

APM 2022

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2022  
HELD AT THE BRITISH LEGION HALL, KEDINGTON**

<b>In the Chair:</b>	Mrs Ann Naylor	Chair of Kedington Parish Council
<b>Present:</b>	Mr Terry Wheeler	Kedington Parish Councillor
	Mrs Stella Wilsher	Kedington Parish Councillor
	Mrs Lynda Woodward	Kedington Parish Councillor
	Mr Peter Deeks	Kedington Parish Councillor
	Mr David Roach	Suffolk County Councillor
	Mrs Marion Rushbrook	West Suffolk District Councillor
	Mr Nick Clarke	West Suffolk District Councillor
	Mr Mel James	Parishioner
	Mr Steve Bowen	Parishioner
	Mr Keith Bush	Parishioner
	Mr Colin Jenkinson	Parishioner
	Mrs Hazel Jenkinson	Parishioner
	Mrs Val Farthing	Parishioner
	Mr Mike Shearer	Parishioner
	Mr David Atkin	Parishioner
	Mr Kevin Betts	Parishioner
	Mr John Boxall	Parish Clerk

**1. Welcome and Introductions.**

The Chair of Kedington Parish Council, Ann Naylor welcomed all present and thanked everybody for attending.

**2. To approve the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

A resolution was put forward by Cllr Wilsher and seconded by Cllr Wheeler to agree the minutes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at which they were both present, as a true record. There were no other resolutions; unanimously agreed. Chair signed the minutes outside the meeting.

**3. Report of Parish Council Chair: Ann Naylor.**

The Chair presented her report (ANNEX 1)

**4. Parish Council financial report 2021-2022: Clerk John Boxall.**

The Clerk presented his report (ANNEX 2)

**5. Report of County Councillor: Cllr David Roach.**

Councillor David Roach stated it was an honour and pleasure to be representing the Parish of Kedington and he will continue to support the village of Kedington and the hamlet of Calford Green. He has responsibility for school provisions, roads, lighting, traffic, signs. He also sits on the District Council and Haverhill Town Council. Councillor Roach advised he has a Locality Fund budget of £8,000.00 that is available to him to support the communities he represents.

## 6. Report of West Suffolk District Councillors.

Councillor Nick Clarke stated it is a great privilege to be elected and to serve the people he represents. Along with his colleagues, Councillors Marion Rushbrook and Karen Richardson, they are keen to support all the Parishes in their District including Kedington Parish.

Councillor Clarke spoke about Planning Applications and the "Calling In" process.

He also spoke about:-

- those in our communities who may be struggling and how they can be helped i.e. getting a heating system replaced in a rental property.
- the Ukrainian refugees and how they can be helped.
- grass cutting in the District.
- the funding of GP Surgeries.

He then spoke briefly about the Local Plan and the upcoming consultation presentation on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022 that Councillor Roach will talk about later in this meeting.

He said that it has been a pleasure to work with Kedington Parish Council. The Council seems to be completely in control of what is going on, it is run professionally, works well and is a really good advocate on behalf of the Parish.

Councillor Marion Rushbrook encouraged people to have their view on the Local Plan and to put it on the website or call the Planning Department and talk to them.

Councillor Rushbrook also commented that the Council is great to work with as stated by Councillor Clarke.

## 7. Reports from Village Organisations.

Parishioner Val Farthing was attending as the President of the Women's Institute, the Chair of the Gardening Club and the Treasurer of the Mother and Toddler Group. Mrs Farthing gave an update on the current status of each of these organisations.

The Women's Institute celebrates its centenary next year. The Mother and Toddler Group are very grateful for the grant from the Parish Council that enabled them to carry on and to provide a Christmas party for the children.

Parishioner Mel James was in attendance representing the Bowling Club. He gave an update on the current status of the Club.

## 8. Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr David Roach.

Councillor Roach advised he is also a Cabinet Member for Planning and he gave an update on the Local Plan, the upcoming consultation and the presentation on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Chair asked and Councillor Roach confirmed that West Suffolk Council has an aim of 30% affordable housing houses to be built. Affordable housing is housing that is 20% below the market price in planning terms. Another aim is to have a 60/40 ratio of houses to open space.

