

Kegworth's Village Newsletter

September 2019

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A word from the Chairman of the Parish Council

Dear Fellow Residents of Kegworth

Your elected Parish Councillors did me the honour of appointing me as Chairman at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May this year.

I am Kegworth born and bred as were my parents and grandparents, so being on the Parish Council is in my DNA and I will always try and do my best for the village.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank David Hignett for his sterling work over last 3 years as Chairman. David remains on the council and will continue to give his time and expertise to our future endeavours.

This is an exciting time for the village since we are now able to consider making changes to the centre of the village following the completion of the bypass and subsequent de-trunking of the A6. As you will see from other articles in this Newsletter, areas such as parking, the Church wall and other matters are currently receiving our full attention.

Councillors are in the process of undertaking a strategic review of all our current commitments and what we might consider doing to improve the village over the next 4 years. Areas under active consideration are improvements to the Whatton Road and other play parks and changes to the Market Place. The Council has limited funds to undertake these endeavours but is actively seeking additional funding to enable the improvements to be carried out.

Along with the District Council, we are providing a robust response to the latest consultation by HS2 to minimise the impact of the railway during its construction and completion.

As Chairman I look forward to working with you and your elected Council.

Works to St Andrew's Church Wall

The specification for repairs to St Andrew's Church Wall has now been determined by Chartered Building and Engineering Consultants and a Planning Application has been submitted to North West Leicestershire District Council.

The specification involves rebuilding the entire wall to the right of the War Memorials that is leaning. This involves installing steel shuttering to retain the ground behind the wall during rebuilding. The wall to the left of the Memorials will have the severely eroded and missing stone replaced and all stonework repointed. The brickwork above the stone will be taken down and rebuilt in sections which works are expected to take place from March 2020.



A full specification of these works is available for viewing in the Parish Council office.

Funds to pay for this work have been allocated by the Parish Council over recent years and now total £32,000.

St Andrews was designated a closed churchyard in 1971 as no further burials would take place after this date. The Local Government Act 1972 empowers the responsibility for maintenance of such grounds and surrounding walls to pass to a local authority and this responsibility was taken on by this Parish Council in 1972.

The Parish Church is the focal point of the village and of the recently established Conservation Area. The restored Church wall will no doubt add to the overall appearance of the historic village centre, once completed.



Parking Improvements for the Village

Following consultation with residents and businesses, together with guidance from Leicestershire County Council and a Consultant, the Parish Council will be experimenting with some parking improvements over the next eighteen months.

The aim of the revised parking is to provide a regular churn of shoppers and therefore custom and to encourage people from outside the village to use the amenities.

An Experimental Traffic Regulation Order is due to commence in the next few weeks which will see the following proposed improvements, on which the Parish Council is finalising the details prior to implementation.



Market Place

The majority of bays to be 2 hours parking, no return in 1 hour to apply Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm. Three bays to be 4 hours parking, no return in 12 hours available seven days a week. Two disabled spaces to be provided.

Spaces to the right of the Church steps and outside 26 to 27 Market Place

Six bays to provide 4 hours parking, no return in 12 hours, seven days a week.

Derby Road & London Road

A new additional opportunity for several cars in the form of chicane parking to assist with traffic calming. Parking available for up to 2 hours, no return in 1 hour to apply Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

Nottingham Road

From Mill Lane to SideLey - bays to be marked out to provide unrestricted parking and to prevent pavement parking.

Nottingham Road

From London Road to Mill Lane – this area will remain unrestricted as modern controls cannot be implemented due to the narrowness of the highway.

Following an uncontested election in May we are delighted to introduce you to your new Parish Council, who will represent the community of Kegworth for the next 4 years. Your Council is made up of 8 previous Councillors along with 2 new appointments - **Paul Mellan** and **Julie Pendleton**.

Councillors



Gary Bishop

Newly appointed Chair and resident in Kegworth for over sixty years



Cheryl Maguire

Vice Chair. I am a retired headteacher and have lived in the village for 25 years. I am working to make Kegworth a better place to live.



Chris Carter

I have lived here for over twenty years and I'm keen that Kegworth retains its friendly village atmosphere despite the challenges of rapid development and increasing population.



Martin Hawksworth

This my second term as a councillor and I am committed to improving the village and its sports facilities.



David Hignett

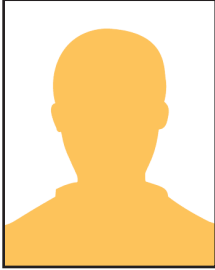
My job as a Pharmacist brought me to Kegworth in 1995, subsequently I retired and settled here. Delighted to have served as chairman for three years and keen to see the village develop and improve.



Emma Hogan

I am keen to give back to the community, maximising my energetic approach and can do attitude to support our village through a period of change.

Who?



