

Kingston-on-Soar Parish Newsletter

May 2024



Annual Parish Meeting – Chair’s Statement

The annual Parish Meeting was held 13th May. The Parish Council's chair Cllr Johnson gave his annual statement to the meeting:

I realise that this first section may seem like an annual cut and paste exercise, but it is to highlight my gratitude towards those who have voluntarily given their time and effort into work that is for the good and benefit of the village and surrounding area.

So thank you to all the members of the Parish Council, and our Borough and County Councillors, for your work over the past 12 months and your continued support going forwards.

I would like to offer additional thanks to 4 other individuals, 2 of whom regularly carry out maintenance checks on the defibrillator, which is vital for the community, and our 2 volunteer flood wardens

Moving onto flooding, as we will all be too familiar with this issue, brought on by the unprecedented amount of wet weather over the recent winter months, I am happy to report that, thanks to the efforts of locals, Councillors and our own MP, work has been undertaken to alleviate the potential of severe flooding in the future. That success will only be apparent when we experience more bad weather. Remaining on this subject, it didn't go unnoticed that some of the villagers were also out on the road trying to deter drivers from proceeding through the village when the road was blocked under the bridge, so a big thank you to those individuals.

Highways problems remain an issue, especially on West Leake Lane, which, since Oct/Nov 2023 has, and continues to be subjected to the regular use by HGV's, which are far in excess of the prescribed weight limit for the lane. The vehicles are in connection with the repair works being carried out by Severn Trent to their sewerage plant on West

Leake Road, East Leake. All this has led to the severe degradation of the Lane. Our County Councillor and I have been in talks with Highways for a resolution but nothing has materialised.

On a brighter note our new PC website is up and running, please take a look at it.

There have been no major planning applications over the past 12 months to report on.

It was nice to be able to commemorate remembrance day this year with a display of lamp post poppies. A big thank you to our clerk for putting them up!

Moving forward to the next 12 months plans, we will be looking for grants to help with the restoration of the pump house, but we may have to match fund on those grants.

We will also be looking at the potential of creating an area for bio diversity on the village green.

In closing I would like to remind you all, that, although we have a Parish Council the quality of life and the look of the Village is a two way street, so your help and input is and will remain, something that will be greatly appreciated.

At the meeting Cllr Johnson was re-elected as Chair for the coming year.

East Midlands Mayor

Following the devolution deal to create the Combined Authority of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, elections took place on Thursday 2nd May 2024 across Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire for the new position of Mayor of the Combined Authority.

Labour's Claire Ward has been elected as the first ever East Midlands mayor. Turnout for the election was a disappointing 27.6%, considering the Mayor will oversee a budget of £1.14bn.

Police and Crime Commissioner

Also on the 2nd May voting took place for the police and crime commissioner (PCC) for Nottinghamshire.

Gary Godden of the Labour Party has been elected to the role. He earned 119,355 votes, beating Caroline Henry - who was elected for the Conservatives in 2021- into second place with 77,148 votes.

Sutton Bonington and Kingston on Soar Garden Walkabout 2024

The annual garden walkabout will be on **Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June between 2.00pm and 6.00pm.**

There are over thirty gardens and stalls open this year by kind permission of their owners.

This year, on Sunday only, the garden at Sutton Bonington Hall can also be visited. Tea and cake will be served at Sutton Bonington Village Hall, 6 Willow Poole Lane, Sutton Bonington and 5 Long Row, Kingston-on-Soar.

Programmes are £6 per adult and available in the Sutton Bonington Community Shop and Pasture Lane Stores from early June. They will include details of the gardens open on each afternoon.

All proceeds will go to Cancer Research UK as usual.

Ratcliffe Power Station closure

It has been announced the power station will close on 30th September 2024 as part of government plans to phase out coal from Great Britain's energy system.

The power station has been generating electricity for 57 years.

It was commissioned by the Central Electricity Generating Board in 1967, with a capacity of 2,000 megawatts, enough to power two million homes.

The station is owned by international energy company, Uniper.

Decommissioning at the Ratcliffe plant will start on 1st October and will take two years to complete.