A discussion then took place around how many more houses could or should be built in Kedington Parish and that the need was for more affordable housing for local people to be able to afford to buy.

Councillor Roach reiterated that the Local Plan consultation is an opportunity for everyone to make their views known.

Chair advised that the Local Plan will be on the agenda for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.



**9. Kedington Doctor's Surgery update: Chair.**

The Chair read out a letter from Unity Healthcare in response to an enquiry from her (ANNEX 3)

Councillor Clarke advised he has a meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 with Sandie Robinson who is the Director of the West Suffolk Alliance and part of the West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group who fund the GP surgeries, and he will speak to her with regards to this.

**10. Freedom Of Information request to Suffolk Police: Chair.**

Chair advised that lots of Parishioners had asked what the Police were doing regarding traffic speeds and accidents on Haverhill Road. Chair thanked Mr Jenkinson for requesting this information by way of a Freedom Of Information request. The reply is attached (ANNEX 4)

**11. Questions.**

Following a question from Councillor Woodward, Councillor Rushbrook will enquire when the Risbridge Reserve will be cut next.

Mr Betts mentioned the inadequate landscaping around the Anglian Water works and that it hadn't been maintained. On behalf of himself, his son Mr Isaac Betts and Mr Bob Dellar, he proposed using some trees that they already have, obtaining funding for some evergreen trees such as English Yew and Holly, and planting fifty to one hundred trees and maintaining them. Mr Betts doubted the adequacy of any trees Anglian Water may plant as ones they've previously planted have died.

Councillor Rushbrook said she has had a conversation about this with District Councillor Peter Stevens who covers Little Wratting that has no Parish Council. He has been in touch with Planning about this only in the last week and she will get an update from him. Councillor Rushbrook will take this forward with Councillor Stevens.

Councillor Deeks gave an update on his new role as the Local History Recorder and asked to be advised of any events that took place in the Parish to help him compile his annual report.

**12. Refreshments.**

The chair thanked everyone who attended the meeting. Light refreshments were offered and the meeting was formally closed.

Signed.....*AEU*.....

Date.....23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.....

# ANNEX 1

## KEDINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022

### PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT 2021/2022

Kedington Parish Council has worked hard over the past year. The processes we now have in place will ensure Kedington Parish Council is 'fit' for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. All areas of our daily business have been reviewed, new policies and procedures have been implemented where appropriate. Our new accountancy system SCRIBE compliments our new working practices, proven to be cost effective and efficient. We now conduct all of our financial transactions using Internet Banking. A new policy has been adopted to ensure we comply with advice from NALC, Barclays, and NatWest Bank.

Compliments to John Boxall our RFO/Clerk, who has worked extremely hard in his first year, with total professionalism to ensure all of our new working practices are compliant. We are pleased to confirm that we received an excellent report from our internal auditor in May 2022. Well done, John.

During the summer school holidays, Kedington Parish Councillors hosted a children's health and wellbeing day at the community centre, which was sponsored by Haverhill Rotary Club, plus a financial donation for ice creams by Mr & Mrs Ferney, Vans4U. The children played football, cricket, rounders, and a massive bouncy castle was erected in the hall. The delightful day ended with team building games and an ice cream, having entertained 34 children from our parish, in an event which was enormously successful. It must be said the young people were impeccably well behaved. A credit to their parents/guardians and Kedington Primary Academy. Many thanks to all concerned.

June 2021 Kedington Parish Council received confirmation that West Suffolk Council had accepted our nomination, submitted under the Community Right to Bid, regarding the land and British Legion Hall registered under Title Deed SK323185.

This land is now added to the list of Assets of Community Value, available on the Council's website. If the owner of the property wishes to dispose of it at some point in the future (other than as a gift, inheritance, mortgage default, insolvency, death, court order or business transfer), they will inform the West Suffolk Council, which will trigger a moratorium period. The Council will write to us to inform us that this is the case, and what the process is for submitting an intention to bid. The owner's intention to dispose of the property will also be recorded on the list of Assets of Community Value, on the Council's website

October 2021 Women's Tour Cycle Race. Councillors stepped up and worked with the Royal British Legion to host a fabulous event, where bacon rolls, cakes, and drinks were sold, the proceeds of which went to the Royal British Legion. Many thanks to our West Suffolk Councillors who assisted with a financial grant.

