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Kingsdon C of E Primary School

"On Wednesday 9th July 2008, along with Christine Dawson the Headteacher, I attended the Executive Board meeting at County Hall, Taunton, the meeting that would decide the immediate fate of the Primary School. I am happy to report that the Executive Boards recommendation that we be allowed another 12 months in which to complete a Hard Federation with another school was passed unanimously. To give you some idea of the deliberations, the Board took over 3 hours to decide the fate of the first 3 schools discussed, the decision on Kingsdon took 10 minutes!

The main reasons that the board had no problem with accepting our recommendation were as follows:

- The schools were scored on certain criteria. The other 4 schools scored between 2 & 5, we scored 8.5!
- The response to the consultation forms sent out by County was overwhelming. We had a response rate of 56%, the rest were between 10 - 20%. This convinced the Board of the depth of feeling in the village, and we thank all those that responded.

- My daughter Sarah started a petition against the closure of both the School and the Post Office, which reached 277 signatures. This again was held up as a measure of the feelings of the wider community towards the School. Thanks to all of you who signed the petition, it did help.

I would also like to thank Pauline Clarke, our County Councillor. During this consultation period, as part of the Executive Board, she has had to maintain her impartiality, which she did with her usual efficiency and professionalism. She has, however, always been a staunch supporter of the School, and indeed of the village as a whole, and there are not many village functions that she doesn't attend. I would just like Pauline to know that she is noticed, and that she is greatly appreciated.

So, we are not yet out of the woods, but we know what we have to do to maintain a school in the village for the generations to come, and with your continued support we will do it!

Thank you all for your outstanding support during this difficult period.

**Alan Carnall
Chair of Governors - Kingsdon Primary School"**

I know I speak for a lot of people in thanking Alan for the professional manner he has successfully handled the school and village's fight for maintaining a Primary School in Kingsdon. The figures speak for themselves, proving that a whole community involvement can make a difference at times. All those who attended meetings, wrote letters and organised and signed petitions should rightly feel proud of themselves. *Wally*

Kingsdon Post Office Closure

The Post Office will officially close at 1pm Wednesday 3rd September 2008.

Kingsdon Manor School Playing Field

Kingsdon Manor School officially closes on 31st August this year. A consultation has commenced over the disposal of the playing field. Kingsdon Parish Council together with others have sent letters of opposition to the proposed closure of the playing field. The following is part of the response from the parish.

On behalf of the Parishioners of Kingsdon the Parish Council lodge this document with Officers of Bristol City Council in response to the formal consultation process concerning the disposal of the Playing Fields of Kingsdon Manor School that finishes on the 28 July 2008.

Our response falls into the following parts:

- Any loss of open space or erosion of the facilities used by Clubs, Primary School or Parishioners is contrary to our **Adopted Village Design Statement** and the **Policies of South Somerset District Council**
 - We set out the **formal** recreational uses made of Kingsdon Manor School and the numbers of people using the grounds and buildings
- We set out the **informal** recreational uses made of Kingsdon Manor School and the numbers of people using the grounds and buildings

Executive Summary

We are informed that Bristol City Council has reached a decision to close Kingsdon Manor School. We deduce that Bristol City Council are consulting separately on the disposal of the playing fields. We wish to inform the Authorities that:

The Community makes formal use of both land and buildings

- The Community via the Kingsdon Cricket Club make formal use of the cricket pitch, pavilion, toilets and kitchens. They also use the tarmac area for car parking together with some outbuildings for the storage of equipment
 - The Badminton Club use the Sports Hall on Wednesdays parking their cars in the grounds
 - The Village School use the Sports Hall on Mondays
 - Occasional games of football take place on the playing fields
 - There is an annual golf tournament arranged on village and Manor School land
 - There are dances held by parishioners using the School facilities
 - Fetes take place annually on the School grounds using the kitchens and toilets
- There are groups that make use of the facilities during the summer months

The Kingsdon Manor School facilities and Playing Fields are an integral part of the social and recreational activities of the wider community. On behalf of the wider community and the Parishioners, the Council regret the closure of the School and opposes any plans leading to the loss of recreational facilities affecting some 2000 annual users, unless all practical solutions have been explored.

