, Charlie Richmond, Kay Forsyth, Christine Stone, David Stone, Simon Draper, Pat Draper, Mike Beadman, Anne Beadman, Paul Wheeler, Ron Leslie, Marion Leslie.

The following reports were presented in summary. Where a discussion followed or questions were asked, brief details of these are given. Full copies of the reports are attached as appendices.

1. Chairman's report written and presented by James Clear (see Appendix A)

1.1. Simon Draper queried why the crossroads was used as the location for speed measurement in the village. James Clear and Peter Stokes explained that the discussions on possible further speed reduction measures had centred on the crossroads as it was believed that the speed bumps installed to the north and south of the centre had been successful in reducing speed in those areas. Also the bus shelter at the crossroads provided a useful location for the speed measurement team to position themselves and take readings without attracting attention. If it is felt that speeding is still a problem in areas away from the crossroads, then further data can be collected as we own the speed measurement device.

1.2. Simon Draper queried the possible route of the new railway. One of the proposed possible routes appears to pass through the north end of the village. Tumi Hawkins replied that the final choice of route has not yet been published.

2. Parish Clerk's report written and presented by Peter Stokes (see Appendix B).

2.1. David Stone asked if there were any ongoing costs for the new defibrillator. Peter Stokes replied that some items such as pads and batteries had a 'shelf life', following expiry of which they would need to be replaced. Also the pads are probably 'single use'. Actual costs of replacements are not known but not expected to be significant.

3. Webmaster's report written by Julie Conder and presented by Katherine Reid (see Appendix C)

4. District Councillor's report (see Appendix D)

4.1. There was a general discussion on Neighbourhood Plans, what they cover and the protection they can give from undesirable village development.

4.2. Paul Wright asked if the Kingston Community Plan prepared by a volunteer group in 2013 had any current status. Tumi Hawkins replied that while it is a useful record of the majority views of villagers at the time, unfortunately it was not established under the procedures for creating a Neighbourhood Plan, which include acceptance by the local District Council, and so had no legal status.

4.3. David Stone asked if the plan for South Cambs District Council to be 'zero carbon' by 2050 had been published. Tumi Hawkins replied that the plan was still being developed. One of the foreseen problems will be the need to upgrade the Council's housing stock, built over many decades, to improve energy efficiency.

4.4. Pat Draper asked if there were any plans to deal with the additional traffic arriving on the A428 that was likely to arise from the various proposed new developments in the area. Tumi Hawkins replied that nothing was in place yet.

5. **County Councillor's report** (see Appendix E).
6. **Village Hall Management Committee Report** prepared and presented by Ron Leslie (see Appendix F)
7. **Parochial Church Council report** prepared and presented by Janet Clear (see Appendix G)
8. **Kingston Poor Land Charity report** prepared by Donal O'Donnell and presented by James Clear (see Appendix H)
9. **Open Forum**
 - 9.1. Paul Wheeler suggested that green initiatives should be considered by the Parish Council.
 - 9.2. A question was raised about the assets of the Poor Land Charity. It was clarified that the main asset is two pieces of agricultural land totalling about 8.5 acres, separated by a narrow strip, formerly the railway line, bounded by Porter's Way and the B1046 including the junction of these two routes.

The meeting finished at 21:30.

Signed.....

Date.....

Appendix A

Chairman's Report for Kingston Annual Parish Meeting – 16th **May 2019**

It has been a relatively busy year for the Parish Council with a number of extraordinary meetings to consider local planning matters and wider issues with potential to affect the Village.

At last we have an adopted Local Development Plan. This forms the basis for development in the District over the next 15 years. The Planning Committee can now reject Planning Applications not covered by the Plan and removes the threat of speculative development in our Village. However the Bourn Airfield development will now be going ahead.

The proposal for the new Rail line from Oxford to Cambridge was generally viewed as a positive development but concerns were raised when it became apparent that one of the proposed corridors for the line is alarmingly close to the North end of Kingston. The consultation period for the choice of route closed on the 11th March and many of you will have responded to the consultation. We now await publication of the preferred route alignment.

Following recommendations from the SCDC, steps have been taken to draw up an Emergency Plan for the Village. Sue Dalgleish and Julie Conder have now completed a comprehensive draft dealing with action and contact details to safeguard the community in the unlikely event of a serious accident or emergency. The draft is awaiting approval from the SCDC before being made available.

