**Planning Applications**

Application by Oaks Farm for two storey rear extension (revised scheme) (Ref 15/01908/FUL). This has now been granted.

**Parish Councillor**

We are pleased to announce, and welcome, David Fairbanks, who offered to become a parish councillor. He was successfully co-opted to that position at the last meeting held on Tuesday 3rd November.

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

**Future Meetings**

Parish Council Meetings commence at 7pm and take place on 5 January, and then 1 March, in the Coronation Room at the Village Hall. 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

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, presents,**

***A Brief History of Christmas***

At Kingston on Soar Village Hall on Saturday 28th November at 7.30pm the first part of the show covers 600 years of Christmas music, songs and stories – featuring music played on a variety of instruments, all helped along by wit and humour.

The second half of the show is a thrilling re-telling of Dickens’ A Christmas Carol – using spoken word, drama and music to bring this classic story to life in a riot of sound and colour. “A memorable and atmospheric start to the festive season.”

This promises to be an exciting show, so do come along. Tickets are £8 for adults, children U12 £4 including free festive food at the interval. They are available from Bob Metcalfe on 01509 670499 or [metcalfe\_robert@hotmail.com](mailto: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, this proved very popular at the last show. The last show was so good that people who attended have made enquiries in advance, for tickets for this upcoming event, so book early!!

I, Mark Johnson, would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Parish Council, to thank Bob Metcalfe and his team of volunteers for the amount of selfless work and effort they put into organising these events for the good and benefit of our village.

A special mention also to Pam and Julian Oldham for running the bar and Diana Beeby for doing the stock runs mid show.

Volunteers to help with any aspect of village life and it’s upkeep are always being sought and are most welcome, so if you have a special skill and/or are just able to give a little of your time to help in any way with the life and appearance of your village please get involved by giving your details to the Parish Clerk or a Parish Councillor.

**Finance**

The external audit of the Parish Council accounts has been completed by Grant Thornton and we would like to thank them for their services.

The budget for 2016 – 2017 will be set at our January meeting, therefore if you have any requests for funding for projects, activities etc which will benefit the Parish, please provide details to Gill Aldridge or any of the councillors, before the 28th December.

**Information Boards**

Norman Beeby and Angie Howard have asked that amendments be made to the boards, once these have been implemented we can proceed with the production process. A grant of £600 towards the costs has been donated by County Councillor Andrew Brown, for which we are very grateful. Once finished the boards will be erected alongside the path near to the seat where there is a clear view of the church.

**Environment**

Sadly our trust in human kindness has resulted in us being let down by Laing O’Rourke. Their involvement in the area of the A453 has ceased and with it, the re-surfacing of the Village Hall car park.

Only recently, has it been brought to the attention of the Parish Council, that a resident has witnessed acts of anti social behaviour taking place in and around the Village Hall car park. These incidents were not reported at the time they were allegedly committed.

Can we remind residents, or any member of the public, that if they witness anything they believe to be unlawful within the village, that they should, in the first instance, report it to the police by telephone on number 101, this can be done anonymously.

**Marquee**

Please note that this remains available for hire and anybody wishing to make enquiries should contact Bob Metcalfe.

Costs of hire are £50 per section, each section measures 30x10 feet, and there are 7 sections in total.

Hire can be for any number of sections required to a maximum of 7, plus a fee of £50 for transport and erection.

Heating is also available should the weather on the chilly side.

Once again Bob would appreciate any help that can be given when the marquee is hired out to assist in putting it up and taking it down, at present he is doing this work on his own.

Proceeds from the hiring go into the village entertainment funds for use in putting on future events for the enjoyment of those of us that live in the village.

So without becoming over repetitive, those who are organising these things could do with your help when needed, so please help if you can.