Tony Masters
Chairman of Kingsdon Parish Council

Formal Recreation - The Village Primary School – See Plan

The Primary School has use of the Sports Hall during term time on Mondays. Over the past 10 years between 30 and 40 pupils use the facilities each week. This gives rise to some 1200 children using the Hall each year.

Formal Recreation - The Friends of Kingsdon Manor School - See Plan

The Friends of Kingsdon Manor School was set up 25 years ago to act as a Parent and Teacher / Care Staff organisation [in the absence of any such body to increase the social interaction between the school and village, and to raise funds for the boys attending the school so that they might have additional opportunities for play and leisure. Under this umbrella organisation two clubs have been using the School facilities.

The Badminton Club use the Sports Hall every Wednesday. They pay sums of money to the 'Friends' organi-

sation

The Kingsdon Cricket Club use the Playing Field and make use of the toilets and kitchens. The Club raises funds for the 'Friends' organisation

Over the years the Cricket Club have taken over the full maintenance of the cricket square and small pavilion. The cricket square is fenced throughout the year. The fence is owned by the Club. The Club have extended the pavilion and constructed a utility store in the grounds for the cricket equipment [mowers etc]. The cricket club partly maintain the cricket outfield with the School Authorities. The Club has held a full fixture list for each and every year playing some 20 games a season. On average, ten visiting teams together with family and friends make use of the School facilities. Therefore, in any given year some 350 people make use of the School on 10 home game occasions [minimum numbers]. In this current year there have been 12 home fixtures arranged.

The Cricket Club also has an important social role in the village. The playing and non-playing members organise various events [usually raising money for the 'Friends' or other charities]. These events include the Kingsdon Open Golf Championship, dances and quiz nights.

The Cricket Club have taken some legal advice and wish to open discussions with Bristol City Council about their continued use of the grounds or their move to an alternative location. They have broached the subject via correspondence on two separate occasions. The response from Ian Bell of Bristol City Council is to confirm that they may play home games up to 31 August 2008 but only complete their fixture list in 2008 via a Licence Agreement. This response does not address the Club's needs or their request for dialogue.

The Badminton Club has over the last 5 years had on average some 10 members playing for 50 weeks of the year. The Club has been more active in years past. This gives rise to some 300 people using the Sports Hall in a typical year.

Formal Recreation Annual Total Numbers: 1850 [minimum]

Kingsdon Primary School	1200
Kingsdon Badminton Club	300
Kingsdon Cricket Club	350

Informal Recreation – Other User Groups

The Playing Fields, toilets and kitchens are used by two visiting groups in the summer months:

The Girl Guides use the grounds for a Summer Camp
MENCAP, and in recent years a local Church Youth Group bring young people for a camping holiday

These groups total some 50 to 60 children over a typical 3 week period not counting the supervising adults. The loss of the facilities will be sorely missed by these users.

An annual Kingsdon Open Golf Tournament is held in the village every year. This takes place in June over a weekend. The course uses all the Manor School Playing Field area and the Parish Field. Typically, over 250 people from both the village and neighbouring communities will participate and raise money for charity [or one of the village clubs].

Dances and Parties have been held over the years at the school. In the last 12 months the Cricket Club held their annual dinner at the School and an 80th birthday party has also taken place.

Occasional football matches are arranged on the School Playing Fields.

There is an annual fete held on the grounds where school and village come together to raise awareness of the work of the school and raise money for the Boys Fund. The swimming pool is often in use on these occasions with fully qualified supervision.

Annual Total Numbers: say 800 [minimum]

Girl Guides and Youth Groups	200
Kingsdon Golf Tournament	250
Dances and Parties	200
Occasional Football	30
Fetes	150

A conservative estimate of the numbers of people using the Kingsdon Manor School facilities is in excess of 2500 in any given year. Those making use of the Playing Fields is in excess of 2000 [omitting Badminton, Dances, and Parties].

The following is my own personal response:

I write in response to your document concerning land disposal procedure at Kingsdon Manor Special School to which responses are invited by 25th July 2008.

My association with the school commenced in 1982 when I joined the staff, retiring as Head of Care in 1997. I was also a school governor until I stood down as Chair in 2005. I have continued to support the school, helping with fund raising and as treasurer of the Boys Fund.