A Christmas themed Jeep was our mode of transport this year for the annual visit of Father Christmas and his elves. We visited children in the village and once again delivered sweets.



We visited Eastcotts Nursing home where the residents and staff were absolutely delighted. I would like to offer my thanks to all concerned for making this a very magical event for the children. Special thanks to Charlie Rule AKA 'Father Christmas.' Not forgetting our generous residents who offered us a Christmas 'Tipple' and mince pies. A few of us were 'merry' elves at the end of the evening, having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Many thanks to Haverhill Round Table, who again contributed with sweets and biscuits. Money raised for this event went to the KCA.

Hopefully, this year we can continue with this well received tradition. We are hopeful the Jeep will be available, and with the help of Andy Saunders and Kirk Pearson we should be able to upgrade the sound system. You will definitely hear us coming this year!

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 was another memorable day for the Parish Council. Councillor Sharon Eames and her husband Brian, represented Kedington in the Festival of Suffolk as torch bearers. It was a brilliant morning at the Community Centre with over 200 children from Kedington Primary Academy and many local residents cheering them on. Councillors supplied light refreshments, and everybody present enjoyed the celebration.

Platinum Jubilee Weekend June 2022, Parish Councillors will work with KCA and the RBL to ensure a fabulous weekend of celebrations

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Beacon Lighting 8pm onwards (RBL)

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Party at the Palace 6pm onwards (Community Centre)

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June – The Big Jubilee Picnic 12 noon onwards (Great Meadow) plus Jazz Band  
All licensed events.

We will be working together to ensure that we deliver a brilliant weekend of entertainment for everybody.

Kedington Parish Council has continued to keep the village maintained to an extremely high standard. M D Landscapes (Anglia) Ltd cut most of the grassed areas in the Parish, i.e., the Church Yard, Great Meadow, Silver Street Park, Old School Playing field, Calford Green and some other smaller areas around the village. Other areas in the village are maintained by West Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council, with RMS Tree Services undertaking our strimming contract. Mortimer Contracts Ltd undertake various jobs. Mr Dennis Brownlow our village cleaner continues to keep the Parish clean and tidy from litter. Andy Lyle has been working with us keeping the shrub areas tidy. Many thanks to all of them, they go above and beyond to keep our village beautiful.

Kedington has unfortunately suffered some criminal damage this year. To mention a few, shortly after the picnic benches were refurbished, they became a target of graffiti, our skate ramps, and other areas of the village, were also subject to similar damage. We will continue to monitor this, and Suffolk Police are aware.

Budget year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, £3,900 was paid out in grants under Sn 137, LGA 1972 as being of benefit to local people. Grants were awarded to:

East Anglia's Children's Hospice  
St Peters and St Pauls Church  
Kedington Guides  
Kedington Brownies  
Kedington Rainbows  
Kedington Sea Scouts  
Kedington Players

Kedington Mothers and Toddlers Group  
Ketton Early Birds  
Fresh Start Beginnings  
Centre Café  
British Legion  
Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service

Kedington Parish Council viewed and commented where appropriate on 29 planning applications.

Councillor Peter Deeks has kindly volunteered his time to undertake the role of Kedington's Suffolk Local History Recorder.

Action plan for this budget year is for a new village sign, replacement of two play surfaces at Old School Field, two refurbished benches for Silver Street Park, and a new Jubilee Bench. With the agreement of Mr Mike Shearer this will be placed on his land along Church Walk for all to enjoy.

I would like to personally thank the RBL, and KCA for all their support, throughout the year, working together to deliver some momentous events for the village. We will continue to work in collaboration to ensure that we maintain the momentum in achieving the absolute best for our community.

Thank you to my fellow current councillors, Terry, Stella, Lynda, Ross, Jeff, Sharon and Peter for their support and their continued hard work, and of course our Clerk/RFO, John Boxall.