We now have our own Public Access Defibrillator (located on the outside, right hand side wall, of the Village Hall). No Training is needed to use it – all you have to do is pull it out and switch it on and it then tells you step by step what to do. However Training Sessions in CPR to include the use of the Defibrillator have been arranged by Peter Stokes (please see the Village Magazine) and I would encourage everyone to learn how to save a Life!

Speeding through the Village has been of concern to some Residents. In order to consider the problem we have purchased a Radar Speed Gun and have undertaken a number of Surveys of Traffic through the Village. We will publish the results of the Surveys shortly and decide if any action is necessary.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their time and support over the last year and for the steady hand and guidance of our Parish Clerk, Peter Stokes.

James Clear
Chairman
Kingston Parish Council

Appendix B

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Clerk's Report

I have attached a summary of income and expenditure for the year 2018/19, and will now highlight a few items from this.

1. Grass and Hedge cutting

Stuart Buchan Landscapes have again provided a satisfactory service so after agreeing a small price increase, they are again our contractors this year. We continue to receive a payment from the County Council for cutting of grass verges within the village, and from Mrs Heyman for cutting an area of grass owned by her adjoining Field Row. Please let me know if you believe there are any problems with grass or hedge cutting.

2. Grants

Grants were made to the Parochial Church Council of £960 for churchyard maintenance, and £504 towards Parish Magazine costs. A grant was also paid to the Village Hall Management Committee of £5721 towards the cost of re-surfacing the area outside the village hall. This money came from South Cambridgeshire District Council as so-called S106 money arising from two developments in the parish. The S106 money is in two parts – this part must be spent on an open space for children, and this project qualifies. The other part must be spent on a community facility.

3. Communication

The Parish Council uses the magazine to disseminate information to residents. The magazine continues to be delivered to all households in the parish free of charge and has become a lot more interesting since Peter Holly took over as editor, but even if you are not an avid reader, I do encourage you to at least glance through each issue as there may be something important or something of interest to you. The Parish Council also communicates through the emailing list – please let me know if you are not on this list and wish to be included.

4. Bank Balances

Our total bank balances at the end of the year stood at £14227. This is significantly lower than last year due to the grant paid to the Village Hall Management Committee, but still represents a healthy reserve. This total includes £945 representing the 'community facility' part of the S106 money described under 'Grants' above.

5. Audit of accounts

Our formalities for the audit for the 2018/19 financial year are complete, The internal auditor has completed her report and found no problems. Anybody may request to inspect the Parish Council accounts and other documentation. We do not expect any problems with the external audit which will be carried out in early June. When the result of the audit is received it will be published in the usual way.

Peter Stokes
Parish Clerk

KINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2018/19

2017/18		2018/19	
£		£	
INCOME			
9098.00	Precept	9391.00	
275.55	Grasscutting	335.55	
50.00	Rebate from Kingston Oil Club	0.00	
21.13	Interest earned	62.15	
60.00	Allotment rent	60.00	
596.90	VAT reclaim for previous year	545.84	
10101.58	Total	10394.54	
EXPENDITURE			
421.71	Insurance	389.94	
44.40	Audit fees	44.45	
2311.20	Grass and hedge cutting (contract)	2357.40	
1165.52	Clerk's salary	1211.20	
0.00	Footpath lighting	194.34	
319.64	Subscriptions	334.64	
593.00	Grants	960.00	
4623.56	Village Hall improvement project	7008.58	
404.39	Asset maintenance	1947.36	
485.00	Parish magazine	504.00	
210.20	Miscellaneous	489.19	
515.59	VAT (reclaimable)	623.06	
11094.21	Total	16064.16	
INCOME MINUS EXPENDITURE			
-992.63		-5669.62	
BANK BALANCE AT 31 Mar			
19897.40		14227.78	
	Change last year to this year	-5669.62	

Appendix C

Kingston Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting 16 May 2019 Media and broadband report

Broadband in Kingston

My previous Annual Reports dealt with the struggles and obstacles we had to overcome to get fast broadband (FTTP Fibre to the Premises) installed for Kingston. I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the new service. I have not heard lately of anyone who wanted the service but could not sign up, so I hope all is going well. If there are any remaining households who are still struggling and that we are unaware of, let me know and I will see what we can do to help.