I am a founder member and present President of The Friends of Kingsdon Manor School Cricket Club, which has had its home ground on the playing field at Kingsdon Manor for 25 years. The cricket club has become an integral part of the community here in Kingsdon, raising thousands of pounds for both the school and charities.

I wish to register my protest at the proposal to close the playing field at Kingsdon Manor School as part of the sale of the school.

The playing field has been used by the school, residents of Kingsdon and visitors for a myriad of activities since the school was formed in the 50's. This may no longer be possible.

The loss of the playing field would seriously jeopardize the viability of the cricket club in providing the opportunity for the community, including the younger generation, to participate in cricket.

The cricket club would be seriously hampered in its fund raising activities for charity.

Various youth organisations in Somerset would lose the facility for summer camps on a field of such outstanding beauty in a safe environment.

The village of Kingsdon would lose the site of its annual summer fair.

The field has during the summer been set up as a 9 hole golf course for use by both students and the community at large. An annual fund raising competition, The Kingsdon Open, organised by the cricket club which raises a lot of money for various causes would no longer be possible. (UK Ryder Cup captain in 1957, Dai Rees, used the field to practise when visiting his sister who was the school matron.)

Various teams have played both football and rugby on the field. There is no other sports field available in the village to accommodate a full size football/rugby and cricket pitch.

Children of the village would no longer be able to play safely on the field, which they have for almost 60 years. Activities have included model aircraft and kite flying.

Other functions would no longer be possible. Marquees have been erected on the field in the past for weddings etc.

The cricket club, whilst playing at Kingsdon Manor School over the last 25 years, has installed a shed alongside the school garages for the stowage of mowing equipment; maintained the small pavilion and added the wooden front, had unlimited use of toilet facilities, use of the playground for car parking and Nash dining hall and the school cookery room for catering and serving teas. The cricket pitch has been maintained by the cricket club at no expense to the school but a considerable expense to the club. During the 25 years over **£26,000** has been spent on the field and its preparation for cricket, both by the club and the school.

It is my contention that Kingsdon Cricket Club has by its activities as listed above earned the right to continue playing on the playing field at Kingsdon Manor without the need for the signing of any license as has previously been suggested by Bristol City Council. This view is held by all the members of the club.

It would be of great help to the club and the village if your response to this letter could be given quickly in order that the obvious uncertainties can be dissipated and the future planned for. **Wally Elliott**

I have also sent copies of the letters with a request for help to the following: Sport England, The National Playing Fields Association. On Saturday 19th July I met with David Heath M.P. who has promised us his support. I have also contacted Annunziata Rees-Mogg for her support and have also asked the Bristol Daily Press and Western Gazette for publicity.



Kingsdon's Blind Bowler

Cecil Hill helped by two other visually impaired bowlers from the Yeovil Club came runners up at a bowls tournament held at Bridgewater recently. Fourteen teams took part, coming from all over the West Country, as far away as Cornwall and Cinderford. A good day was had by all. The Yeovil team was made up of Cecil Hill, Tom Bell and Terry Matthews.

KINGSDON CHURCH FETE.

The final collective figure for the fete was **£1012.95**, deducting expenses of £26.28 gives us a profit of **£986.67** which I'm sure you will agree was splendid. My thanks again to all helpers, buyers and donors. Look forward to seeing you all, I hope, at the 'bacon butty morning' in the Autumn. *Sally*

All Saints Church Kingsdon - August

Services	Flowers	Brass
3rd - Family Service 11am 10th - Eucharist 11am 17th - Eucharist 11am 24th - Eucharist 11am 31st - Eucharist 11am	Jean Frost & Ann Baldwin	Angie Saunders & Celia Gillespie

Children's Activity Days arranged by Somerton Benefice

We are hoping to arrange four activity days for children across the Benefice during August. They will take place on Fridays, starting on 8th August. The Charltons and Kingsdon will have the first two days, with the others happening in the rest of the Benefice. We need lots of adult help and children to attend; so if you are interested in helping please ring 01458 224087 to find out more details. Look out for posters giving details if you would like your children to attend.

