**New Planning Applications:**

We have objected to the application for the expansion of the University Dairy Centre, Melton Lane. (Ref:15/02931/FUL). This is because of the not infrequent very offensive odour from the farm even at its current size. We consider that the cause of these events should be identified, and action taken to mitigate their impact before any expansion can be considered.

**Existing Planning Applications:**

We have objected to the application for the erection of a wind turbine at the Dairy Centre. (Ref:15/01735/FUL).

**The Parish Website** ([www.kingston-on-soar-pc.co.uk](http://www.kingston-on-soar-pc.co.uk))

This is continually being updated and you can access information about the Parish including this Newsletter.

**Future Meetings**

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on the 1 March in the Coronation Room at the Village Hall commencing at 7pm. The date of the next AGM is Tuesday 10 May 2016.

**Your Parish Councillors are:**

Gill Aldridge 2 Long Row 01509 672944

Stuart Dale 24 Kegworth Road 01509 672703

David Fairbanks The Old Rectory 07718804066

 Kingston Fields

Mark Johnson 51 West Leake Lane 0115 983 0316

Neville Smith The Old Smithy 01509 670898

 Station Road

**Your Parish Clerk is:**

 Richard Parrey 61 West Leake Lane 0115 983 0730

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**Village Ventures – ‘Blast From The Past’**

Following on from the success of the shows last year, the next show at Kingston on Soar Village Hall is on Saturday 6th February at 7.30pm when Spiltmilk Dance presents ‘Blast From The Past’. Somewhere between a dance performance, sketch show, TV game show and the ultimate compilation album, this is a fast-paced race through seven decades of the blockbusters and bestsellers we all remember, and the fads and fashions we might prefer to forget. Set to a soundtrack of chart toppers from 1952 to the present day, ‘Blast From The Past’ will have you feeling nostalgic, singing along, laughing out loud and playing a swift game of pass the parcel!

This promises to be an exciting show so do come along. Tickets are £8 (Children U12 £4) including the usual free food at the interval. They are available from Bob Metcalfe on 01509 670499 or metcalfe\_robert@hotmail.com There will also be a cash bar and please note that we now have a drinks cooler to banish even a hint of warm beer. Flyers have been distributed providing further information.

**Parish Council Budget, Precept, and Audit**

A budget of estimated expenditure for 2016-17 was tabled for a total expenditure of £5680. This includes the two separately accounted funds for the Village Hall Car Park and Community Events. The budget was approved unanimously and will enable the precept to be maintained at the same level for the third year running of £4100. An application will be submitted to Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC) for this amount. Although Janine Bone has now moved from the area she has very kindly agreed to act as internal auditor for one more year. For comparison the previous year’s budget estimate was £5235 although our current best estimate of actual expenditure by the year end is £4167.

**Cycle Racing**

We have received guidance from Rushcliffe Borough Council concerning the cycle racing in our Parish. It appears that such events are totally legal as long as the cyclists ensure that they still stick to the main rules of the road and Highway Code and that marshals are used where it may be considered necessary. If the event is an official race then the organiser requires the authority of the Police but many cycling events are not races but "sportives" (non-competitive cycle races).These do not require authorisation from the Police or Local Highways Authority. Participants should follow the Highway Code and can be prosecuted for any relevant highway offences that may be committed. However, speed limits only apply to mechanically propelled vehicles, and do not apply to cyclists. That said, a cyclist travelling at excessive speed could commit other road traffic act offences. Any well-run event should have a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) that involves consultation with the Local Highways Authority and will include how the event will be managed (e.g.using marshals or stewards). Actual road closures can only be achieved through a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) issued by the Local Highways Authority and must be suitably managed.

Neither the Police, nor the Local Highways Authority has the power to authorise or prohibit a cycling event on the highway, unless it is an official race as outlined above.

**Environment**

1. We are still trying to find a volunteer who is willing to look after both of the flower tubs provided by Marion Shaw.
2. Andrew Brown has offered to chase up the repair needed to the bollard on the Green.
3. Quotes are being sought for a survey of the trees on the Green.
4. The wild flower area will be receiving some attention to improve its appearance.

**Marquee**

Please note that this remains available for hire and anybody wishing to make enquiries should contact Bob Metcalfe. Each of the seven sections measures 30x10ft and any number of sections can be hired. The hire costs £50 per section plus £50 for transport and erection with proceeds going into the village entertainment fund. Heating is also available. Anyone who is able to volunteer to help Bob with the work of erecting and dismantling the marquee would be very welcomed.

**Electoral review of Nottinghamshire**

The Boundary Commission has published its recommendations for the new County Council divisions. Kingston on Soar will be in a two member division, Leake and Ruddington. The proposals will first be implemented at the local elections in 2017.