

## **Keinton Mandeville Parish Council**

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### **Parish Council Meetings**

Parish Council meetings will continue to be held remotely and details will be published on our new website at least three days beforehand, including details of how the public can join the meeting.

The next meeting is planned for April 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7.30pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will also take place via zoom and details will be available on the website about a week beforehand.

### **Thank you**

It is always good to hear of spontaneous actions of kindness and consideration in our community. We would like to thank those people who we have become aware are undertaking litter picks during their regular walks around the village. What a super gesture, helping quietly to maintain our village as we would all like to see it.

### **Keinton Mandeville Speed Watch**

John Walker has energised a team of volunteers to set up a Community Speedwatch Group. Unfortunately, although understandably, the Police have advised that training courses are currently on hold due to the Covid-19 Lockdown. The Parish Council really appreciate the efforts to establish the community speed watch group, as it will hopefully slow down traffic, provide useful data and show strength of feeling in the village on this matter. This will be very helpful in our discussions with the County Highways Authority in regard to both traffic and planning matters. If you feel strongly about this issue and are willing to help, please contact John: [jw.hawson@btinternet.com](mailto:jw.hawson@btinternet.com)

### **John Light – thank you.**

The Parish Council would like to thank John Light for his work on the village website. John continues to maintain this extremely efficiently, it is a super site and really user friendly. John was also responsible for setting up the parish council page for us and writing software to meet our specific needs. With growing pressure for us to have stand alone site we have now moved the parish council information to our dedicated website, but wish to formally thank John and point out his longstanding and voluntary commitment. The village website is still very much up and running, only the PC information has moved. Thank you John.

### **Highway Improvement Scheme**

We have received the following correspondence from Somerset County Council – please note deadline 5/4/2021

*Dear Resident*

*Consultation on proposed Small Improvement Scheme: Keinton Mandeville  
Somerset County Council are investigating the provision of highway improvements in Keinton Mandeville. This is as a result of a request from County Councillor Dean Ruddle for a Small Improvement Scheme to introduce road safety improvements in the village. Plans showing the proposed improvements can be seen on our website at: [www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/small-improvement-schemes-directory](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/small-improvement-schemes-directory) (look for 'T1004366 - Keinton Mandeville' in South Somerset district).*

*The proposed scheme aims to improve compliance with the existing 30 mph speed limit, provide some better crossing facilities for pedestrians and re-align the Queen Street junction, slowing traffic entering from High Street and making it easier for pedestrians to cross.*

*The scheme would include the following measures:*

- *Enhancements to the existing 30 mph village gateways on B3153, including improved signing and red coloured surfacing treatment;*
- *Additional speed limit repeater signs together with new '30' road marking roundels;*
- *New uncontrolled dropped kerb pedestrian crossings on High Street and Castle Street to assist pedestrians crossing and provide better connectivity, especially for those with prams and buggies and people with vision impairment;*
- *A refresh of the existing road markings in Queen Street to ensure they are clear and visible, together with a new 'road narrows' sign; and*
- *Realignment of Queen Street at the High Street junction, slowing traffic entering from the main road and providing better crossing facilities for pedestrians.*

*The provision of both horizontal and vertical deflections (such as carriageway narrowings and road humps) was investigated in detail, but neither is recommended for inclusion as part of this scheme. The measures now proposed could help the possible introduction of these stronger measures, if confirmed as needed in the future, but these will need careful design to avoid or reduce the disadvantages that they can bring.*

*If you have any comments, please email [anellist@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:anellist@somerset.gov.uk) by 5 April 2021.*

*I am afraid that we may not be able to provide an individual detailed reply to any consultation response, but we will take all comments and views into account when developing our proposals, if there is support for this scheme to proceed.*

*The next stage will be for us to commission the detailed design of the proposals, where we would be able to consider any issues raised as we progress the design and construction of this scheme.*

*Yours faithfully*

*Andy Nellist*

*Project Manager*

### **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, this will be filled by cooption at the April meeting. If you would like to apply please contact the clerk [kmpccclerk@gmail.com](mailto:kmpccclerk@gmail.com)

### **Dog bins**

We often receive requests from residents for additional dog / litter bins in the village. We are unable to provide any more bins in the village because we are dependent on SSDC emptying the bins and unfortunately they cannot accommodate any more bins in Keinton Mandeville.

Here are the locations of the dog bins in the village:

- Irving Road Green
- Chistles Lane (at top of lane by the village hall)
- Church Street (entrance to Lakeview Quarry footpath)
- Cottons Lane
- Row Lane

And Litter Bins

- Playing field (Castle Street)
- Skatepark

- Happy Tracks Play Area
- Keinton Stores
- Castle House
- Irving Road Green