Many thanks Wendy Griffith

Kingsdon Seniors Club

The July meeting of The Seniors Club took the form of a Garden Tea Party, in the beautiful garden of Lynne Davies. Unfortunately the weather was not very kind, and it poured with rain all afternoon. However Lynne had been very clever and arranged her house so that we all were very comfortable, and enjoyed a very lavish tea provided by members. It was also a great treat to have Elizabeth Berry back with us again, she had only arrived from Canada the day before, but did not seem to have any jet lag. Douglas Higson thanked Lynne very much for her hospitality. 24 members attended. There will not be another meeting until October, when we hope there will be a programme of interesting speakers for next year. *Yvonne Barbor*

MOTORISTS

Feedback to the Parish Council from Kingsdon parishioners suggests that some motorists are driving too fast within the village without paying due care and attention, thus endangering the lives of other road users including the elderly and young children. Standard speed limits are not the solution, since speed should take account of the conditions that prevail. Conditions such as narrow roads, blind bends, street parking, pub traffic and school traffic etc are governing factors. No doubt the offenders are in the minority and they may not even be Kingsdon parishioners. However it is essential that we drive carefully taking account of the above factors, and also encourage others to do the same, since a fatality would be devastating

Tony Masters.

THE BALLAD OF BIG FARMER FRANK

by Peter Crowter

Old farmer Frank, was built like a tank, and not the right man to upset.
To myself, fresh from school, toiling under his rule, he presented a genuine threat.
No collar or tie, a fag all awry, and braces embracing his pot
He was no Beau Brummel, a tough scruffy Rommel, obey his commands or be shot.

From Somerset stock, school came as a shock, he was used to green fields and fresh air.
Blow reading and writing, the fish may be biting or maybe it's Pack Monday Fair.
As soon as he could, he left school for good, and worked in a gang mending roads.
But would he get far, filling holes up with tar, and shovelling grit by the loads?

I won't be a failure, I'm off to Australia, the gang leader said, 'Frank you're nuts!'
But Frank was no fool, if no good at school, and a man of considerable guts.
He jumped on the boat, with one ten bob note, said the Aussies, 'Who's this Pommie jerk?'
He looks like a rough'un, who thinks he's a tough'un, let's see if the bugger can work.

They gave him a push, t'wards acres of bush, 'Now clear a few square miles of that.'
Not turning a hair, he laid the land bare, and his wallet became very fat.
And then war broke out, and Frank had no doubt, those Aussies would need him for that.
He went out and recruited, marched off and saluted, to war in a one sided hat.

When fighting was done, he put down his gun, and decided to jump on a boat.
He thought of his home, on the Somerset loam, it gave him a lump in his throat.
When he came ashore, wise and no longer poor, he went out and purchased a farm.
And being no shirker, a blooming fast worker, he soon had a wife on his arm.

He worked hard all day, and by night he made hay, as he squeezed her and played with her curls.
In love they were'nt lacking, they quickly got cracking, producing four boys and two girls.
He, with this incentive, became more inventive, and added a string to his bow.
He bought fairly cheap, lots of cows, pigs and sheep, and sold them to make extra dough.

His bank balance grew, and his gert four sons too, all six foot and strong in the arm.
And as they got wed, he had enough bread, to put each one in his own farm.
And when I left school, I came under the rule, of the last son who still lived with dad.
Well, that was the plan, but of course the old man, was more like my boss than his lad.

The farmhouse was old, the lavvy was cold, a small shed down the end of the lawn.
Not far from the logs, and the fat squealing hogs, that I used to feed in the morn.
While I gave them their fill, of wet sloppy swill, Frank was usually perched on the throne.
He'd kick open the door, with trousers on floor, and bellow instructions or moan.

We had a large boar, who through fences tore, if he wanted a bit on the side.
This made Frank real mad, so he answered an ad, for a harness of really tough hide.
So six plucky men, caught the sod in a pen, and strapped in that hog good and tight.
With a chain five yards long, and a stake good and strong, which was drove in the ground out of sight.

Frank said, 'Let 'un go', and we stood in a row, and grinned, satisfied with our work.
He ran like a train, to the end of his chain, and stopped with a hell of a jerk.
There was a loud crack, the harness went slack, and the boar galloped off with a snort.
Frank went sort of puce, and shouted abuse, 'Go on, get the bloody thing caught'.

