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COUNCILLOR PROFILE

Mr John G. R. Murray

I moved south of the border 20 years ago this month, initially to do a postgraduate degree in Lancaster but liked it so much that I just kept going all the way to London . I started in the City and had a fascinating time in my 20s listing technology companies on the stock market during the 'dotcom' era. I then became a management consultant and have worked for one of the 'big 4' firms for a number of years, specialising in the healthcare sector.

My wife, daughter and I followed our dream of escaping to the country and

moved into the Gate House in November 2010. We subsequently 'fixed it up' and built space for our two horses, Hoover and Agar. We also have Max, our German Shepherd, who's really nice once you get to know him!

I enjoy athletics and in particular long distance running although it's a while since I've managed to fit my Sunday morning long runs around my other chores. My finest sporting moment was running sub 3 hours in the 2006 Paris Marathon.

I joined the Parish Council in December 2012. I chair the Playground Committee and

we have designed a fantastic new playground, have an equipment partner on board and have £6,500 in the bank, courtesy of Kensworth Parish Council. We only have another £93,500 to go but are confident we can do it. However, we initially need around £20,000 and strong community support before we can realistically make successful applications for a number of available grants. To get things going I have set up a new account at www.justgiving.com/yimby/kensworthplayground , please contribute what you can to help give this exciting and essential project the best chance of success.

Enhanced Gritting Service

Once again the Parish is to provide an enhanced winter gritting service to the one provided by Central Bedfordshire Council. The following roads will be gritted during icy conditions;

1. **The Chilterns** – 277metres.
 2. **Village Hall Car Park** – 50metres.
 3. **Poplar Road and Green Lane** – 295metres
 4. **Maple Way** – 230metres
 5. **Ridgeway (road and loop)** – 321metres
 6. **Plewes Close** – 116metres
 7. **Russell Close (ex garages)** – 124metres
 8. **Service Road** – 278metres
 9. **Dovehouse Lane to TC Feeds** – 180metres
- Common Road jct with B4540 to Green End Farm**
533metres

All areas will be gritted on the same occasion allowing Approx 1000kg application of salt during normal conditions and up to 1800kg during snow covered road conditions. Supply and grit all vehicle access routes/roads as stated above and to **exclude** the gritting of any service yard areas applying a mixture of white de-icing salt and pink rock salt.



Councillor Vacancy

That, following the resignation of a Councillor earlier this year and no nominations being received by Central Bedfordshire Council to fill this vacancy in the Office of Councillor for the Parish Council the position will be filled by co-option.

If you are interested in expressing an interest in filling this vacancy please submit your request in writing to the clerk of Kensworth Parish Council, 46 Hillary Crescent, Luton, Bedfordshire LU1 5JH by **6th November 2014** (19 days after the date of this notice).



Dates of Parish Council Meetings 2014/2015 & Contacts

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2014/2015

Full Parish Council—

9/10/2014, 13/11/2014, 11/12/2014,
15/01/2015, 12/02/2015, 12/03/2015 and
9/05/2015.

All meetings to be held in the Village Hall commencing
at 7.30p.m.

Annual Parish Meeting —

April 9th 2015 Commencing at 8.15p.m.

Residents are invited to come along to these meetings and share your views on village matters. Councillors (who are all volunteers) will then be able to evaluate any suggestions and take appropriate action.

2014/2015 PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT

The total **Central Bedfordshire** precept for Kensworth for each of the Bands will be as follows: A-£1060.74, Band B-£1237.53, Band C-£1414.32, Band D-£1591.11, Band E-£1944.69, Band F-£2298.27, Band G-£2651.85 and Band H-£3182.22 per annum.

REPORTED CRIMES

There have been **21** reported crimes and **31** reports of Anti Social Behaviour during the past 3 months. Residents are reminded that notification of any crimes should be made by Telephoning **01582 473211 or 101** and in the event of crime taking place or in an emergency dial **999**.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

During the past three months there have been **5** planning applications and of them there was **one** objection.

Main issues raised at previous meetings

July:-

Members were advised of changes to the recycling scheme operated by Central Bedfordshire Council. Under the new scheme items such as batteries small electrical appliances can now be recycled in plastic bags. Full details are contained on the Parish website

www.kensworthparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Details of the arrangements for the sympathetic Act of Remembrance organised by the British Legion for 4th August were provided.

As a number of reports of anti social behaviour incidents in the village were increasing it was decided to request the reconvening of the Problem Solving Group which comprised of representatives of Bedfordshire Police, Central Bedfordshire Council and the Parish Council. The contents of a letter from Andrew Selous MP were shared following his intervention about residents concerns over aircraft noise. It was understood from the airport director that funds should be available next year for double glazing to be provided in proven cases of problems with aircraft noise. Full details of the scheme will be available during 2015.

In a discussion on the provision of a WW1 Commemorative Garden at the top end of Common Road agreement was reached over the first steps required and a request for a site meeting with officers from Central Bedfordshire Council was planned.

The Parish Council are pleased to report that the external audit of the Parish Council accounts for the year ending 31st March 2014 had been completed successfully without any concerns being raised by the auditor.

August:-

In recess no meeting held.

September:-

A well attended meeting took place with parents and children from Kensworth Church of England Primary School present to hear the presentation given by Cllr. John Murray on the progress to date to provide a new play / leisure area on the recreation ground which when completed would cater for all age groups .

The whole programme, has envisaged, could cost up to £100k and a number of bodies to which grant application would be made identified. In order to kick start the project the Parish Council pledged the sum of £5000.

The problem of inconsiderate parking on pavements / grass verges was again raised and it was agreed that an approach be made to Central Bedfordshire Council to issue Orders which precluded parking in a number of areas in the village. Once the appropriate notices have been displayed it will make parking in these areas illegal and offenders subject to fines.

As part of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) it is intended that traffic surveys are to be conducted in the village. These survey's are to take place during the next few months and the data gained will be used for the traffic aspect of the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was reported that due to increasing commitments Cllr Christopher Menear was resigning as Councillor after 8 years of service to the community. It was agreed that steps be taken to fill the vacancy as soon as possible.

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Councillor Mrs. Cheryl Browne, 42 Russell Close, Kensworth

Councillor Mrs. Pat Mitchell, 131 Common Road, Kensworth

Councillor John G R Murray, The Gate House, Common Road, Kensworth

Councillor Anthony Sinfield-Green, Dovehouse Farm, Dovehouse Lane, Kensworth

Councillor John Worboys, Shortgrove Manor Farm, Dovehouse Lane, Kensworth

Councillor Phillip Woods, Lynch Field, Corner Farm, The Lynch, Kensworth

Vacancy