

KINGMOOR PARISH COUNCIL (KPC)

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

CHAIRMANS REPORT MAY 2023

Thank you for attending the Annual Parish Meeting of Kingmoor Parish Council. At the start of a new term for the Parish Councils, I would like to thank Chris Smalley for the work he has done during his time as a councillor and welcome Liam Moscrop as a new councillor in the Kingmoor Parish.

This is the start of a new era for Cumbria, as you will know we have become a unitary council and Kingmoor is part of the Cumberland Council, giving us one tier to approach the council with problems which arise. Cllr Trevor Allison will continue to represent Kingmoor on the Cumberland Council.

Throughout the year the council has been occupied with various planning applications which the planning group deal with an excellent manner. At the moment there is cause for some concern with the North West Recycling Ltd plant at Rockcliffe. Whilst this is not in the area of Kingmoor it will have an effect on the communities surrounding, with probable air deterioration, noise and traffic. No planning has been received in respect of this site but the Council will comment on the application giving reasons for this plant not to go ahead. Concern has been raised at the goings on at Cargo Hill Farm. However, it is difficult to get a straight answer from the Environment Agency we will keep trying.

It would seem the camping pods before Cargo Hill Farm have disappeared.

A working group of parents and the Clerk to KPC has been established in Cargo village to revamp the play area for the village. Grants have been applied for. Plans have been drawn up and we are just waiting for the next stage. The new play area will be inclusive.

As a council we are looking to install a defibrillator in each area of KPC and will hopefully be installed on lamp post 1 in Cargo & lamp post 29 Crindledyke Lane. Stainton is proving a bit more challenging. Updates will be in the minutes as they occur.

The bus shelter in Cargo is falling into a little bit of disrepair, we have asked for quotations for works to replace the window and do some pointing/ repair works on the roof. The bus stop at Crindledyke has been cleared of overgrown weeds. A bus shelter at Crindledyke is the responsibility of Stagecoach.

Each area had a flower box installed for the Queens Jubilee, plans have been made to keep them full of flowers and hopefully a nice display through out the year. Thank you to Cllrs Mike Kirkwood, Phil Logan and Chris Smalley for their hard work & to Cllr John Story for the Soil. BSW supplied the wood to make them, thank you. The council is now looking into getting a contractor to look after the boxes with seasonal plants.

The entrance to Cargo is getting a make over to make it more appealing and safer as you turn into the village the overgrown hedges hide traffic turning into the village which they do and at some speed. A contractor has been approached and shown what work is needed. It involves clearing the bank on the right approach into Cargo. The owner of the field was at the site meeting.

The cycle path from Cargo to Kingmoor roundabout is still ongoing, Cllr Allison is working hard to achieve this. A grant cannot be applied for from the Cumberland Council because the land to be used is Highways – Council.

Recently Cllr G Wade & Cllr P Logan walked the Parish Footpaths to inspect and report any issues or concerns along the routes.

During the last year communities through out the country have celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. Then in September following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, an event was held in the Crown & Thistle at Rockcliffe which was well attended from the surrounding villages. In May the Parishes shared the joy of celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the councillors for their hard work during the last year which has been very varied. This could not be achieved without the work of our hard working Clerk/RFO Kylie, thank you Kylie.