

KEGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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From The Clerk

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for 2024 and thank you for all your feedback and support during 2023.

In this issue, you can find out more about works to improve Kegworth Market Place and London Road, which will start soon, as part of major investment in the village, together with information about the precept and the Council's plans for 2024/25.

You will be pleased to know that, at their meeting in February, councillors resolved to co-opt Paul Forster to fill the vacant seat on the Council. I am looking forward to working with him and the other councillors going forward.

This year's Council meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

5th February, 4th March, 8th April, 13th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 5th August, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November, and 2nd December 2024.

Meetings will take place at 7:30 pm in the Parish Council office on London Road. Agendas will be published on our website prior to the meetings, or can be viewed on the Parish Council noticeboards in the village.

You are welcome to attend the meetings to observe or address the councillors on matters on the agenda.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting convened by the Chair of the Parish Council for the residents of Kegworth. It is not a Council meeting. This year the

Dates For Your Diary



7 March	Police Drop-in Session, 2-3 pm, Kegworth Library
18 March	Start Date for Public Realm Project Works in Market Place and London Road
12 April	Police Drop-in Session, 10-11 am Kegworth Baptist Church

meeting will take place on 22 April 2024 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Office. There will be a demonstration on how to use the village defibrillators, and reports from local organisations, district and county councillors, and the Police. Refreshments will be available for those attending.

Please come along if you can.

Kegworth Air Disaster Memorial Service

Representatives from the Parish Council, North West Leicestershire District Council, East Midlands Airport, the emergency services, and those with personal memories met at lunch time on Monday, 8 January at the Whatton Road cemetery for a wreath-laying ceremony to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the lives lost in the Kegworth Air Disaster. Thank you to the Revd Martin Charles for once again leading the service.



What Did the Parish Council Achieve During 2023?

2023 was a busy year for the councillors and staff at Kegworth Parish Council.

Work was supported by the precept raised through the Council Tax for 2023/24.

Some of the projects and works which have taken place are listed below.

- Repair of the church wall on Nottingham Road
- Review of the village grass cutting contract
- Cleaning of the memorial stone for the air disaster in Kegworth cemetery
- Painting of the cemetery gates
- Responding to requests for flood gel bags during the recent storms
- Replacing cabling to the floodlights in St Andrew's churchyard
- Review of the Parish Council's contracts for gas and electricity
- Repair of some of the surfacing at the Village Hall car park
- Supporting village organisations with grants (see below)
- Working with village organisations to secure UKSPF community funding
- Maintenance of the village parks, allotment sites, and other assets

Grants to Local Bodies

The Parish Council's annual consideration of grant applications took place at the December meeting. We have awarded grants of £632 to the Kegworth Plan Group to support their film shows and provide litter picking equipment, £131 to Kegworth Heritage Centre for office equipment, and £378.98 to Kegworth Bowls Club for the purchase of point-of-sale equipment.

A budget allocation for grants has been made in the 2024/25 budget. The deadline for this year's applications is 30th November, so that councillors can once again consider them at their meeting in December. Please send your applications in before then if you wish to be considered.

What's Coming Up in 2024?



During 2024, the Council plans to:

- Continue to work with the District and County Council to complete the Public Realm Project, started in 2019
- Upgrade CCTV cameras
- Go out to tender for a contract to put a driveway in to access the cemetery extension land
- Consider restoring the front steps in St Andrew's churchyard
- Arrange memorial stone testing in the cemetery
- Refresh the white lines showing the car parking spaces in the village hall car park
- Support village organisations by making provision for grant awards
- Highlight to the County Council highway safety and parking matters in Kegworth
- Seek to address planning issues and respond to consultations on key planning matters, such as the NWLDC new Local Plan

The Council's Action Plan gives more information on this work and can be found at www.kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Parish Precept for 2024/25



At their meeting in January, councillors set the precept which will support the Council's expenditure for the 2024/25 financial year.

The precept for the year will be £132,092 and this will be spread across Kegworth homes. This is expected to generate a per-household precept of £98.21 per annum for a Band D home.

As the number of properties paying the tax in Kegworth has remained the same as in 2023/24 (known as the 'tax base'), this will equate to a 4% increase on last year's figure, which equates to a 32p per calendar month increase for a Band D property.

Work Starts on Market Place and London Road Project

This is an important update about plans to improve Kegworth Market Place and London Road. Please pass it on to friends, family or anyone else for whom it may be useful.

Work is due to start on 18 March 2024 and last around three months (ending before the Download Festival at Donington Park in June).

Please note that throughout this period there will be no parking at any time of day on Market Place. Parking on Market Place road will be limited to one hour. Every effort will be made to keep the layby spaces near the bus stop in the Market Place open but there may be times when they have to be shut for health and safety reasons. There will also be temporary traffic lights and single file traffic on the main road past Market Place.

Vehicle access to The Croft will remain and pedestrians will still be able to get to all the businesses on Market Place. Business deliveries will continue and bus services and routes will be unchanged.

The work will inevitably cause some inconvenience and disruption, but it is necessary as part of a major investment in Kegworth. The plans, which have been shaped by public feedback, include:

- Reopening the southern end of Market Place to create a one-way entrance
- A new layout with the same number of parking spaces
- New benches, planting and parking for bikes
- Wider pavements and a pedestrian crossing point between the northern end of Market Place and the churchyard
- A build out of the pavement on London Road to slow traffic with a single lane passing point – using a priority ‘give and take’ system.

Temporary lights will be in place, plus a push button pedestrian crossing near New Brickyard Lane where the footway is closed for the works.

You can view the plans at:

<https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/kegworthproject>

Funding for all these measures is already secured – £500,000 from the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership, £450,000 from North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC), and £50,000 from Kegworth Parish Council. The project is not being funded from the Parish precept.

The project is being managed by NWLDC and delivered by Leicestershire County Council. It has already seen the installation of gateways to the village and the relocation of the bus shelter opposite Market Place.

This is a technically complex scheme, which has had to take account of ownership and access issues, public utilities (in particular, a major water aqueduct which passes through Kegworth), and potential impact on private properties.

After the Market Place improvements are completed, parts of London Road and Derby Road will be resurfaced between south of Whatton Road and the junction at the top of Borough Street.

This work is not part of the Market Place scheme, but is being brought forward by more than a year, to keep disruption within the same period.

The resurfacing is scheduled to begin in July at the start of the school Summer holiday and last 2-3 weeks. It will also involve temporary traffic lights and some road closures.



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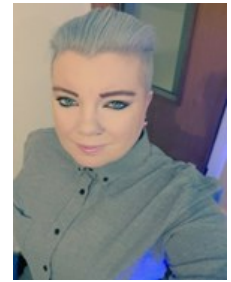
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