We tried it again, and again and again, but no way were we going to win.
Each time the thing bust, and Frank spit and cussed, and then threw the lot in the bin.
So the boar had his fun, the battle was won, and he still sought illicit amour.
So he went for slaughter, sooner than he oughta, and Frank in the end won the war.

One day Frank said 'Pete, cut thik hedge do it neat', and he gave me a slasher brand new.
I'd only just started, when blade and stem parted, I'd busted the darn thing in two.
I crept back to the farm, full of fear and alarm, and tried to effect a repair.
Then through the barn door, entered Frank with a roar, 'What the hell are you doing back there?'

I showed him the bits, he had one of his fits, and said my repairs were a joke.
'You've done nowt all morning, take this as a warning, I'll kill you if this one gets broke!'
I went back to the hedge, my nerves all on edge, and in spite of the care that I took.
I just never saw, the old stile 'neath the haw, and bang went another new hook.

One day in December, a day I remember, Frank's wife without fuss passed away.
And Frank's mighty frame, that no man could tame, was visibly shaken that day.
In their married life, there'd been times of strife, and Frank was not always a saint.
But she became bolder and as Frank got older, he had to succumb to restraint.

Frank must have been shaken, her death did awaken, a temporary spiritual lurch.
And all were amazed, as Heaven be praised, he started attending at church.
His wrongs were all righted, the vicar delighted, but all good things come to an end.
His space in the pew, was plenty for two, when he finally ceased to attend.

Frank and unmarried son, found the place hard to run, so the daughters both came to their aid.
With homes of their own, they still did not moan, of hard work they were not afraid.
They jobs delegated, and both alternated, to keep the household running sweet.
The house wasn't tiny, but they kept it shiny, and kept the men fed and replete.

The kids as a rule, when they came home from school, went to visit their granf for a chat.
Though scruffy was he, they'd sit on his knee, and giggle and play with his hat.
Tiny blonde Sue, with eyes bright and blue, was often the first on the scene,
She'd leap on his lap, he'd give her a clap, and say, 'Well Sue, where have you been.'

'You know very well, so I'm not going to tell - here granfer, how about this?
Guess what John Newell, calls the toilet at school, guess what he calls it to miss.'
Without hesitation, and no deviation, 'Shit house' said Frank calm and slow.
Frank's daughter went mad, and shouted out 'Dad!' but Sue full of scorn just said 'No'.

Her aunt coughed and spluttered, but Sue calmly uttered, 'It's Houses of Parliament see.
Isn't that queer?' Said auntie, 'Yes dear'. Said granfer, 'Seems stupid to me.'
Sue slipped off his knee, said 'I'm off for tea.' And Frank had a fag and a cough.
She skipped 'cross the floor, her aunt closed the door, and gave Frank a good telling off.

Frank still kept his wits, though his physical bits, did weaken as age took it's toll.
And none made him madder, than his blooming bladder, which frequently went on the dole.
One day he came out, and gave me a shout, 'Hitch the Landrover up to the box.
Chuck in a bale, there's some weaners for sale, down Somerton - old Ernie Cox.'

We got to the farm, without too much harm, said Ernie, 'The pigs be in stable.'
Have a look on yer own, till I've finished on phone, I'll join 'ee as soon as I'm able.'
We go in the pen, 'Stir the buggers up then', says Frank for to have a look-see.
And all of a jitter, he studied the litter, and got out his thing for a pee.

He was facing the light, but his eyes were turned right, and I just stood still looking silly.
For he didn't spot, Ernie Cox's wife Dot, staring over the door at his willy.
He went on with his wee, and then looked at me, and turned round to follow my stare.
With the speed of a bullet, he quickly withdrew it, said, 'Sorry' and gave me a glare.

No image Frank courted, his face always sported, a fag and a permanent stubble.
Though rough, tough and thrifty, with loan or a gift he, would keep any friend out of trouble.
Though no education, he had no fixed station, and was easy with peasant or peer.
He proved without learning, a man with a yearning, can tread where less mortals would fear.

Now the old bugger's dead, and as you have read, Frank was really a rare sort of fellow.
There were times he was blue, times a bright reddish hue, but one thing he wasn't was yellow.
The vicar knew best, when he put him to rest, I remember his words on the day.
He said, Farmer Frank, who was built like a tank, 'Was a big man in ev-ery way.'

