

# KEGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## Hello

Welcome to the second edition of this newsletter – and thanks for all the feedback you sent us on the first edition in October.

## Your Council

Kegworth Parish Council is a group of ten locally-elected people representing the interests of those living and working in Kegworth. We try hard to be approachable, so please contact us about matters that concern you or any ideas you may have. Residents are always welcome at our meetings to observe or make a comment - our agendas and minutes can be found at <https://www.kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk>

## Could you Join us as a Councillor?

Our eight current Councillors are listed on the back of this newsletter. We have welcomed Cllr Phillip Gatt to the Council since the last newsletter. We were sorry, however, to recently lose Cllr Rod Pritchard, after two years, and Cllr Susie Priestley, who needed to devote more time to her demanding job. Expressions of interest from any resident willing to be co-opted for the period until the next Parish Council election in May 2023 are very welcome – do please get in touch!

## Next Year's Parish Precept

Your Parish Council is funded by a levy (known as the 'precept'), paid by us all as part of our Council Tax. In December, we decided that the precept for the new financial year starting on 1 April 2022 will

total £120,827, spread across Kegworth's nearly 2,000 homes. This is expected to increase the per-household precept by 4.9% (that's £4.40 per annum for a Band D home) by comparison with the current financial year.

Our budgeted expenditure for the coming year is £197,677, some of which will be funded from our reserves, rather than through the precept.

## Repairing the Churchyard Wall

The works to the Derby Road part of the churchyard wall are now complete – and we thank everyone for their forbearance during the many weeks of temporary traffic lights which this entailed.

In the Spring, we shall be repairing a weak section of the churchyard wall on Nottingham Road. This is a much smaller project than the Derby Road wall works were, so should take many fewer weeks. It is likely to involve some more temporary traffic lights, though we will minimise their duration.

It is these wall works which will cause our coming year's expenditure to be appreciably higher than the precept as it was in 2021/22.

## Kegworth's 'Public Realm' Project

In our last newsletter, we explained that this project, led by North West Leicestershire District Council, was aiming to deliver, in 2022, a redesign of the Market Place, to make more effective use than the current layout (created in 2019) of the tarmac area between the main road and the shops.

However, despite considering various proposals, it has proved difficult to find a good, workable new design, compliant with modern standards, for this irregularly-shaped space. We continue to work hard on finding an acceptable design and will keep you informed of progress.

## Grants to Local Bodies

Our annual consideration of grant applications has now taken place and we're pleased to have been able to award the following amounts to local groups:

- £782 to Kegworth Heritage Centre
- £600 to Kegworth Tennis Club
- £250 to Kegworth Flower Festival
- £800 to Kegworth Scout Group
- £1200 to *OneKegworth*

## Kegworth's New Parish Clerk

Our new Parish Clerk, Donna Griggs, started with us on January 4<sup>th</sup>, after the role had been vacant for some months. Donna, who hails from just over the Nottinghamshire border, is looking forward to getting to know Kegworth's residents through being your prime point of contact with the Parish Council. Her contact details are on the back page.

## One Kegworth Events

It was good to see so many of you at *One Kegworth's* Christmas Market. In the Spring, *One Kegworth* events will include:

- Charter Market and Easter Egg trail (18 April)
- A pop-up Coffee and Cake event
- Jubilee events

More details will be made available nearer the time.

## Public Information Point

That's the official name of the cylindrical structure which appeared outside Boots chemists a while ago.

In practice, it is felt not to have been sufficiently useful, so it is scheduled to be removed by 31 March 2022.

## Kegworth Air Disaster Memorial

Representatives from the Parish Council, North West Leicestershire District Council, East Midlands Airport, and those with personal memories met on Saturday, 8 January at the Whatton Road cemetery for a wreath-laying ceremony to commemorate the lives lost in the Kegworth Air Disaster.

This year was the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of this tragic event. The short ceremony was led by team rector, Revd Lauretta Wilson.



## Newsletter Mailing List

Very many thanks to the approximately 60 of you who, after our first edition, gave us your e-addresses to help us distribute the newsletter electronically in future, rather than on paper. We need lots more to help make that aim a reality - so do drop a line to [clerk@kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk) if you feel able to give us your consent to use your e-address. Thank you!

## Police Liaison Drop-In Sessions

The most recent police liaison drop-in session took place on Tuesday, 11 January 2022 at the Parish Office and several residents took the time to pop in and have a chat to the officers about a variety of issues.

The police officers have been asked to consider whether they could vary the times they run the drop-in sessions, so that working residents would also have the opportunity to attend.

## Allotments

Our allotments are proving popular. We had quite a few additions to the waiting list after our last newsletter. Don't forget to email the clerk if you wish to be added to the waiting list.

## King George V Playing Field

For the benefit of our newer residents, we thought it might be useful to give some history around the King George V Playing Field.

In 1950, this land was acquired by the Parish Council as '*a playing field and recreation ground for organised sports*' with provision for a Village Hall. At the same time, King George's Fields status was granted in perpetuity and the land became one of the green spaces protected by

Fields in Trust. You can see the heraldic panels at the grand entrance on Nottingham Road.

Since 1952, the King George V Playing Field Committee has looked after operations and the field is very well used by the Kegworth Town Cricket Club, Kegworth Tennis Club, Kegworth Imps Junior Football Club and Kegworth Imperial Football Club. The Clerk remains the contact for all but individual club enquiries relating to this.

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

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### LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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### NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

<https://www.nwleics.gov.uk> 01530 454545. Your district councillors: Bertie Harrison-Rushton 07506 075727 [bertie.harrison-rushton@nwleicestershire.gov.uk](mailto:bertie.harrison-rushton@nwleicestershire.gov.uk) (*Kegworth ward*), and Carol Sewell [carol.sewell@nwleicestershire.gov.uk](mailto:carol.sewell@nwleicestershire.gov.uk) 07905 608470 (*Daleacre Hill ward*)

### CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

0300 330 2111  
<http://www.citizensadviceleicestershire.org>

### LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE

tel. 101 <https://www.leics.police.uk>

### SAMARITANS

Call 116 123 for free

### TRAIN & BUS TIMES

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## KEGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Your councillors are:



Cllr Ray Sutton, Chair



Cllr Andrew Priestley, Vice-chair



Cllr Martin Hawksworth



Cllr Carol Sewell

Cllr Stephen Kent,

Cllr Sarah Singh,

Cllr Hilary Williams

Cllr Phillip Gatt

Plus, two vacancies

**Clerk:** Donna Griggs  
Parish Council Office, 1, London Rd,  
Kegworth, DE74 2EU. Tel: 01509 670204

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Donna works 26 hours per week.



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[www.kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk), or follow Kegworth Parish Council on Facebook.

### Parish Council Meeting Dates

Meetings are usually held monthly on Mondays at 7.30pm in the Parish Council office.

The next meetings are scheduled for 7 February, 7 March, and 4 April, with the annual parish meeting on 14 May 2022.

Agendas for the meetings can be found on the Parish Council noticeboards in the village centre, or on our website at: [www.kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk).

**Feedback** on any item in this newsletter is very welcome. We look forward to receiving it – please send to [clerk@kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kegworthparishcouncil.gov.uk)

