

KEGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Be a Parish Councillor Now and Help Shape Where You Live

Please consider representing residents around you: take this chance to shape our village and make decisions. We are looking for councillors who will complement the current team (see back page). Have you got something different to offer? Good! Are you a busy person? You may be an exact fit! Why not contact us to find out more?

Local Elections May 2023 – From the Chair

Parish councils follow the same electoral cycle as district councils. At least ten people need to put their names forward officially to stand in May 2023 to serve Kegworth North (part of district ward 'Daleacre Hill') and Kegworth South (district: 'Kegworth') for the 2023-27 term.

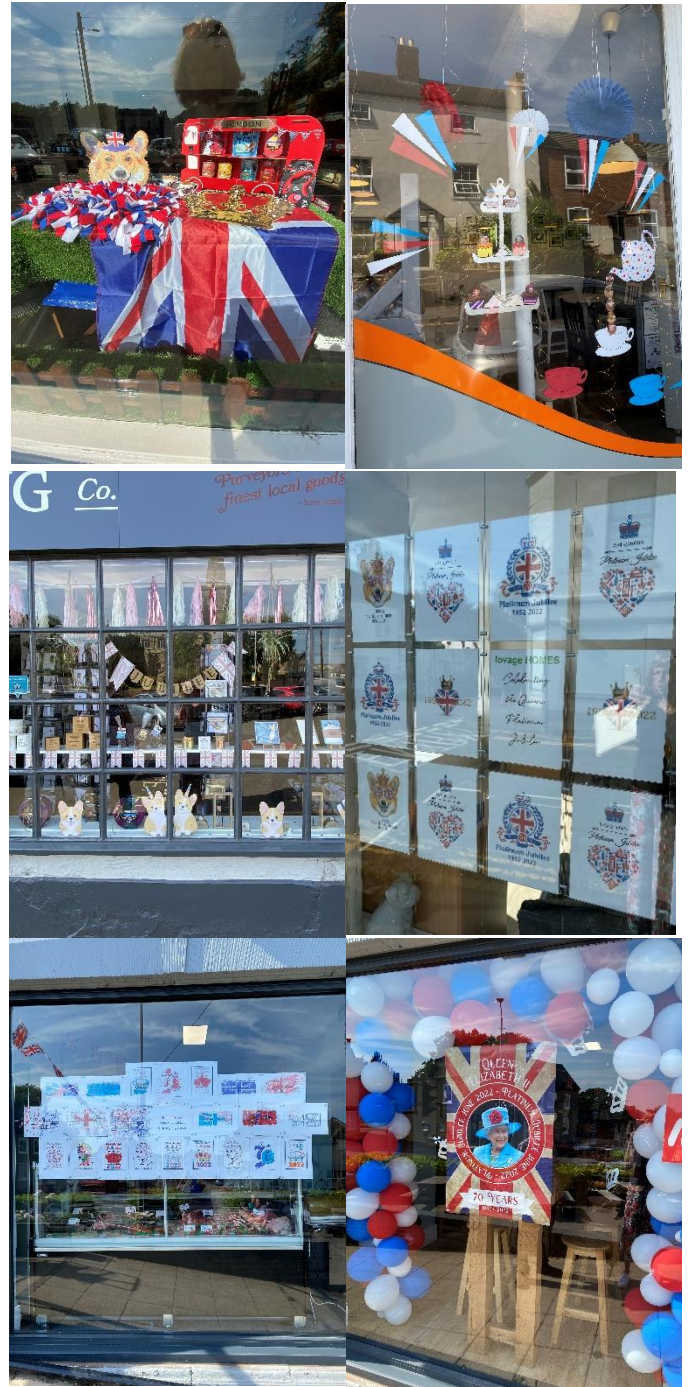
Resignations during the four year term are more common among parish councils, but most remain remarkably stable. This has not been the case in Kegworth. In 2019, nine people came forward initially, leaving just one co-option to make afterwards. However, within a year, half of those elected had resigned. That rate of turnover has continued, to the detriment of Kegworth and democracy.

In the next few months, we need a team of people to emerge who will seek nomination by the end of March 2023. We need at least ten nominees. If eleven or more come forward, an election in Kegworth would be triggered. Should there be less than seven nominees, projects that Kegworth could pursue for the 2023-27 period might be limited, because 'General Power of Competence' would be lost, thus lowering our status in the district. Please do not

wait any longer. Start planning now and make your intention known.

Jubilee Competition

As you know, we received funding from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Grant from North West Leicestershire District Council to run our Jubilee Competition. Thank you to all the traders that took part. The windows looked great.



