

**Follow up to Action Points (in red) below, as at 15 February.**

1.3 A note appeared in the February TKN.

3.2 Note sent to the KPC but they wanted further detail before anything was sent to TKN. Work on this in hand.

4.1.1 Tony still to supply Barrie with map

5.1 This was done. Fiona and/or Jeanne have written to LDC. No reply yet.

7.5 No action yet.

8.1 Have written to Rhys and also spoken to the editor of TKN. No reply from Rhys yet.

### **Minutes of the Action Group Meeting Held on 8 January 2019**

**Present:** Vicki Scott, Tim Ambrose, Mark Bell, Steve Berry, Barrie Lambert, Tony Wheeler.

**Apologies:** Will Dorman, John Bewick.

**The minutes of the previous meeting** held on 30 October 2018 were agreed.

#### **1 Matters arising**

##### **1.1 Membership of the Group**

Mark Bell had been invited specifically to this meeting to discuss the item on St Pancras Green but it was hoped that he might join on a permanent basis.

##### **1.2 Kingston History and Heritage Group**

The KPC had agreed, at their meeting early in November, to support the KHHG's plan to apply for a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to help it establish a website.

##### **1.3 Logs**

More logs had been placed to protect verges along Wellgreen Lane although some had been removed, presumably for firewood. **Steve would draw attention to this in the February issue of The Kingston News**

#### **2 Finance**

2.1 The situation was unchanged from the position reported in October, meaning that there was a balance of £507.04, of which £346.14 was uncommitted. Payment of the remaining tranche of £1000 from the Tesco Bags of Help grant scheme would be made when the final report had been submitted to Groundwork, the organisation running the scheme on behalf of Tesco.

#### **3 Future Management of St Pancras Green**

3.1 Mark and Steve presented outline proposals for the future management of this publicly-owned open space. These would not affect its current primary uses as a venue for winter sports and summer recreation but would – in their contention – make those sections of the area not devoted specifically to those purposes both more interesting to look at and more useful to wildlife. This could mean as little as delineating a peripheral area where the grass would remain uncut throughout the summer and thereby become a refuge for bees and other pollinators. It might later involve more substantial changes to this area, in the form of planting.

3.2 It was agreed to send a short paragraph to The Kingston News on the topic but only after having established that KPC were not in principle opposed to a change.

#### **4 Environmental update**

##### **4.1` Footpaths**

4.1.1 It was now known that the land signposted as Flints Farm was in the same ownership as the footpath currently being used as a bridleway and thereby made unsuitable for pedestrians. It was agreed that Tony would supply Barrie with a large scale map of the area. On this, Barrie would sketch in the alternative route between Swanborough and Kingston suggested by the Group earlier in correspondence with Chloe Rowling, the Rights of Way Officer at ESCC in response to her earlier request.

4.1.2 Steve had written to the Iford Estate to ask whether any more work was proposed on the extension to the cycle path running parallel with the Kingston Road from a point opposite Spring Barn Farm and then progressing behind Wyevale to the Swanborough fishing lakes. This had apparently been completed although the surface was rough and unstable and negotiable with difficulty even on an off-road bike.

4.1.3 Steve had taken no further action on the issue of getting two footpaths on Kingston Hill registered as public rights of way.

#### **5. Litter**

5.1 Since the waste bin on St Pancras Green was constantly overflowing, it was agreed that what was needed was another, larger bin and of course regular collection of the rubbish therein. Steve would write to the KPC about this.

5.2 LDC had agreed to the request to supply “gilets jaunes” marked “Volunteer Litter Picker (or similar). They had also agreed to supply a long-handled litter picker.

5.3 Katherine Mondon had met representatives from Litter Free Lewes to discuss, among other things, the appalling state of the A 27. ESCC Highways had agreed to attend a meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February on this issue. They had also agreed to the erection of signs along the A 27 asking people not to litter the highway.

#### **6. Tesco “Bags of Help” scheme**

- 6.1 For details of expenditure to date and the current state of the Group's finances, see paragraph 2 above.
- 6.2 Approximately 10,000 crocus bulbs had been planted in the village. Most of these were in the green at Snednore, with others in Church Lane, at various spots on St Pancras Green and at the front of the Parish hall. Some winter aconite bulbs had been planted on Ashcombe Lane, near the stables.
- 6.3 It was proposed to plant at least 5000 snowdrop bulbs in The Avenue in February. The primroses and other plants bought as small plugs would be planted out in warmer weather.

## **7 Traffic**

7.1 The issue of traffic was to be discussed at the next KPC meeting on 9 January. This followed the traffic survey by ESCC conducted for a week between 15 and 22 October which had revealed among other things that more than one third of vehicles exceeded the speed limits along Ashcombe Lane and Wellgreen Lane.

7.2 The next logical step was for the KPC to employ its newly purchased portable speed sensor to measure both the speed and volume of all vehicles passing through the village.

7.3 Earlier, the KPC had agreed the purchase of a device which measured - at intervals of 80 seconds - the level of atmospheric particulates generated by vehicles.

7.4 An officer from ESCC had inspected the condition of the speed humps in Wellgreen Lane but had deemed them not to be in a sufficiently bad condition to warrant repair.

7.5 Steve suggested that a planter – with bulbs - could be usefully and decoratively sited within the Wellgreen Lane traffic pinch point. This would require the permission of ESCC but they might be more inclined to give it if they could be convinced – by photographs – that it would not constitute a safety hazard. **It was left to Steve to try and resolve this.**

## **8 Kingston News Archive**

8.1 Tim had received no reply from the Editor of TKN about which issues of the News had not yet been archived. **It was agreed that Steve would ask Rhys Hayden whether he would be willing to host the missing issues *pro tem* until the projected Kingston History and Heritage Group website was up and running.**

## **9. Planning**

9.1 The Caravan Club had decided not to pursue its proposal for a new site in Swanborough.

9.2 Following the submission by the KPC of its comments to the South Downs National Park about its Plan, in which it maintained that the Park had failed to follow the

proper consultative process (a point also made by other Parish Councils), the Council had been given an entire afternoon to address its concerns. The Inspector voiced understanding. His report would be completed within three months and could require changes to be made in the SDNP Plan.

9.3 There was to be a meeting on 18 January about the Community Housing Trust.

10 **Next meeting**

This would be held at 4.45 pm on Tuesday 19 March 2019 in the Pavilion.