

KEGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for 2023 and thanks for all the feedback you sent us in 2022.

Your Council

Kegworth Parish Council is a group of ten locally elected people representing the interests of those living and working in Kegworth. We try hard to be approachable, so please contact us via our Clerk about matters that concern you, or any ideas you may have.

Council meetings are held monthly, usually on Mondays at 7.30pm in the Parish Council office. The next two meetings are scheduled for 6th March and 3rd April 2023.

Have you considered becoming a parish councillor in the May 2023 election? Nomination form packs will be available shortly, if so. Please contact our Clerk for more information if you are interested.

Next Year's Parish Precept

Your Parish Council is funded by a levy (known as the 'precept'), paid by us all as part of our Council Tax. In January, we decided that the precept for the new financial year starting on 1 April 2023 will total £126,950 spread across Kegworth homes. This is expected to generate a per-household precept of £94.39 per annum for a Band D home. As the number of properties paying the tax in Kegworth has increased (the 'tax base'), this will equate to only a 0.07% increase on last year's figure, which is good news.

Our budgeted expenditure for the coming year is £219,992, some of which will be funded from reserves, rather than through the precept.

Great Winter Get Together



In January, the Parish Council ran two events as part of The Great Get Together, inspired by Jo Cox.

The first event was the Cake & Cuppa event on 17th January. This was a great success with lots of people coming together in the warmth of the Parish Office on one of the coldest days of the year so far. The cakes were delicious and the time passed quickly. We wish to thank councillors, staff, and volunteers for making cakes and working together to make the event possible.



The second event was the Winter Walk on 21st January. Nearly twenty people enjoyed

a walk around the village, chatting and enjoying the fresh air on a cold winter's morning, followed by very-welcome refreshments back at the Parish Office.



Recycling in Kegworth

Don't forget, there are several areas locally where clothing can be donated to charity and recycled. There are Air Ambulance donation banks at the entrance to the village hall car park and an alternative donation bank on Station Road near the bus stop opposite the pub.

There is also a collection point for empty toner and inkjet cartridges in the Parish Office.

All of these facilities can be used by Kegworth residents.

Skylink Bus Registration Changes



The Council is campaigning to save the Skylink:Airport-Kegworth-Sutton Bonington-Loughborough service. We now have a petition with hundreds of signatures on it ([Sign Skylink Petition Here](#)), or go to www.petitions.net and search on 'Kegworth'.

We have written to the Under Secretary of State recently asking him to support the Skylink service for a period of time while a strategic review can take place of cross boundary services, which would involve Freeport partners and their transport forums, Local Transport Authorities, and all the relevant councils.

Annual Parish Meeting



“Do Come, It's Your Parish!”

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday, 13th March 2023 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Office. The meeting is facilitated by the Parish Council, but it is not a Council meeting. The meeting this year will include reports from local organisations, district and county councillors and the Police. Refreshments will be available for those attending.

Grants to Local Bodies

Our annual consideration of grant applications has taken place and we are pleased to have been able to award £600 to Kegworth Plan Group and £650 to Kegworth Bowls Club.

The Parish Council has also agreed to pay the bill for a trained road closure team and toilets in support of the 2023 Christmas Market event, if required.

Kegworth Air Disaster Memorial

Representatives from the Parish Council, North West Leicestershire District Council, East Midlands Airport, and those with personal memories met at lunch time on Sunday, 8 January at the Whatton Road cemetery for a wreath-laying ceremony to commemorate the lives lost in the Kegworth Air Disaster. The brief ceremony was led by Revd Martin Charles and was attended by about 35 people.



For more information about the East Midlands Airport Sound Insulation Grant scheme, please see their [Living Near the Airport](#) factsheet and their [Sound Insulation Grant Brochure](#).

One Kegworth Events

It was good to see that the Christmas Market was well attended again. This year, *One Kegworth* events will include:

Monday, 10th April-Easter Charter Market
Saturday, 20th May-Fundraising Pop-Up Coffee and Cake
Sunday, 4th June-Village Wide Yard Sale & Open Gardens
Saturday 23rd Sept-Fundraising Pop-Up Coffee and Cake
Sunday, 3rd December-Christmas Event

News in Brief...

Public Realm Project – Councillors recently met with officers, engineers and designers from the District and County Council regarding the Market Place element of the Public Realm project. Details within the design concept are being worked on and the project is moving forward.

Litter Bins – The Council has put a request in to the District Council for larger bins in some area of the village and is awaiting a response.

Elections – Local elections are coming up on 4th May 2023. This year, there will be a new requirement in England for voters to show photo ID at polling stations. If you don't have accepted photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate. Find out more about accepted forms of photo ID, how to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate at:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id>

Did You Know..?

The East Midlands Airport Sound Insulation Scheme is designed to help people who are affected the most by noise from aircraft and the airport. The scheme has helped many homeowners close to the airport to improve the sound insulation of their homes. It applies to households in a boundary surrounding the airport. Within the boundary, any building (or part of a building), which is being used as a domestic dwelling (a home), may be eligible for a grant, as long as it was built before January 2002.

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For meeting dates, minutes, agendas, please visit our website at www.kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk The parish office is open 9:30 – 12, Monday to Thursday. Tel: 01509 670204, Email: clerk@kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Cllr William White

Two Vacancies

Parish Clerk: Donna Griggs