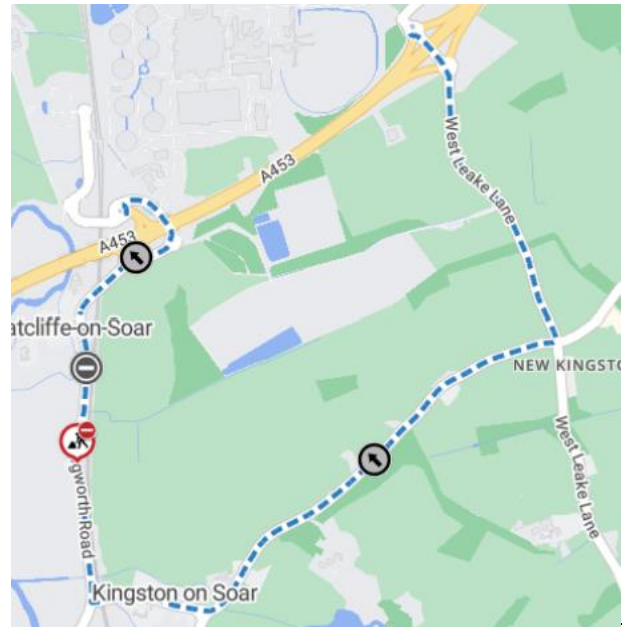
Demolition of the cooling towers and the rest of the 655-acre site will start once decommissioning is complete.

Temporary Road Closure – Kegworth Road 13th – 21st June

Large scale patching repairs are due to take place on Kegworth Road from its junction with Kingston Lane to its junction with Main Street, from 08:00 on 13th June to 15:30 on Friday 21st June 2024. The road will be closed during working hours and restrictions removed each evening.

The works will be weather dependent.

The alternative route will be A453 – West Leake Lane – Gotham Road – The Green and vice versa.



Defibrillator and CPR training.

Further to the article in the March newsletter, there were no responses to the offer of free training on how to use the defibrillator in an emergency along with CPR training.

A reminder, that in an emergency the defibrillator is located in the red phone box in the centre of the village.

Planning Applications

- No new applications received within the Parish.
- A date has been set for the appeal for the Wood Lane/Stocking Lane solar farm of 21st May.

All planning applications are available to view on the Rushcliffe Borough Council planning portal.

<https://planningon-line.rushcliffe.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Barton Quarry

The Parish Council have supported a written objection to the proposals for extensive gravel extraction at Barton. This work has been undertaken through the 5 Parish Group.

Mobile Library

The mobile library stops in Kingston on Soar once a month. It will be at the Village Hall between 13.35 and 13.55 on the following dates in 2024:

2024 – 5th June; 3rd July; 28th Aug; 25th Sep; 23rd Oct; 20th Nov; 18th Dec; 15th Jan 2025

For more details visit:

<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/libraries/mobile-libraries/west-mobile-route-11/>

Parish Website

A reminder that the Parish website has moved to:

<https://www.kingstononsoar.org.uk/>

The previous address will no longer be updated.

Aircraft Noise

If you are being affected by aircraft noise, you can report it by e-mailing community@eastmidlandsairport.com or by using the automated complaint line on 0845 108 8540 or filling out the online Noise Complaint Form: <https://complaints-eu.emsbk.com/ema5>

Source: www.eastmidlandsairport.com/community/environment/contact-us

Future Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 15th July 2024 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

There is a standard agenda item for parishioners who wish to attend and raise any questions. Please do check the Parish Council website in case the meeting date has had to be changed for any reason.

Newsletter Articles

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

daf247@gmail.com

More information is kept on the Parish notice board and website:

<https://www.kingstononsoar.org.uk/>

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

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

*Please note that the Village Facebook page is a community run page and not managed by the Parish Council

Parish Councillor Vacancies

The Parish Council currently has two vacancies for anyone interested in becoming a Councillor. Training will be provided.

We would particularly like a representative from Kingston Hall, so that all areas of Kingston are represented.

If you are interested please contact either the Chairman or Parish Clerk – contact details on the back page of this newsletter.

Your Parish Councillors are:

Mark Johnson (Chair) Planning	51 West Leake Lane 0115 983 0316
David Fairbanks (Vice Chair) Wider development matters & Newsletter Editor	The Old Rectory, Kingston Fields 07570 068675
Gill Aldridge Finance	2 Long Row 01509 672944
Stuart Dale Environment	24 Kegworth Rd 01509 672703
Julia Hutchison Airport; and Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee	28 Kegworth Road
Vacant Traffic & Highways	
1 further vacant position	
Parish Clerk: Rebecca Hague	49 Main Street, Rempstone. 07795 246923 kingstononsoarparishcouncil@gmail.com

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