Website and Facebook

We have a village website www.kingstonvillage.org.uk and a Facebook Page www.facebook.com/Kingston.village I do my best to keep these updated with matters of local interest and news of forthcoming events (and I apologise for any tardiness in maintaining these). Let me know of anything you would like added. We have for example a page for villagers to recommend local tradesmen www.kingstonvillage.org.uk/local-tradesmen.html I am sure people may have ideas for new listings, so send me details please: kpcwebmaster@conder.myzen.co.uk

*Julie Conder
Kingston Parish Councillor and webmaster
16th May 2019*

South Cambridgeshire District Council – Caldecote Ward
Councillor's Annual Report – April/May 2019

Caldecote Ward comprising the Parishes of Caldecote, Childerley, Bourn,
Kingston, Longstowe & Little Gransden



1. Introduction

I want to thank all the Parish Councils for their support throughout the 2018/19 municipal year. Caldecote Ward changed in May 2018, losing Toft, but gaining Bourn, Longstowe and Little Gransden. I am slowly getting to know the new villages and thank everyone for the warm welcome.

2. Governance

District Council – The political landscape changed in May 2018 when the Liberal Democrats won control of the Council. The administration is now a 30-strong group of LibDems (from 14). The others are Conservatives 11 (24.4%), Independent 2 (4.4%), Labour 2 (4.4%). Total of 45 councillors, down from 57. It is more work for us, but lower cost to residents.

The 7-strong cabinet is made up of 4 women and 3 men. I am the Lead Cabinet Member for Planning. In the spirit of co-operation, we appointed an Independent Councillor as Council Chairman, and for good governance, appointed a Conservative as Chairman of the Scrutiny Group.

3. Business/Service Plan

We have created a very ambitious 5-year business plan for 2019 to 2024. Handy versions are available online and in hard copy. The four key priority areas for us are:

- **Growing local businesses and economies** – We will support businesses of all sizes, to help create new jobs and opportunities near to where people live.
- **Housing that is affordable for everyone to live in** – We will build vibrant communities in locations where people have good access to facilities and transport links, so they can genuinely afford to lead a happy and healthy life.
- **Being green to our core** – We will create a cleaner, greener and zero-carbon future for our communities..
- **A modern and caring Council** – We will provide our customers with high-quality services, strive to reduce costs, build on what we are good at to generate our own income and make decisions in a transparent, open and inclusive way.

Green to our Core

Our administration has pledged to become a zero-carbon district by 2050. We stopped the use of single-use plastics at South Cambs office. A working group of members and officers is preparing a high-level business case for a set of energy conservation measures (such as EV charging points, solar panels over our car park etc.) that are intended to make our Cambourne offices a showcase for a Zero Carbon Council and an exemplar to our residents.

A modern Council

To assist with customer service, the “My South Cambs Portal” web-based customer portal has gone live. It will enable residents access council services easily and quickly, enabling us to save money on printing papers and postage. We are also working on a “cultural change” program to promote cross functional working in the council, so that we think in a joined-up way.

The organisational structure of the Council had not been reviewed for a number of years. We realised that it was not working efficiently and would not be able to deliver the policies and priorities our administration has set. We contracted Specialist consultants to review the structure and propose a new one that is modern and fit for purpose, which we will use for the reorganisation, starting with the top 2 tiers.

We are also working on improving the remuneration package offered by the Council to be more competitive, to enable us to attract and retain staff.

A caring Council

Our administration has pledged to find homes in our district for 5 refugee families fleeing warfare in the middle east. Two years ago, the Home Office asked the council to help with the rehoming of refugees and as the Lib Dem Group was minority opposition, our motion to full Council proposing this was rejected by the Conservative majority. The current Home Office scheme runs until December 2019, and we are pleased we have the opportunity to work with a resettlement team at Cambridge City Council (who have already resettled over 100 refugees), to provide support workers to assist the families to settle into their new communities in our district.

