

# KEGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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**From The Clerk**

## **Become a Parish Councillor 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 to recruit a councillor who will complement the current team of councillors. Have you got something different to offer? Why not contact us to find out more?

You must be aged 18 or over, an elector, and have been a resident or worked within three miles of the Parish for the past year to qualify.

We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect the community. You don't need any experience or special qualifications. Your life experience, skills, passion and commitment to people and the community are vital, and it's important that our Council reflects the local population.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact me at the parish office.

## **Dates of Future Meetings**

The dates of the remaining Council meetings for the year are **2nd September, 7th October, 4th November, and 2nd December 2024**. You are welcome to attend the meetings to observe or address the councillors on items on the agenda.

## **Draft Local Plan**

Keep an eye on developments with this Plan, the single biggest planning policy change to affect Kegworth in recent times. Responses to the recent consultation can be found here: [https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/local\\_plan\\_review](https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/local_plan_review)

## **Dates For Your Diary**



10 Nov 2024 Remembrance Parade

1 Dec 2024 Christmas Market

## **Maintaining Our Grass Verges**

Leicestershire County Council is responsible for cutting most of the grass verges at the side of the Highway in Kegworth. The County Council have a duty to ensure visibility is maintained for road users, so junctions and bends in the road should be cut back for safety purposes. Motorways and trunk roads are cut by National Highways.

If you notice an area where visibility is poor, you can report it to Leics County Council on their website under Roads & Travel/Report a Road Problem or by using this link:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/report-a-road-problem>. More information about the rural

grass cutting schedule and details of areas which have already been reported can be found using this QR code.



## **Don't Forget...**

If you are a property owner, you are responsible for cutting back trees, hedges and vegetation on your property to ensure these don't overhang pavements, jitties, and roads, creating a problem for users.

## **Thank You to our Local Volunteers**

We extend heartfelt thanks to our local heroes who generously volunteer their time to benefit the community. We are grateful to the residents who care for our green spaces and parks, organise events, run clubs, pick up litter, serve as trustees of local charities, and act as guardians of the village hall, churches, and library. Their efforts ensure that Kegworth remains a vibrant, sociable village. If you could help out by volunteering too, please get in touch.

## You Said, We Did...

**The Parish Council frequently receives feedback from residents about matters important to Kegworth. Councillors work hard to address the issues which are raised. Often this involves engagement with the County and District Councils, the Police, and other agencies. Recently, councillors have been seeking solutions to the following:**

### Highways Matters

For some time, the Council has been seeking a meeting with officers and elected members to find a solution to some of the concerns which have been raised. In July, councillors Andrew Priestley, Ray Sutton and Carol Sewell, and the clerk, Donna Griggs, met with the County Council Cabinet Member for Highways, Transportation and Flooding, our local councillor (Trevor Pendleton), the Traffic and Safety Team Manager for the County Council, and the Head of Planning for the District Council.

The Parish Council had put together a list of highway safety matters which were discussed at length and responded to, including:

- £20,000 of S106 funding which was given by developers towards a pedestrian crossing on Sideley - this is still available, but will not be enough to provide a full crossing.
- Quiet Lane on Long Lane - Safety matters relating to cyclists and pedestrians were discussed .
- Maintenance of hedges on the hotel side of Derby Road and at the junction of High Street/Derby Road - these are the responsibility of the property owners and not the Local Authority. LCC provided information on how they would respond to any complaints and follow up with enforcement action.

- Safety measures for pedestrians on various roads within Kegworth - it was suggested that the Parish Council conducts a survey to seek residents views on any suggested changes before pursuing any matters further.
- Confirmation of which areas of Pritchard Drive have been adopted - this information was provided and a plan is available in the Parish Office for anyone interested in seeing it.

### Bin Issues

In June, Councillors Priestley, Williams, Sutton, and Sewell met with officers from the District Council to address some of the concerns residents had raised at the Meet Your Village event and via other communications regarding the provision of bins in the village.



We are pleased to report the following agreements:

- The District Council will make an additional weekly collection from the bins located near the entrances to Whatton Road Park and the King George V field, the Four Turns junction, and the Station Road bridge (Mellors farm).
- The District Council will reinstate the bin on Station Road in the area near the bus shelter opposite the Anchor.
- The District Council will look into relocating a bin to the top of Ashby Road near the bypass.
- The District Council will review the feasibility of adding a new bin at Springfield near the footpath/stile to the fields.

Councillors will meet with them again in due course to discuss progress. If you have any comments on this issue, please get in touch via the Clerk at the Parish Office, or by email to:

[clerk@kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk).

## Completion of the Public Realm Project

Thank you to residents and businesses for your patience and tolerance during the disruption caused by the recent public realm works to the Market Place and London Road and the subsequent re-surfacing works on Derby Road.

The Public Realm project was part of a significant investment in the village, funded by the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership, the District Council, and Kegworth Parish Council. North West Leicestershire District Council has managed the project, with Leicestershire County Council handling the delivery.

The project has included the design and installation of the village gateways, the improved footway connection on London Road, a re-design of the Market Place, and the relocation of the bus shelter near the church, so that people don't have to wait for the bus on the wrong side of the road.

With the exception of minor snagging, the works are complete now that the resurfacing of Market Place and the markings for the parking spaces have been done. It is hoped the new layout of spaces will provide a safer and more coherent arrangement for all users of the Market Place space.

Public feedback shaped the plans to create an attractive public space in the village centre, which is part of the conservation area, that can easily be used for events while still providing the necessary parking at other times.



## Allotments

As you might know, the Parish Council owns the allotment sites on Station Road, Sideley, and School Alley and these prove popular with residents.



We have had some movement with plot holders over the last year and our waiting list is now lower than it was.

Annual rents for the allotments vary in price depending on the size of the allotment; they are not expensive to rent.

If you are interested in being added to the waiting list, please do get in touch with the Clerk by popping in to the Parish Office or emailing for an application form to [clerk@kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk).

## Police & Crime Commissioner Survey

The Police & Crime Commissioner has issued a survey asking everyone who lives or works in the force's area to identify the issues that matter to them most. The feedback will be instrumental in forming a plan for 2024-28. The survey is available online until 30th August at:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7919034/Police-Crime-Plan-Survey-2024>

## Did you Know..?

You can find out information on any road works which will impact the highway by visiting this site: <https://one.network/uk>.

## NWL Community Lottery

Several of our village organisations have signed up to the North West Leics District Council Community Lottery. This operates like any other lottery, but puts money towards good causes and community funding. If you are interested in finding out how to register your not-for-profit organisation, please go to <https://www.nwlcommunitylottery.co.uk/good-causes>.





## USEFUL INFORMATION

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### CITIZENS ADVICE NW LEICS

0808 2787854  
<https://citizensadviceleicestershire.org/get-advice/north-west-leicestershire/>

### LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE

Tel. 101, <https://www.leics.police.uk>

### NEIGHBOURHOOD LINK

<https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk> (*free  
emailing service providing news on policing matters*)

### SAMARITANS

Call 116 123 for free

### TRAIN & BUS TIMES

[https://www.traveline.info/about-traveline/  
traveline-services/](https://www.traveline.info/about-traveline/traveline-services/)

### Parish Office Information:

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Cllr Martin Hawkworth



Cllr Simon Langley-Evans



Cllr Andrew Priestley



Cllr Carol Sewell



Cllr Ray Sutton



Cllr Will White



Cllr Paul Forster



Cllr Hilary Williams



Cllr Mandy Connolly



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