Paul Mellan

I am newly appointed and looking forward to working with the Parish Council



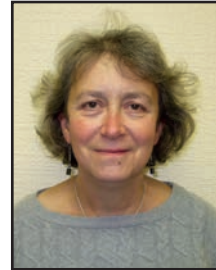
Julie Pendleton

I am a retired special needs teacher and I enjoy bowling, genealogy and crafting.



Carol Sewell

I am a Picture Framer in the village, a resident for over 40 years and newly elected District Councillor for Daleacre Hill (Kegworth North).



Hilary Tansley

I have lived in Kegworth for nearly 24 years. I am interested in the heritage, buildings and green spaces in the village and supporting community groups.

Staff



Vicky Roe

Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

I enjoy encouraging residents to engage with me so in turn, this council can ensure residents' views are represented during this crucial time for your village.



Stuart Cox

Lengthsman

Working as the Lengthsman in the village gives me the opportunity be visible and to see and hear first-hand how we as a Parish Council can make an impact on our village.

Coming Soon...

An exciting refurbishment of Whatton Road Play Park will take place in Nov/Dec 2019. This is a popular playground and the Parish Council wishes to deliver a safe and inspiring environment. Improvements will consist of new inclusive equipment, updating of the current provision and additional seating.

We are pleased to announce that CCTV will be installed in the village in the next few weeks. The Parish Council secured Police funds to purchase two mobile cameras and six lamp posts will be converted in order for the cameras to be moved between locations.



Please come along and support our MacMillan Coffee Morning on **Thursday 26th September** from 10am to 12 noon at the **Parish Offices, 1 London Road**. Enjoy a coffee, some cake and a chat.



We are delighted to report that a dedicated parishioner is sponsoring the restoration of the Milestone on Derby Road. The resident has been keen to see the Milestone restored to its former glory for some years now. Works will be undertaken around the end of August which will contribute to the enhancement of the Conservation Area and once refurbished, we will notify the Milestone Society. Many thanks to the resident for their generous donation.



Kegworth Plan Group will be organising a village litter pick on **Saturday 12th October** from 10am to 12 noon. Meet at the **Parish Council Offices** to collect your equipment - just bring your own gloves. Come along and do as much or as little as you can to give the village a tidy up.



Kegworth Parish Council made a successful application to Leicestershire County Council to carry out a speed watch campaign in our village.

From the 8th June to the 21st June a group of volunteers carried out speed checks at four different locations. Firstly, as the Co-ordinator and on behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank all our volunteers for giving up their free time for the benefit of our village and turning out in some particular challenging weather during the two weeks, which forced the team to abandon some of our planned sessions.

Due to safety concerns and new guidelines brought in by Leicestershire County Council, the team were only able to carry out speed checks at four locations at Station Road, Side Ley and two spots on Whatton Road. At the end of the campaign, a total of eighty vehicles had been recorded as exceeding the speed limit, with the majority being sent warning letters. When breaking down the figures, Side Ley was the location with the most problems followed by Whatton Road and then Station Road. The speed checks were carried out at various times throughout the day.

The data was analysed and the results show that this village suffers from a great deal of traffic movement that is not local, possibly tradesmen and travelling businessmen. I feel this might explain some of the speeding, as local people tend not to speed so much where they live.

Moving forward, I hope that the figures will show the Authorities that Kegworth does have issues relating to speeding in the locations mentioned. The Parish Council is also reviewing what options are available.

Clr Martin Hawksworth
Speed Watch Co-ordinator.

Advanced Notification of Night Time and Weekend Closures Kegworth September 2019



Please see below notification of works which will affect your area in early September 2019.

Due to a material failure of the surfacing on the new bypass and A6 island, remedial works will be undertaken.

Details of Closures



Road Closure is From:
 Sunday 1st Sept 20.00 to Monday 2nd Sept 06.00
 Monday 2nd Sept 20.00 to Tuesday 3rd Sept 06.00
 Tuesday 3rd Sept 20.00 to Wednesday 4th Sept 06.00
 Wednesday 4th Sept 20.00 to Thursday 5th Sept 06.00
 Thursday 5th Sept 20.00 to Friday 6th Sept 06.00

The works and timings have been agreed with Leicestershire CC Highways and Highways England.

The works will take place predominantly at night to minimise disruption on the local road traffic networks.



Please email questions to Michael Gilhooly on kegworthbypass@buckinghamgroup.co.uk



Road Closure is From:
 Friday 6th Sept 20.00 to Monday 9th Sept 06.00

Diversions will be in place
 please visit roadworks.org for more information

How to "REPORT IT"

Contact North West Leicestershire District Council to report

- planning and planning enforcement matters
- dog fouling and dog control issues
- littering
- fly tipping and graffiti
- anti social behaviour
- damaged or lost bin/container or a missed collection

01530 454 545

or

customer.services@nwleicestershire.gov.uk

Contact Leicestershire County Council to report

- a street light or traffic light problem
- damage to drains or manhole covers
- potholes
- damage to road signs
- overgrown trees or hedges

0116 305 6545

or

highwayscustomerservices@leics.gov.uk

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