4. Finance

Accounts & Budget

The budget that we inherited from the previous Conservative administration for the 2018/19 year had a £450,000 hole in it. In addition, it transpired that the Authority had not published audited accounts for 2017/18 by the statutory deadline, this being the third year in a row it had failed to do so. We have been able to fill that hole, turning it into a £1m surplus that has gone into the General Fund as the council no longer receives any funding from central government, so has to raise its own funding to provide services. We appointed an Interim Head of Finance who has been working hard with Auditors and our Lead Cabinet Member for Finance to close the late account and prepare the 2018/19 accounts on time.

In summary, in our new budget the total service expenditure for 2019/20 is projected to be £20.2 million, of which £9.1 million will be raised from council tax. Average Band D is £145.31 up by £5 (3%) from last year. The rest will come from a combination of sources including but not limited to Retained Business rates, New Homes bonus, Rural Services grant, interest on reserve balances, Income from other sources including Ermine Street.

New Investment Strategy

The previous administration did not have an investment strategy against which to judge commercial opportunities to ensure they are sound. We have now created one for the first time and as a result, cancelled three proposed schemes we inherited because they were too risky.

We will use the strategy to consider a wide range of investments necessary to generate an income of around £5million/year by 2024. As a first step on from setting up the strategy, we have recently completed on the purchase of a prime office building at the Science Park, with a yield of 5.6%.

We have installed solar PV panels on the roof of the recycling depot at Waterbeach and taken delivery of the first electric van which will be powered from the energy generated from the PV panels.

Grants

We have restructured the grants scheme so it is now administered by a cross-party committee, making it more responsive to the needs across the district. We have increased funding for the mobile wardens scheme, and the Community Chest grants.

5. Housing and Planning

Housing

Housing and the cost of it continues to be a challenge. We are aiming to meet this by building 70 new council houses per year, and more where possible. We have drafted a new Housing Strategy, looking at provision of variety of types of housing including for downsizing, single people etc. as well as delivering high quality homes that are affordable to run, energy efficient and well served by transport links, including walking and cycling.

Greater Cambridge Planning Service

The planning services of SCDC and Cambridge City were merged on 1st April 2018 into a shared service. The re-organisation is now in the second phase and will see one organisation structure and a common working process. It will provide a career path for planners especially in the light of the growth that the district is going to experience in the next decade or more. The new software for the new service should be ready for launch in the summer. All of this is geared to making sure the Council can deal efficiently with the high levels of planning applications it receives more efficiently, in cooperation with communities to deliver great places to live, work and play.

Village Design Guide and Neighbourhood Plan

We introduced the Village Design Guide (VDG) with money from government to assist 8 villages, including Caldecote, to create their guides, identifying unique features of the villages that they want developers to carry into any new developments. The VDGs will carry legal weight in determining planning applications for the villages that have created them.

We also adopted the first Neighbourhood Plan in the district (Great Abington). A second one (Cottenham) has gone through the public consultation phase. We are continuing to encourage communities to consider creating their own Neighbourhood plans

Local Plan

The Local Plan that was submitted by the previous administration in March 2014 for public examination was finally passed as sound by the Planning Inspector and was adopted by the Council in October 2018. Up to then, the Council was in the untenable position of its planning policies being considered out of date because it did not have a current local plan. In addition to that, the Council's lack of 5-year housing land supply led to thousands of speculative planning applications being given approval, a significant number through appeals process by the Planning Inspectorate.

We have now begun the process of developing a new joint local plan with Cambridge City, as stipulated by the Planning Inspector's decision notice. The process of creating a local plan takes a number of years, but we hope to submit the new one by 2022 for examination.

We are working collaboratively with partner organisations to encourage them to deliver the infrastructure for transport, health, education etc., for the new developments that need to be built out in the coming years.

Design Award

The Council's planning service together with Mole Architects, won the National Urban Design Awards 2019 for the Cohousing development Marmalade Lane at Orchard Park. This is a great example of what can be achieved by communities working together in collaboration with the planning service.

Our administration is keen to bring forward more award-winning developments!

6. Community Issues

I continue to assist residents with issues either as individuals or a community group on issues including housing, planning, waste collection, benefits, grants application support.

I am pleased for Little Gransden Village Hall securing a grant funding of £50,000 for improvements.