Kegworth's 'Public Realm' Project

We are pleased to report that an option for a new cycleway on London Road in Kegworth is currently being considered by the Council. This is the only viable option in light of the underlying aqueduct water supply.

The proposal is for a cycleway which would start on the West side of London Road close to the junction of Whatton Road/London Road. The cycle route would cross over New Brickyard Lane and then an uncontrolled crossing would be provided shortly before the existing western retaining wall. The crossing is necessary due to major service infrastructure in the area. A priority give-way option at this point is also being considered. The cycle route would then continue off carriageway down the east side of London Road until it meets with the existing cycle infrastructure on the bypass roundabout.

An image of the plan is given below:



We would like to know your thoughts on this proposal, so if you have comments you wish to make, please email the Clerk at clerk@kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk.

North West Leicestershire District Council have had confirmation from Leicestershire County Council that they will be able to undertake the detailed design and works for both the cycle route and the Market Place, which is good news for Kegworth.

Our Open Spaces



Don't forget to respect our beautiful parks, play areas, and green spaces. We are lucky to have so many lovely open spaces. Money from the precept is used to maintain the areas at Side Ley, Whatton Road, Munnmoore Close, and Whiteholmes Grove.

Police Liaison Drop-In Session



The next Police liaison drop-in session will take place on Monday 5 September 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Office. If you have an issue you would like to discuss face-to-face with the Police, please drop in.

East Midlands Airport



We have made arrangements for the East Midlands Airport Community Engagement Manager to be at the St Andrew's Church coffee morning on Wednesday, 5 October 2022 from 10:30 to 12:00. If you have anything you wish to discuss, please pop along to see her.

In addition, if you have any specific and detailed concerns about aircraft, please let the Clerk have details, so that she can inform East Midlands Airport.

Annual Parish Meeting



The annual parish meeting, facilitated by the Parish Council, took place on 14 May 2022 in the Village Hall and we were pleased to welcome residents.

The meeting focussed on local community groups and volunteering. Questions were raised about other village issues and there was some useful discussion over tea, coffee, and cake. Minutes of the meeting can be found at www.kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Hanging Baskets

The Parish Council wishes to thank Julie Cooke of *OneKegworth* and her team of volunteers for their work in installing the Parish Council hanging baskets in the village centre.



Remembrance Parade and Service

Councillors have been working jointly with the representatives of the Royal British Legion (RBL) and others to plan for a Remembrance Parade and church service in Kegworth on Sunday, 13 November 2022. If your organisation would like to be part of the event and lay a wreath, or you could help with running the event, please let the Clerk know.

Kegworth Parish Council supports the *OneKegworth* and RBL Lamp Post Poppy Appeal. If you can spare a small amount to sponsor a lamp post poppy, or Tommy silhouette, for Kegworth, please contact hello@onekegworth.co.uk for details of how to do so.

Local Plan Consultation

The Chair and Vice Chair of Kegworth Parish Council have formed a new collaboration with the parish councils at Lockington-Hemington, Castle Donington, Long Whatton-Diseworth, and Breedon to influence the new NW Leics Plan to 2040.

This includes discussing proposals for housing targets, employment sites, warehousing, and Freeport land owned by EMA/SEGRO to the South of the A453. The group has raised the need for infrastructure ahead of development, environmental protection, employment needs, affordability of new housing, and the potential

impact on existing communities, whether or not a new settlement is planned. Responses to the consultation can be found at: https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/local_plan_review_progress_so_far

Assets of Community Value

Kegworth Players Youth Arts group have made a nomination to NW Leics District Council for the Methodist Church to be designated as an 'asset of community value'. Kegworth Parish Council has written in support of this application.

This process allows community groups the right to ask the Local Authority to list certain assets (property or land) as being of value to the community.

If an asset is listed and subsequently put up for sale, designation gives community groups a six month option to acquire the asset. This gives communities time and an increased chance of saving much-loved local facilities. It doesn't unfortunately mean that the community purchase is guaranteed because the sale process remains competitive.

Covid Commemorative Benches



NW Leics District Council have offered to provide four Covid commemorative benches for the village free of charge. After discussion with the Friends of Side Ley Park, it has been agreed to put two benches in the park. The two other benches will go outside the school. These will be installed in due course.

Did You Know..?



We have recently been successful in obtaining a grant from the East Midlands Airport Low Carbon Energy Fund to upgrade the lighting in St Andrew's churchyard. The new lighting will support the Council's desire to be more environmentally sustainable.

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Cllr Martin Hawksworth



Cllr Andrew Priestley, Vice-Chair



Cllr Carol Sewell



Cllr Ray Sutton, Chair



Cllr Hilary Williams

Cllr Sarah Singh

Plus, three vacancies

Clerk: Donna Griggs

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