AND County & District Cllrs.

Finally, thanks to all of our parishioners who supported us.

Special thanks to Terry's long service.

**Ann Naylor - Chair**  
**Kedington Parish Council**  
**24<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

# ANNEX 2

## **Kedington Annual Parish Meeting Kedington Parish Council Finance Report 2021/2022**

The financial year 2021/2022 almost went according to the budget with an underspend of just over £4,000 expected once all outstanding work is completed and paid for.

Cash in hand on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 amounted to £86,153.07. The Parish Council's Barclays account had a balance of £22,130.36 and the NatWest account had a balance of £64,022.71.

The Parish Council did not request an increase in the Precept for the financial year 2022/2023. In fact, there was a net decrease of £2,500.00 taking into account the resignation of the Pedestrian Assistant in October 2021. However, there was an increase of 0.9% levied by West Suffolk.

The Precept for the next financial year 2022/2023 is £81,570.00.



# ANNEX 3



The Kedington surgery is a branch of Unity Healthcare (previously known as Christmas Maltings & Clements Surgery) based in Haverhill.

The patients registered with Kedington Surgery have access to a full range of general medical services provided by Unity Healthcare at the Clements Surgery, four miles by road from Kedington. Parking facilities are available and public transport includes a bus service and Connecting Communities Rural Transport.

The surgery will remain open to be used as a base for some of our administrators and also as a training hub in connection with our work with medical students.

Patients can also continue to collect their prescriptions from the surgery each Wednesday between 10.15 - 11.45 a.m.

## **How is the Clements Surgery site providing better quality healthcare for patients?**

Historically, the practice has relied on a 'first come, first served' appointment system which has diverted resources away from patients with potentially concerning symptoms, to patients with minor illness or non-medical concerns that can be self-managed with support by more appropriate health and care professionals.

Since introducing triage that embraces innovations and technology, and a 'demand led' rather than 'capacity led' approach towards service delivery, we have been able to ensure that everyone is able to access the healthcare that they NEED, in a timely fashion. Most contacts with the surgery are dealt with on the same day, and if not, by the end of the next working day.

Part of this has involved centralising services at the Clements Surgery and working together in a 'hub' based environment. This allows clinicians to share best practice, to share ideas about patients with more challenging problems, and to be able to allocate the time needed to patients with more complex needs. We can work as a team to ensure that all patients' needs are met. For example, a doctor who is tied up managing a patient who is dying is no longer forming a queue of frustrated patients in the meantime. It also means that patients do not need to take time off work, wait for hours in the surgery etc. for problems that are straightforward and can be managed remotely. We continue to see patients in person, either at the Clements Surgery or in their homes when appropriate (as we have done throughout the pandemic), if this is needed to safely manage the person's condition.



The Clements Surgery has better facilities, and a range of staff on hand to help. The Kedington Surgery building does not offer facilities that are adequate for 21st century healthcare, and staff working there would be isolated and unsupported.

This innovative approach towards service delivery has helped to turn around patient provision from a situation where we could not maintain a workforce of regular staff and were failing on almost every regulatory indicator, into a thriving practice that is regularly recruiting to expand the clinical team, and is now involved in training and education to secure services for the future.

We acknowledge that this is not without ongoing challenges but believe that the challenges we now face are no different or more severe than those affecting General Practice as a whole. The patients of Unity Healthcare now have an excellent team of clinicians dedicated to helping them, which continues to grow and develop to face the new and upcoming challenges.

Figures provided by the GP Patient Survey 2021 (run by Ipsos MORI on behalf of NHS England) indicate that since 2020, patient's overall experience of making an appointment at the practice has improved by 23%, patient satisfaction with the general practice appointment times available has increased by 36.7%, and patients overall experience of Unity Healthcare has improved by 28%.

**How can I help to further improve services at Unity Healthcare?**

If you would like to join the **Unity Healthcare Patient Participation Group (PPG)** – please ask at reception or email [wscg.unityhealthcare@nhs.net](mailto:wscg.unityhealthcare@nhs.net) for more information.