Threeways continues to be a challenge but we are hoping to get a better handle on what needs to be done to be able to issue an Empty Dwelling Management Order on it.

I was able to speak for Little Gransden and surrounding communities at the planning committee when the very contentious application to increase gliding activities at the flying club, resulting in request for unlimited tows being amended to a fixed number. The case also highlighted long standing communications (or lack thereof) issues and reporting process which I hope the club owners will take improve going forward.

The other big issues are to do with Bourn Airfield Development (BAD), where the developers Countryside submitted a planning application before the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was created. The draft SPD is well advanced now. Transport is still a major factor and the Council is liaising with Highways England with respect to finding alternative route onto the A428.

The other significant development is the 140 houses Linden Homes site (former Gladmans site in Caldecote). The build out of the 71 homes CALA site in Caldecote is well advanced.

The -home site in Caldecote for the self-builders got approval and two have now submitted their planning applications to the Council. This type of development is the first of its kind in the district.

I am continuing to get to know the new villages in the expanded Caldecote Ward – Bourn, Longstowe and Little Gransden. I attend parish council meeting where I give a monthly report on current issues at SCDC. I have also attended other events, quiz nights, summer fetes, open gardens, jazz evenings, Christmas services/carol singing, licensing of new church minister for the Gransdens etc. I am passionate about supporting all my communities and I look forward to meeting many more residents this coming year.

7. Casework/Councillor Drop-in surgery

If you need my assistance at any time in the interim, I am always available to you, so please contact me in one of the usual ways.

Tumi

Tumi Hawkins
15 April 2019

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Hardwick division

BARTON, THE EVERSDENS, CALDECOTE, KINGSTON, COMBERTON, HARDWICK, GRANTCHESTER, MADINGLEY, HARDWICK, TOFT & COTON



Working hard on your behalf

Highways

Secured £400,000 for
Hardwick road/footpath!

Since 2017 over 2000 potholes
have been repaired in my
division.

We have approved almost
£80m for road maintenance and
over £600,000 for this division

Environment

Tackling Plastic

The County Council now has a
Plastic Strategy.

This is a positive step forward,
however, more work to be
done. I am not complacent!

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Local projects

Innovate & Cultivate

This past year we have had
amazing organisations
applying for funds and we
have provided £1 million for
this.

Supported projects that will
have a positive impact in the



PROMOTING CYCLING

Millions of pounds will be invested in creating the right infrastructure for cycling.

We are a district that thrives economically and we will see high levels of population growth.

It is essential that we invest now for the future.

Paying the Real Living Wage

For me is key that this administration is a responsible employer and looks after our staff.

- ✓ We pay the real living wage
- ✓ We are a Confident Disability Employer
- ✓ We have a flexible working policy for staff who come back from work and want to continue breastfeeding



Investing now for the future

Almost £2m back to frontline services as part of portfolio from the new Commercial & Investment Committee under the conservative administration. In addition to Green Investments:

- ✓ Smart Energy Grid a St Ives Park & Ride £3.6m
- ✓ Babraham and Trumpington Smart Energy Grid £15m
- ✓ Renewable Energy in Soham £23.2m

We will be securing over £40m in the bid for our Shire Hall building. Re-Investing in other projects and in front line services

[South Cambridgeshire Conservatives](#)

Highlights

I took part in the **Zero Suicide** prevention campaign. I would like to continue encouraging residents to sign CPSL Mind's award-winning STOP Suicide pledge, and take the free online training provided by the Zero Suicide Alliance.

I have been visiting one business a month in my division. I support the **Buy Local** Campaign. Our local pubs, post-office and other outlets are the heart of our communities. Please show them your support!

More say for Parish Councils! I have started discussions with colleagues and officers at County Council. Parishes should have more of a say in what happens in their local area, and I have successfully secure pre-meetings between parishes and officers for local highways projects.

There is more work to be done in this division and across the County!

Right infrastructure but not at any cost

I know how frustrating it has been for all of us the approach taken by the Greater Cambridge Partnership relating towards the Cambourne to Cambridge project.



I have supported from the start Cambridge Connect proposal which would have a direct impact on how this route is delivered. It is my understanding that James Palmer, the Major, continues to be advised by them. Sensible decision!

