

KENNETT PARISH COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR APRIL 2013 – MARCH 2014

Parish Councillors

Mr Darren Watson, Chairperson
Mrs Jackie Hughes, Parish Clerk
Mr Mark Hillyer, Vice Chairperson
Mr Derek Miles
Mr Robin Swanson
Mrs Gina Pryor
Mrs Diane Wallis

The Parish Council continues to look at ways of reducing speed and HGV movements through the village. Since the unanimous decision to proceed with the chicane near the Playing Field received at the open meeting held last May, we have advised the various Stakeholders of our plans and have had no objections. We are now finalising the details with a view of installing by the end of the year. I would like to thank both Robin and Derek for their ownership of this project.

Under the Local Highway Improvement Initiative we applied for a speed reduction to 30MPH from Dane Hill Road extending to the junction of Station Road and Church Lane. Although there was good feedback after our presentation we did not win our bid and are currently on the reserved list. If we are not successful we will apply for this again next year.

Forest Heath District Council asked the Parish councils of Kennett, Kentford and the village hall and playing field committee to work together to investigate the possibility of building a new village hall using 106 money from the development at Farriers grange. A number of internal meetings have taken place and at a well attended public meeting held on Saturday the 1st of February a real desire to have a facility was expressed. We are now investigating two viable sites and FHDC are funding an independent architect who will give an impartial view on the benefits and costs of each site.

The 3 rivers parish news has been introduced to Kennett and with the assistance of the delivery teams and Robin this is now providing information to all residents. Once again thank you to Robin for being the author for Kennett.

Finally we are sad to be losing Jackie Hughes our Parish Clerk. Jackie has been the Clerk of Kennett PC for a number of years and she will be sadly missed. I would personally like to thank Jackie for her support during my 3 years in the chair and I am sure you would all like to join me in this wishing her all the best in the future.

Donations for the year were:

Kennett Parochial Church Council	£300.00
Royal British Legion	£50.00
Magpas	£50.00

Copies of the accounts for the financial year April 2013-March 2014 are available from our Clerk.

Mr Darren Watson
Chairperson, Kennett Parish Council