# ANNEX 4

Freedom of Information Request Reference N°: FOI 001013-22

I write in connection with your request for information received by Suffolk Constabulary on the 21 March 2022 in which you sought access to the following information:

“Location: B1061 Haverhill Road, j/w Mill Road, Kedington (Area from approx 200m north of j/w Mill Road to j/w White Horse Road and including 100m in to Mill Road.) or if easier the length of Haverhill / Sturmer Road, Kedington, through the 30mph section identifying the individual locations of those collisions.

Time period: January 2015 to March 2022.

1. Collisions. – The number of collisions reported to / attended by police. If those figures could be separated or identified as to their severity, please. (KSI / slight injury / damage only. Should there have been a road death in the KSI category, please indicate this.
2. Speed Enforcement. – the number of prosecutions that have been initiated for excess speed (FPN’s, TOR’s, reported for summons). If these figures can be separated in to those initiated by the Speed Enforcement team (who regularly set themselves up at the junction of Mill Road) together with their number of visits to the site during the period, and then any other initiated prosecutions.
3. Have there been any prosecutions initiated under S2 or 3 of the RTA during the time period? If so, how many and for what offences.?”

Response to your Request

The response provided below is correct as of 6 April 2022

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and the response is below.

1. The number of collisions recorded by the Suffolk Constabulary Road Collision Support Team for the specified location is as follows, including location, injury, circumstances and outcome:

Date	Location	Injury severity
07/07/2020	Dane Common (B1061) junction with Kings Hill, Kedington	Injury – less serious
17/06/2019	Haverhill Road (B1061) Kedington	Non injury
25/03/2019	Haverhill Road (B1061) 36 metres north of junction with Mill Road, Kedington	Non injury
09/12/2017	Sturmer Road junction with Dane Common, Kedington	Non injury



31/10/2017	Sturmer Road (B1061) near junction with Kings Hill, Kedington	Injury – moderately serious
08/02/2017	Mill Road, Kedington	Non injury
30/08/2015	A143 J/W B1061, Kedington	Injury - slight

2. The number of speeding offences detected in Kedington since 2015, broken down by Police Officer and Safety Camera Team is as follows:

Date/Place of speed check	Number of speeding offences
Safety Camera Team – B1061	52
01/04/2021	2
05/02/2021	5
05/06/2020	2
05/07/2021	2
06/04/2021	6
11/03/2020	1
11/05/2020	3
14/01/2020	2
15/12/2020	2
15/12/2021	2
18/02/2020	1
18/08/2020	1
19/11/2021	1
20/10/2020	1
23/12/2019	6
25/05/2021	2
27/08/2021	1
29/09/2020	2
30/03/2021	8
30/09/2021	2
Police Officers – Haverhill Road	13
02/04/2021	3

04/04/2021	1
06/04/2021	1
10/07/2021	1
17/04/2018	1
21/07/2021	1
23/02/2021	1
26/02/2022	1
27/02/2022	1
29/09/2021	1
30/03/2022	1

3. No offences under Section 2 or Section 3 of the Road Traffic Act have been recorded.

Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact Clair Pack, FOI Decision Maker, quoting the reference number shown above.

A full copy of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) can be viewed on the 'Office of Public Sector Information' web-site; <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>

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Ask Suffolk Constabulary to look at the decision again.

If you are dissatisfied with the decision made by Suffolk Constabulary under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), regarding access to information, you must notify Suffolk Constabulary that you are requesting a review within 40 working days of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request. Requests for a review should be made in writing and addressed to:

Freedom of Information Decision Maker  
Information Management Department  
Suffolk Constabulary  
Police Headquarters  
Martlesham Heath  
Ipswich  
Suffolk  
IP5 3QS  
OR Email: [information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:information@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)



In all possible circumstances Suffolk Constabulary will aim to respond to your request for us to look at our decision again within 20 working days of receipt of your request for an internal review.

The Information Commissioner.

After lodging a request for a review with Suffolk Constabulary, if you are still dissatisfied with the decision, you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) or contact them at the address shown below:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF  
Telephone: 01625 545 700