Histon & Impington Parish Council

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Committee for King's Hedges

Background

King's Hedges is a part of Histon and Impington. Although it is south of the A14 and separated by it from the rest of the community it is nonetheless a part of it, is recognised as such by South Cambs and contributes some tens of thousands of pounds in precept.

Before the joining it was a part of Impington and to its credit Impington Parish Council did try to engage with King's Meadows and at times there were parish councillors who were King's Meadows residents. It also responded positively to requests from King's Meadows for charitable donations and such a request is before the joined council today.

And to be absolutely precise: it's not just King's Meadows. There are also Impington residents in Minerva Way and along Cambridge Road!

Most of the houses in King's Meadows are owned and managed by the Wherry housing association. The Wherry manager is Ruth Mann who is supportive of the proposal below and will herself participate

Proposal

Council:

recognises that King's Meadows is a part of Histon & Impington but separate from it with different but similar needs from those of the rest of the community;

agrees to establish a committee (the King's Meadows committee or KMC) specifically to address these needs and to determine how best they can be addressed; and

requests that the first meeting of the KMC be before the end of July 2013.

Terms of reference

1. membership

The KMC shall comprise 6 councillors and 6 co-opted members who shall be residents of King's Meadows or officers of Wherry. All members shall be voting members. The quorum shall be 3 of which at least 2 must be councillors. The chair and vice-chair of the Parish Council shall be members exofficio and shall be voting members.

2. Meetings

The KMC shall meet bimonthly or more frequently if necessary.

3. Objectives

The immediate objectives of the KMC shall be:

- To develop a budget for its activity in 2014/15
- To identify immediate needs for funding to the end of 2013/14 and to make application to full council for a sum to be vired for that purpose
- To determine the best way to address King's Meadows' residents need for local representation.