One for the Ladies

A woman rubbed a bottle and out popped a genie. The amazed woman asked if she got three wishes. The genie said, "Nope, sorry, three-wish genies are a storybook myth. I am a one-wish genie. So... what'll it be?" The woman did not hesitate. She said, "I want peace in the Middle East. See this map? I want these countries to stop fighting with each other and I want all the Arabs to love the Jews and Americans and vice-versa. It will bring about world peace and harmony."

The genie looked at the map and exclaimed, "Lady, be reasonable. These countries have been at war for thousands of years. I'm out of shape after being in a bottle for five hundred years.. I'm good but not THAT good! I don't think it can be done. Make another wish and please be reasonable."

The woman thought for a minute and said, "Well, I've never been able to find the right man. You know - one that's considerate and fun, romantic, likes to cook and help with the house cleaning, and gets along with my family, doesn't watch sports all the time, and is faithful. That is what I wish for...a good man."

The genie let out a SIGH and said, "Let me see that map again."

A very successful U.S. lawyer parked his brand new Porsche Carrera GT in front of the office, ready to show it off to his colleagues. As he got out, a truck came along too close to the curb and completely tore off the driver's door. Fortunately, a cop in a police car was close enough to see the accident and pulled up behind the Porsche, his lights flashing. But, before the cop had a chance to ask any questions, the lawyer started screaming hysterically about how his Porsche, which he had just picked up the day before, was now completely ruined and would never be the same, no matter how hard the body shop tried to make it new again. After the lawyer finally wound down from his rant, the cop shook his head in disgust and disbelief. 'I can't believe how materialistic you lawyers are,' he said. 'You are so focussed on your possessions that you neglect the most important things in life.' 'How can you say such a thing?' asked the lawyer. The cop replied, 'Don't you even realize that your left arm is missing? It got ripped off when the truck hit you!!!' 'OH, MY GOD!' screamed the lawyer. 'MY ROLEX!'

CONFUSING ENGLISH

1. If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP ?
2. Do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks ?
3. If olive oil comes from olives, where does baby oil come from?
4. If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
5. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
6. Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
7. If horrific means to make horrible, does terrific mean to make terrible?
8. Why is it called building when it is already built?
9. If a book about failures doesn't sell, is it a success?
10. If you're not supposed to drink and drive, then why do Bars have parking lots?
11. If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?
12. If vegetarians eat vegetables, what do humanitarians eat?? Humans??
13. If working hours are meant for working, then why are you reading this???

An algebraic conundrum

The Scene: A Red Indian encampment.

Two squaws sat with their sons on their deer hides, one other, who was poor, sat with her son on a hippopotamus hide.

The two sons were jeering and laughing at the third son, saying he was inferior to them.

The chief was called to sort out the problem.

After much deliberation he declared that: - The son of the squaw on the hippopotamus was equal to the sons of the squaws on the other two hides. *Mick C.*

Two men are out ice fishing at their favourite fishing hole, just fishing quietly and drinking beer .

Almost silently, so as not to scare the fish, Bob says, 'I think I'm going to divorce my wife - she hasn't spoken to me in over 2 months.'

John continues slowly sipping his beer, then thoughtfully says, 'You better think it over - women like that are hard to find'

Ham and Eggs: A day's work for a chicken; A lifetime commitment for a pig.

If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving definitely isn't for you.

Theft from Oil Tanks

You are no doubt aware of the escalating costs of oil and as a result there have been a number of reported thefts of heating oil from tanks in domestic properties throughout this policing district. Those residents who have oil tanks should check these periodically throughout the summer for theft of oil, rather than wait until later in the year when the central heating is switched on. Please also report to the police any suspicious activity regarding sightings of vehicles carrying containers or towing bowsers. If you require specific security advice please telephone 0845 456 7000 and ask to be put in touch with either your local Beat team or the District Crime Reduction Officer who is based at Wells.

Kingsdon Parish Council

Notes from the meeting of the council held in the Village Hall at 7pm on Thursday 10th July:

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May were agreed and signed.

Matters arising: More copies of the design statement have been purchased.

No news has been forthcoming from the Ambulance service regarding defibrillators.

The Parish response to the proposed closure of Kingsdon Manor Playing Field has been prepared by Ben Carlisle.

