

# Kislingbury Parish Plan Monitoring Group Report 2008

The Kislingbury Parish Plan Monitoring Group has now been in existence for three years and with the cooperation of the Parish Council has made significant improvements in the village. Sadly there were some areas where we could not improve matters due to external influences but as we come to the closure of the original plan we would like to list here what has been achieved so far and would ask you to contact the writer if there are any issues that concern you with which we may be able to help.

## **Environmental.**

**Dog Fouling** was a major problem highlighted in the survey carried out in 2005. Six doggy bins installed around the village with an additional one to be installed in Willow View in the coming weeks.

**Re-Cycling** is an issue that you wanted us to address. Luckily for us by the time that the Parish Plan was adopted the SNC had already put plans into place to supply every household with green bins and boxes.

**Street Lighting** 51% of the survey papers which were returned thought that street lighting is inadequate. The PPMG carried out a survey and highlighted several dark areas in the village which would have benefitted from an extra light. The survey was forwarded to the Parish Council who maintained that the level of street lighting through the village was adequate.

This subject is under constant review.

**A45 Corridor Development.** The Parish Council is fully aware of this threat and donated £1000.00 towards Kislingbury Action Group to help fight the development.

**Approaches to the Village.** All roads that lead into the village now have flower displays to welcome visitors to the village. These displays are maintained by local volunteers.

**Litter** is a perpetual problem which has been improved with the installation of litter bins around the village.

## **Crime & Safety.**

In many respects this subject is closely aligned with youth needs as the vandalism was identified as a problem within the village directly related to certain young people stating that they "have nothing to do or anywhere to go". This subject is dealt with further on in the report.

Graffiti is generally dealt with by one of the parishioners using equipment supplied by the Parish Council.

**Policing** was seen as unsatisfactory and steps were taken to re-establish the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. We now have over 20 contacts within the village although there are some areas where volunteers are reluctant to come forward. We also have Police Community Support Officers who regularly patrol the village and although their powers are somewhat limited the uniform hopefully helps to deter would be ner' do wells. The Parish Council tried to encourage other villages within our immediate neighbourhood to share cost of training a Special Constable but sadly the neighbours were not interested. It has been recognised that the Crime & Safety Group has done all it can to try and improve policing etc. within the village and has now disbanded.

## **Affordable Housing**

It has been recognised by the housing survey that was distributed in June 2007 that there is a definite need for affordable housing in Kislingbury. The KPPMG initiated dialogue with SNC and the project is now outside the scope of the Parish Council and has been handed over to South Northants Council to be progressed. Three parcels of land have been identified as possible sites.

The favoured site is adjacent to the Bugbrooke Road. This is a very long term project but hopefully it will come to fruition within the next 5 years. This task was signed off October 2007

### **Youth Needs & Club Activities.**

Sadly this project has been the hardest to get any enthusiasm for from the parishioners of this village. A table tennis club was formed and had a certain amount of success; however, parents of those attending were reluctant to help out with supervision etc and as a result the club folded. The lack of parents willing to help has been a recurring problem for the group dealing with youth needs. The Playing Field was prepared to spend £1000.00 in erecting a basket ball net but only if sufficient interest was shown by parents and children. As this was not forthcoming the project has been abandoned.

There has been one club which has been set up for the Ladies and it does seem to be enjoying some success. We also have the very popular KOFS for the over 50's, but nobody seems to want to help the youth of the village.

### **Roads, Traffic & Public Transport.**

This group seeks to reduce the number of vehicles that come through this village and to improve safety. A traffic survey was carried out showing more than 8,000 vehicles per day going through the village. We have a number of learner HGV drivers which use this area as a practice route.

The Parish Council has tried to get the numbers reduced but their letters have not met with any results.

The junction of Rothersthorpe Rd./High St/Camp Lane continues to create accidents and this group, together with the Parish Council, has been trying to get alterations made without success. Lately the white lines have been repainted but it took months and months of letter writing and chasing before the work was actually done. We would also like to see the 30 mph sign at the motorway bridge moved back so that drivers have more warning that they are approaching a built up area, but the Highways Authority have not given permission.

Another item highlighted by the parish plan survey was the need for a pedestrian crossing near the Ashby Court junction. Again the powers that be do not listen to those in the know and to get changes made is extremely difficult and frustrating.

### **Health Care Issues.**

At the outset of the Parish Plan this groups was tasked with improving matters relating to health and other health matters ie. NHS dentist availability, doctor's appointment systems, care for the elderly etc. Initially they started liaising with the Patient & Public Involvement Forum and a lot of work was carried out in first 12 months of the plan but sadly with little progress. It was realised that the many residents in the village had made there own arrangements and this group was disbanded.

### **General**

**Parish Council Minutes** are only read by a small number of parishioners and it was suggested that the minutes be posted on the village website. The Parish Council declined to do this but the minutes are available on several notice boards around the village.

### **Feedback.**

**We** would like your feed back on everything that has been done so far. This Parish Plan is now complete, but if there are any issues that you would like to raise under any of the above headings please contact Peter Saunders on 830398 or e-mail [peter.kislingbury@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:peter.kislingbury@tiscali.co.uk) alternatively drop me line and put it through my door at 55 Willow View.

You do not have to give your name if you do not wish.