



## Chairman's Report

By Cllr Sheila Bruce

This past year has once again been a very busy one for the Council.

The Neighbourhood Plan which both the Council and most importantly many members of the Community have been heavily involved in over the past year has now been completed with well over 70% of the Community responding to the questionnaire. An overview of the results has been delivered to all households and a number of copies of the complete document with detailed analysis of all the returns will also be available. There was a follow up meeting in May to discuss the way forward to address issues highlighted in the responses from the questionnaire.

This document provides invaluable information to assist Parish Councillors when making decisions and observations on a wide range of Parish matters.

I would like to thank everyone involved in the Neighbourhood plan and in particular the Chair of the Steering group Peter Clarke who did an excellent job in keeping all the topic groups on track and maintained the momentum to finish the project within timescale.

The Parish Council continue to ensure that health & safety issues are adhered to on the BMX track, Children's Play Area and Parish Hall Playing Field.

The Council continue to give their full support to the concerns of the local community over the National Grid consultations on a route for Pylons across the local countryside by supporting SNAP and agreeing to distribute a short questionnaire for Maesbrook residents to raise their concerns over the pylons.. The Parish Council are continuing to press for a decision on the final route as early as possible.

Throughout this past year regular updates have been made to the documents involving the proposed Community Infrastructure Levy which would apply if any new houses were built in Kinnerley Parish & the Place Plans.

The provision of the Cardboard skip at Kinnerley Parish Hall has proved popular and is well used. Following on from the Parish Council providing the skip and proving how much it was needed and

supported by local people and thanks to continuous pressure from our Parish Clerk and our Shropshire Councillor the Unitary Council agreed a few months ago to provide the skip free of charge.

The Local Joint Committee which comprises of the parishes of Kinnerley, Knockin, Llanymynech & Pant, Meverley & Oswestry Rural has continued to provide a useful forum in helping Parishes have input into the Shropshire Council. The provision of improved Broadband has been discussed in depth at a number of meetings which has given local people a good opportunity to raise their concerns with relevant Unitary Council officers.

Our clerk Kate Sanderson has once again had a very heavy work load to deal with over this past year and has dealt with everything in a most professional manner whether it has been trying to source information from the unitary Authority which frequently is quite a time consuming undertaking or sourcing information on other Parish matters thank you Kate.

Finally I would like to thank my Vice-Chair Betton Cambridge and the other Parish Councillors for their work and support over this past year.

*Cllr Sheila Bruce*

This report describes the main activities of Kinnerley Parish Council during 2012/13. It also gives details of the services provided by the Parish Council and information about how your money has been spent.

Kinnerley Parish Council meets at least ten times a year in Kinnerley Parish Hall. Meeting dates are listed over the page. The public and press are very welcome to attend all the meetings. A public participation session is held at the start of each meeting and you are encouraged to address the Parish Council on any agenda or parish matter.

If you wish to contact the Parish Council at any other time, we ask that you contact the Parish Clerk.

### **Mid Wales Connection - Survey results**

The results of the recent survey sent to all Maesbrook residents is available to view on the website: [www.2shrop.net/kinnerleyparishcouncil](http://www.2shrop.net/kinnerleyparishcouncil)

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey

## Summary of Parish Council Activities 2012/13

**Local Elections** - Parish Council elections took place in May. Edgerley ward was contested and a poll took place. Argoed and Kynaston wards had the same number of nominations as vacancies and Maesbrook only had one nomination which means that there are two vacancies. Following the poll in Edgerley ward Cllr J Pinder and Cllr B Jones retained their seats on the Parish Council. Following a notice in May's Telescope two individuals have come forward interested in representing Maesbrook and the Parish Council will consider co-opting them to the Parish Council at May's meeting. The details of the new Councillors will be available on the Parish Council website and next months Telescope.

Three Parish Councillors stood down at the last elections, Roger Davies, Mike Bullen and Cathy Preston. Their contribution to the Parish Council has been invaluable and they will be missed. They are all thanked for their time on the Parish Council.

**Kinnerley Parish Neighbourhood Plan** - the plan has been created. Thank you to all involved and now plans are in place to implement the community suggestions. Updates will be available on the [www.knp.co.uk](http://www.knp.co.uk) and Kinnerley Parish Council website.

**Village/Parish Halls** – The Parish Council has provided financial support to Kinnerley Parish Hall and Maesbrook Village Hall, to assist with the provision of very important community facilities.

**Shropshire Council consultations** – The Parish Council has considered a number of consultation documents including Planning Policy consultations, received from Shropshire Council, and has made comments to Shropshire Council to ensure that the needs of the Parish are heard by the unitary authority.

**Closed Churchyard in Kinnerley** - Funding for the churchyard wall is still been looked for.

**Play area/BMX Track** -The Parish Council continues to maintain the play area and BMX track in Kinnerley.

**Allotments** – The Parish Council continues to look for a suitable piece of land to create an allotment site for the Parish.

**Planning** - The Parish Council is a consultee on all Parish planning applications and will report the council's objections/support or concerns to the Planning authority. If you wish to make your views known to the Parish Council, please contact your local Councillor or address the Parish Council at our meetings.

**Street Lights** - The Parish Council provides and maintains twenty three street lights in the Parish.

**Highways** - Any Highway problems are reported to Shropshire Council and followed up to ensure that the repair has been done.

### Parish Council meeting dates

17th June 2013 (Maesbrook Village Hall)

15th July 2013 (Kinnerley Parish Hall)

No meeting in August

16th September 2013 (Kinnerley Parish Hall)

Meetings start at 7.00pm. You are welcome to address the Parish Council during the public participation session at the start of each meeting.

## **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

The Parish Council accounts are subject to both an independent Internal and External audit each year and Annual Returns are prepared and submitted to the Audit Commission.

Full details of the accounts are available from the Parish Clerk on request. Details of external audit are available on the Kinnerley notice board or the website.

### **Summary of 2012/13 Accounts (Unaudited)**

Balance B/F 1 April 2012 **£16331**

#### Receipts

Precept 18000

Neighbourhood Plan - Grant 13900

VAT refund 2011/12 2929

Other receipts 57

**TOTAL RECEIPTS £34886**

#### Payments

Employee costs/Office exps 7901

Insurance 380

Fees & Subscriptions 1135

Maintenance & repairs 3009

Grants & Donations 1975

Rent Paid 350

Neighbourhood Plan\* 16754

**Total payments excluding VAT £31504**

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**Balance c/f 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 £16165**

*\*The Kinnerley Parish Neighbourhood Plan was fully funded by a Government grant, part which was received in the previous year accounts*

## PARISH COUNCILLORS

### Maesbrook Ward

Cllr Alan Lewis 01691 682281  
2 vacancies

### Edgerley Ward

Cllr Bill Jones 01743 741218  
Cllr John Pinder 01743 741156

### Argoed Ward

Cllr Sheila Bruce 01691 682282  
Cllr Betton Cambridge 01691 682385  
Cllr Sharon Quayle 01691 682657

### Kynaston Ward

Cllr Maurice Jones 01691 682333  
Cllr Nick Barclay 01691 682832  
Cllr Rick Bright 01691 682773