Soon we will have the result of the East West Rail consultation. I believe all my parishes voted in a different way because of their potential impact in their communities. This project will also bring more housing development.

It is essential that we have the right infrastructure for future population and economic growth. We are very fortunate to have secured millions of pounds in order to achieve this, however, it should not be done at any cost.

Housing growth is happening and more houses are needed for future generations, if we don't have the right infrastructure these houses will be built in and around our parishes. The alternative is creating garden villages or expanding the larger ones such as Cambourne. It is my opinion that this growth is much needed, however, not at any cost. As you know is the District who holds the responsibility for planning and we must influence the local plan at a very early stage.

As you can imagine many more things have happened in the past year, I just tried to provide you with some highlights.

I will continue working hard on your behalf. I would like to know what are your aspirations and ambitions for the County you live in. I will do my utmost to deliver this.

Yours,

Lina Nieto

Appendix F

Kingston Village Hall Management Committee Report

for

2019 Kingston Annual Parish Meeting

Membership of the Committee

Ron Leslie (Chair)
Sarah Wright (Vice Chair and Secretary)
Chris Reid (Treasurer)
Torie Smith (Representative from the Parochial Church Council)
Pat Draper
Rachel Hooper
Peter Stokes
Suzy Stokes
Paul Wright

Our committee chair for the past several years, Mark Stalham, has resigned from the committee and we would like to thank him for all the hard work he contributed to the management of the hall as well as to many village activities during his tenure as chair person. During this period there has been a marked increase in the use of our village hall by members of the village, as well as outside users of the hall, who are a source of important funding for maintenance and running of the building. Other resignations from the committee during the year were from Henrietta Burbridge, John Easy, Katherine Reid, and Lee Steele, and the committee would like to thank them for their contributions. We would like to welcome back as members Pat Draper and Torrie Smith, and welcome our new committee member (and new village resident) Rachel Hooper.

Events

A grand opening party to celebrate the completion of Phase 2 of our hall refurbishment project was held on June 2nd, attended by over 70 villagers and guests. Guests included Cheryl Rayner, grant manager for WREN FCC Community Action Fund, who provided the majority of funding for this phase of our project (some £31,500 from WREN). Other guests included contractors who worked on the project as well as some local councillors. Village resident David Heath, a regular attendee of village events held in the hall such as pub nights and coffee mornings, gave a short speech and cut the opening ribbon.

Successful fund raising events for the hall during the year included the Quiz 'n Chips evening in January, the village barbecue in July, the Christmas Fair, and an evening of music presented by the Kingston Blues Band and guests.

Pilates, keep-fit, and karate classes are all held in the hall on a weekly basis and bring in significant income to contribute to maintenance costs of the building. The Village Harvest Supper was another well-attended event held in the hall in 2018.

On a regular basis the village Pub Nights are held on the first Saturday of each month, and the addition of home-made pizzas prepared by John Easy and family have proved to be a highly popular addition to the refreshments available at the bar. Other monthly events include a Coffee Morning on the first Wednesday of each month, and "Coffee After Church". Another popular event initiated during the year by Simon Draper and Peter Holly is a monthly Music Club. Presenters provide selections of recorded music along with comments about the pieces, and so far have included Peter Holly, Simon Draper, Ron Leslie, David Heath, Jill Coleman, Pat Draper, and Linda Rimmer.

Village Hall Refurbishment Project

Phase 3 of the village hall renewal project has involved some outside work, including repairs and additions to the fence around the courtyard, work on the south garden, and exterior painting of the woodwork. In addition, a new tarmac surface has been laid in the yard, funded by a grant from the Kingston Parish Council. A new hopscotch pitch will soon be added to the tarmac surface to provide a permanent play area for children, funded by a Section 106 grant from the South Cambridgeshire District Council.

A new grant application has been successful in obtaining funding from the National Lottery Grant Fund to buy and install new sound absorption panels on the ceiling of the hall. These should go some way to mitigate the echo in the hall that has proved stressful for villagers with hearing difficulties.

Phase 3 will bring to a conclusion a seven year long effort to refurbish and improve the village hall building. This has involved an immense effort on the part of many villagers and the Village Hall Management Committee thanks everyone for all their support as well as all the sponsors who have helped provide the significant funding for this project. Special thanks are due to committee member Peter Stokes who has built a new storage cupboard in the new small hall, as well as performing many maintenance jobs and other small building projects to augment the new facilities.

