



Kingston on Soar Parish Newsletter

September 2020

Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan

It has been a busy month for the Parish Council as we have been working hard to provide a robust objection to the outline proposals in the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan consultation.

As reported in last month's newsletter the consultation identified future potential development sites, some of which are greenfield. Three large swathes of greenfield land were identified for development in our Rushcliffe West area - extending new development on the east side of the A453 from Clifton to East Midlands Parkway and a huge area of greenfield land to the east covering New Kingston and Kingston Fields.

Kingston Parish Council has joined forces with the parish councils of Gotham, Ratcliffe, Thrumpton and Barton-in-Fabis to object to the proposals.

We were disappointed by the timing of the consultation, coming out in the holiday period and during the time of Covid-19 when there has been no opportunity to hold public consultations in the usual manner with our residents in our community halls.

Without the ability to hold a public event, we have nevertheless attempted to make everyone aware of the situation through the hard copy August newsletter posted through every letterbox, our Facebook page and the parish council website.

Our first action was to request a suspension of the consultation on the basis of the undemocratic way the consultation has been arranged, and that the documents fail to take any recognition of the huge impact that covid-19 will have on future development needs.

We then worked together to pool our collective expertise to review and respond to the detailed consultation document. Although the timescales have been very tight, I am pleased to say that all 5 parish councils worked together wonderfully well to get this response in on time.

Our detailed response is available on the Parish Council website. We will keep you informed of any responses received.

New Parish Councillor

We are delighted to welcome Wendy Melville from West Leake Lane to the Parish Council who was co-opted at the September Parish meeting.

We do still have one more vacancy if anyone is interested.

Bus Shelter

The village bus shelter has been successfully used for many years as a place for villagers to share their used books. Unfortunately, the shelter is once again being overfilled with many unwanted items. ***It is not a recycling point.***

Please leave good quality books only and **only** if there is space on the shelves as the seats are still required for people waiting for the bus. Otherwise please take your books to your nearest charity shop who would be happy to have them.

Village Hall renovations

Village Hall improvements continue and photos of progress and regular updates can be found on the Facebook page “What’s on in Kingston on Soar”.

We are currently looking for suggestions for naming the bar. Please email suggestions to Nicole.e.elders@gmail.com or submit via the Facebook page - what’s on in Kingston on Soar.

A second phase to renovate the toilets is subject to further funding.

Parish Clerk Successor

We are still searching for a successor to Richard Parrey, our Parish Clerk, who is planning to retire from the role. Richard has been doing this role for many years and has a wealth of knowledge of council processes and procedures, and we would like to find a successor.

The role does come with a modest remuneration. If anyone is interested, then please contact Councilor Mark Johnson or Richard Parrey in the first instance for further information.

A History of Kingston on Soar

We still have a few copies of two publications on the History of Kingston on Soar by Brian W. Smith.

“*A History of Kingston on Soar up to the 19th Century*” is priced at £3, and “*Kingston on Soar – Further chapters in the history of an estate village*” is priced at £5

Copies are available for purchase from the Parish Clerk Richard Parrey at 61 West Leake Lane

Celebrating Rushcliffe Awards.

Nominations are now open for the Celebrating Rushcliffe Awards. The awards are given to acknowledge our unsung heroes from our community and businesses.

Nominations are open until Monday 5th October and further details can be found on the Rushcliffe Borough Council website.

Future Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 3rd November 2020 at 7.00 pm subject to coronavirus guidance. Please see our website for updates.

Newsletter articles

If you would like to share a news story in the Parish newsletter, or would like an electronic copy of the newsletter, please email me on:

daf247@gmail.com

More information is kept on the Parish website:

www.kingston-on-soar-pc.co.uk

Facebook page – “What’s on in Kingston on Soar”

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community-Organization/Whats-on-in-Kingston-on-Soar-121837239212174/>

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