We would ideally like to have a ‘pool of people’ to be able to call upon to help out on the rare occasions when we are putting on a village event such as the annual fete.

Let us not leave it to the regular few, but give a little of your time, be it buttering a slice of bread or putting up the village marquee. Every little helps and you might even strike up new friendships with your fellow villagers.

Please contact either a parish councillor or the parish clerk if you can help by joining the ‘pool of volunteers’.

With thanks, Mark Johnson, Chair of the Parish Council.

**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**

Parish Council Meetings commence at 7pm and will take place on 10th January, and the 7th March 2017 in the Coronation Room at the Village Hall. The date of the next AGM is Tues. 9 May 2017.

**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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**Community Events – Mumbo Jumbo, and Graffiti Classics.**

Those who attended the first of our 2 shows, to be put on in the Village Hall, by Mumbo Jumbo, thoroughly enjoyed both the entertainment and the excellent food. The latter being supplied by Lucy Metcalfe and her team of ‘sandwich fairies’, for which “we were truly grateful”.

The next show at the Village Hall is on Sunday 27th November at 7-30pm by Graffiti Classics. 16 strings, 8 dancing feet and 4 voices with 1 aim: to make classical music wickedly funny and fantastically exhilarating for everyone, young and old. Graffiti Classics bursts the elitist boundaries of the traditional String Quartet with its hilarious all-singing, all dancing musical comedy show. So please come along and support these events in your Village Hall and see for yourselves what an excellent time can be had and the starting point to ‘get you in the mood’ for the festive theatre season just around the corner. A flyer will be distributed providing more information on this show. Please be sure to read the back of the flyer.

**Information Board for St Winifred’s Church**

Work is underway on the printing of the information board by M & B Print in Loughborough and once this is received Stuart Dale will undertake the manufacture and installation work.

**Road Safety**

There continues to be accidents at the New Kingston crossroads. We have highlighted our continued concerns for actions to be taken to try and reduce/eliminate the chances of accidents at these crossroads to both our Borough Councillor, Mr Stuart Matthews, and County Councillor Mr Andrew Brown. Andrew Brown will be forwarding these to the relevant parties.

Whilst the inter-active signs are now operational again at the New Kingston crossroads, it doesn’t seem to deter people from speeding and in some cases not even giving way when approaching the junction. This is not helped by the fact that the white lines have been worn away. Again this will be reported to the highways by Andrew Brown.

**Environment**

1. The flower tubs continue to show a little colour; however, the season is starting to take back control. I’m sure with Beryl’s TLC, they will be at their best again in the New Year, thank you Beryl
2. It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that cyclists using the Village Hall car park have been observed urinating in the car park. If anyone else witnesses this type of behaviour could you please inform one of the parish councillors, so that we might be able to take some sort of action against this type of behaviour.
3. In a similar vein we have received reports of anti-social behaviour and fly tipping in the car park. If you witness any of this behaviour, again, please pass the information to a parish councillor or the police and where possible take notes or photos.
4. As we are approaching winter, we would like to remind residents that grit is available from the grit bin inside the Village Hall car park. For those residents on West Leake Lane, there is a grit bin by the New Kingston crossroads.

**Parish Accounts**

Audit of accounts for year ending 31st March 2016 were completed and there has been no charge.

A donation has been approved towards the maintenance of the Churchyard.

We are hopeful that we will have a volunteer in place to carry out the Internal Auditor for the Parish Accounts with effect from 2017.

**New Planning Applications**

At the time of going to print there have been no new applications received.

**Existing Planning Applications:**

All existing applications have been passed.

As always information is available to the public on the Rushcliffe planning portal found on their website.

**Community**

The village is always in need of, and appreciates, volunteers in all aspects of Village life. However small the amount of time and effort you can offer it all helps with the sense of COMMUNITY SPIRIT.

Where are all those who stood together to oppose the Eco Town development?

It won’t be a lifelong contract, just when you can for how long you can.