New Defibrillator

A new defibrillator for the Village has just been installed on the outside wall of the Village Hall for emergency use in the case of a cardiac arrest (sudden heart failure). Funding for this has been provided by the Parish Council. Instructions for the use of the defibrillator are available at the site of the facility, and some short instruction classes have been arranged by Peter Stokes for interested villagers.

Ron Leslie
Chair, Kingston Village Hall Management Committee
May, 2019

Appendix G

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND SAINT ANDREW, KINGSTON – MARCH 2018 – 2019

1. Statement required under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956

The Parochial Church Council agrees to cooperate with the Team Rector in charge of the Papworth Team Ministry (Team East) in promoting in the parish of Kingston the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.

2. Members of the Council who have served during the current financial year until the approval of the accounts on March 20th 2018

Rev Nigel di Castiglione (Team Rector)	Mrs K Forsythe
Rev Stephen Day (Team Vicar)	Mr P Reynolds (Churchwarden)
Mrs C Allison	Ms L Rimmer (Treasurer)
Mrs J Clear (Secretary)	Mr E T Smith (Clerk of Works)
Mr J Diggle (Churchwarden)	Mrs L Steele (Village Hall Representative)

3. The Parochial Church Council holds regular meetings quarterly.

4. The following were the principal matters dealt with by the PCC March 2018 – March 2019:

- (a) Arrangements for Festival services.
- (b) Auction of Promises 27.04.18 - raised £3,942
- (c) Church Fete 14. 07. 18 - raised £1,441.
- (d) Other fund raising: Kingston Wood Manor garden opening £740; 'Ride and Stride' £163; Carol Singing £824; Harvest supper £280; card sales £52. Total fund raising 2018 £7.443 (£9,887 in 2017).
- (e) Collections donated to charities (£546).
- (f) Daily church opening resumed after scaffold board ceiling installed.
- (g) Appointment of Philip Payne for churchyard grass cutting.
- (h) Annual inspection of fabric, Fire extinguisher inspection and boiler inspection and repairs. Additional fire extinguisher purchased.
- (i) Consideration of fire risk assessment and emergency planning.
- (j) Two funeral services and one wedding
- (k) PCC members' registration for Disclosure and Barring certificates.
- (l) Bishop of Huntingdon visited and presided at Holy Communion 4.02.18.
- (m) Harvest Supper after Harvest Festival 13.10.18.
- (n) Special Armistice vigil and Exhibition before Remembrance Sunday.
- (o) Nativity Play at South Sea House 22.12.18.
- (p) Consideration of WC and Served facilities – postponed
- (q) Art+Christianity (formerly ACE) arts project: preparation of artists' brief and selection of Bettina Furnee to produce art work. A+C to provide £5,000 funding. Contract made between PCC and artist.

H. C.	9	9	7	6	5	5	6	7	6	5	6
E. P.	8	8	8	9	7	7	6	6	3	3	3
F. S.	14	14	13	16	16	13	13	14	10	10	10

Attendance at the major festivals

<u>Festival</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Easter	12	41	18	21	26	31	49	33	39	23	42
Harvest	28	23	21	34	43	16	21	26	17	32	27
Carol Service	24	33	26	45	38	75	31	[52]	[45]	36	35
Christmas Eve + Day	30	20	38	34	42	46	30	47	41	20	35
Total	94	117	103	134	149	168	131	158	142	111	139

The figures for Holy Communion, Evening Prayer and Family Service were stable in 2018. (In 2015 and 2016 there were Nativity Plays in church, not Carol Services. There was no Christmas Eve service in 2014). Nativity plays at South Sea House in 2017 – 80 attended; in 2018 – 90 attended. There was no Christmas Day Service in 2017. In 2018 the Christmas service was late on Christmas Eve.

Appendix H

Kingston Poores' Land Charity

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Total in bank at 30th April 2019 was £7849.25

Income was £812.40

A total of £605 was paid in 2018. This comprised of gifts to 4 school leavers, and donations to five families in need.

Mrs Joan Reynolds & Dr Donal O'Donnell
Trustees