

# KEGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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From The Clerk

**Have you considered becoming a  
Parish Councillor?**

**Are you looking for a new challenge?**

**Do you want to make a difference and  
influence decisions that affect your  
community?**

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.

The Council is looking to co-opt two new councillors. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect the community. You don't need any experience or special qualifications. Your life experience, everyday 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.

The dates of the remaining Council meetings for the year are **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.

## Dates For Your Diary



- 7 June 2024 Flower Festival Weekend
- 7 June 2024 Police Drop-In St Andrew's Church, 10:30-11:30 am
- 14 June 2024 Download Festival
- 5 July 2024 Police Drop-In Session, Co-op, 6—7 pm

## Annual Parish Meeting



The Annual Parish Meeting took place in the Parish Office on Monday, 22 April 2024. There were 18 people in attendance. Reports were given by the Chairman of the Parish Council, District Councillors, and the Police. A written report had been received from our County Councillor and was made available to all.

Subjects raised by members of the public included issues with dog mess, cycling on the pavement, and dogs not being on leads in Sideley Park. There was also a request for information on what will happen to the Great House.

At the end of the meeting, a demonstration was given by a local trainer on how to do CPR and use a defibrillator. Those in attendance agreed this was delivered in a very clear way and found it useful.

The minutes of the meeting and copies of the reports given by the councillors can be found on the Council's website at [www.kegworthparishcouncil.go.uk](http://www.kegworthparishcouncil.go.uk) or by clicking on this link: <https://www.kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk/agendas-and-minutes>

**Parish Council-owned  
defibrillators can be found in the  
Market Place and at the Village  
Hall. They are available 24/7.**



## Gentle Reminder...



Please could we remind you that it is an offence not to pick up after your dog. There are general waste bins located around the village and these should be used to dispose of your dog bags.

Incidents of dog fouling and other anti-social behaviour matters should be reported to the District Council using this link [www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/report](http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/report).

The Parish Council is currently undertaking a review of the locations of bins in Kegworth with the District Council and we will feedback on any changes in due course.

The village is protected by the NW Leics District Council Public Space Protection Order for the control of dogs. As such, all dogs should be kept on a lead and should not enter any enclosed children's play areas—see extract below, or visit: <https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/>

- 1. Duration** This Order shall come into operation on 09/03/2024 and shall have effect for a period of three (3) years thereafter, expiring on 09/03/2027 unless revoked, amended or extended by further orders under the Act.
- 2. Restricted Area** The administrative area of the Council on land to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission.
- 3. Activities to which this Order relates**
  - 3.1 Dog Fouling** If a dog defecates within the restricted area and a person who is in charge of the dog at the time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless:
    - He/she has reasonable excuse for doing so; or
    - The owner, or occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his/her failing to do so.
  - 3.2 Leads** By Order A person in charge of a dog within the restricted area shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, he/she does not comply with a direction given to him/her by an authorised officer of the Authority to put and keep the dog on a lead unless:
    - He/she has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
    - The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his/her failing to do so. An authorised officer of the Authority may only give a direction under this order if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or to a bird or other animal.
  - 3.3 Exclusion** A person in charge of a dog within the restricted area shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, he/she takes the dog onto, or permits the dog to enter or to remain on or in a fenced/enclosed children's play area or the playing surface of any designated or marked out sports pitch or athletic area at any time within the restricted area unless:
    - He/she has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
    - The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his/her failing to do so.
  - 3.4 Means to pick up** A person in charge of a dog within the restricted area shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, he/she does not have with him/her an appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog unless:
    - He/she has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
    - The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his/her failing to do so. The obligation is complied with if, after a request from an authorised officer of the Authority the person in charge of the dog produces an appropriate means to pick up the dog faeces.

## Community UKSPF Project

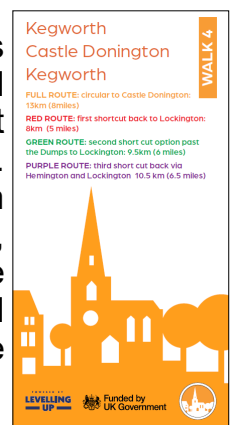
The group of representatives from village organisations and the Parish Council working on this project are still meeting regularly.

One of the aims is to encourage visits to the village, raise awareness of what Kegworth has to offer to those both living here and visiting, and to promote Kegworth as a destination.

To support this, a new noticeboard has been installed at the entrance to the village hall car park to advertise local organisations and activities. Please feel free to use this, but keep the area to the right available for the legal Parish Council notices we have to display.



Additionally, free leaflets detailing a variety of local walks have been put together by the group. These will be available from village information centres, such as the library, the Parish Council office, and the heritage centre shortly.



Longer term, the group is sourcing a new adult seat for the Whatton Road play area. The group is also creating plaques to display on buildings of historical interest in the village, which will give information about the buildings and their heritage importance to the village.

## Work Continues on the Market Place and London Road Project

At the time of writing, the changes to Market Place and London Road are going well and in accordance with the project plan.

All the retail outlets and other businesses in and around Market Place remain open during the alterations and as much parking space as possible is preserved in the village centre, so please continue to support them by shopping as normal.

The works are scheduled for completion by mid-June. The resulting improvements will strengthen Kegworth's credentials as a place to visit for shopping, eating, walking, local history, and information.

Both the Parish and District Councils are committed to supporting the promotion of our village—the more attractive environment, particularly Market Place itself, will help significantly with this.

## Allotments



Allotment tenancy agreements for 2024/25 have recently been distributed to allotment holders.

If you haven't already done so, please remember to sign and return it, together with payment, as soon as you can.

Regular inspections of the allotments take place, so please remember it is a requirement to keep the allotments clean, free from weeds, well manured, and otherwise maintained in a good condition.

There is a short waiting list for our allotments. If you wish to be added to the list, please contact our Clerk.

## Coming Soon!

Look out for a consultation from North West District Council about re-designating Long Lane as a quiet lane.

## New Trees in St Andrew's Churchyard

As part of a planning condition for the church wall works, the Parish Council was required to provide a re-planting scheme for the churchyard to replace the trees which were removed during the main church wall works a few years ago.

This has now been approved and the new trees were planted at the end of April.

Hopefully, they will thrive and provide a lovely green aspect to the centre of the village and the churchyard for years to come.



## Don't Forget...

The Parish Council holds a supply of **free** hearing aid batteries in size 13 and 312 for use with **NHS** hearing aids.

These can be collected from the Clerk at the Parish Office at any time during our opening hours of 9:30 to 12:00, Monday to Thursday.



## 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>  
<https://www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk>

### SAMARITANS

Call 116 123 for free

### TRAIN & BUS TIMES

<https://www.traveline.info/about-traveline/traveline-services/>

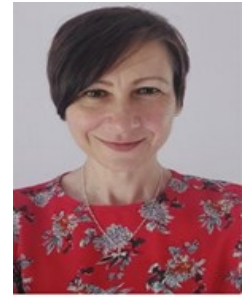
### Parish Office Information:

Visit our website at  
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