S.S.D.C. to install Street Name Signs following receipt of letter signed by parishioners requesting the signs

A.O.B.

A request has been received for the P.C. to make a donation towards the upkeep of the Churchyard. To be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Traffic speed in the village - concern was expressed by councillors and parishioners over the excessive speed of some vehicles. Our County Councillor, Pauline Clarke pointed out the problems of imposing a speed limit, including the difficulty in getting the police to take any action. It was suggested that we request a meeting with the Highways dept. Approach the school re those mothers who drive into the village with their children. Article to be put in the Chronicle and the Local beat Officer to be contacted.

Planning Applications - Site inspection meeting to be carried out by at least 2 councillors was agreed.

Overgrown verges - Taunton Deane to be contacted.

There followed a Planning meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, agreed and signed.

Matters Arising - Langlands Farm - No progress

Application regarding the development of Park Farm. After a lengthy discussion the proposal was deferred by the council due to the lack of specification of materials and short notice being given with insufficient documentation being received. A further meeting to be convened on 17th July when it was hoped more information would be forthcoming.

Notes from the Planning Meeting held on 17th July

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed.

Park Farm - There had been no response to the letter sent to the LPA. The chair pointed out that the council had fulfilled their duties by making observations in the previous meeting and a reply was not necessary.

The only new information received was the proposed specification of materials. This was discussed in detail, and recommendation made as to what was deemed to be best for the village in line with our design plan. The amount of rendering on the single story buildings was considered excessive.

After careful consideration the proposal was accepted with agreed conditions. It was agreed that the plan for the site was generally very good with a few minor reservations..

Thank You

Reading a headline 'we are lucky to live in Somerset' I thought I'm luckier to live in Kingsdon.

I'd like to thank all who sent cards, offered help and expressed concern following my recent fall.

Thankfully the operation on my shoulder was successful and with the help of weekly physiotherapy sessions I am making slow but sure progress.

John and I really appreciate all the kindness and once again - Thank You *Freda*

Kingsdon Primary School Page

From the Staff, PTFA and Pupils of Kingsdon Primary School

Thank you to everyone that came and supported the School Summer Fayre and raffle in June. We raised a fabulous £950 and are very appreciative of the support, not only from those directly connected with the school, but from those that live in the village who came and enjoyed a cuppa and a 'naughty but nice'! As you will no doubt have read from the report from the Chair of Governors, this support does have an impact on the viability of the school and we hope ensures Kingsdon Primary School remains a key part of village life. Our thanks also to the Post Office Staff for selling raffle tickets in advance.

The School Sports Day on the 18th July managed to dodge the showers and was enjoyed by all. Helped along by the Strawberries and Cream provided by the PTFA! Well done to all the pupils who took part.

The summer holidays start on the 22nd July and we all return on the 4th September, refreshed and ready for a new



Can you spot a Beijing hopeful amongst the Dads?

and challenging year. We will do our best to keep you informed of the various

events we host through the year and look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fayre!

An Invitation

The Members of Kingsdon Cricket Club invite you to Kingsdon Manor on Sunday 31st August for the traditional end of season match:

President's XI - v - Chairman's XI

It is also the last official day of Kingsdon Manor School.

This may be our last match at the Manor and the last opportunity for residents to enjoy the grounds so please come along and help us to celebrate (or commiserate)

'The End of an Era at the Manor'

We shall be putting on Cream Teas and a B-B-Q

There will be plenty of seating

Kingsdon Cricket Club - Results

6th July Home to Yeovil District Hospital
Won by 18 runs
Kingsdon 104 (J. Schofield 21)
YDH 86 (A. Dale 4 - 4, J. Schofield 3 - 17)

13th July Home to Draycott
Lost by 2 wicket
Kingsdon 109 (J. Schofield 35, P. Waters 26,
J. Russon 24)
Draycott 110 - 8

20th July Home to Langport
Lost by 3 wickets
Kingsdon 129 (S. Rumbles 35, J. Russon 28)
Langport 130 - 7 (O. Bell 3 - 15)

Remaining Home Fixtures to which everyone is welcome : 27th July Home to Alford, 10th August Home to Pitney, 24th August Home to Middle Stump Club, 31st August President's XI- v - Chairman's XI