

Barton in Fabis

Parish Council Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

Although it may be a little late, the Parish Council would like to wish you and all your family a very Happy New Year.

Flooding in the village – help available

As you will of course be aware, we have had several periods of very wet weather leading to flooding around the village, particularly at Trentside.

The Parish Council are planning to meet shortly with representatives of Nottinghamshire County Council to deal with particular problem drains and ditches.

Please remember that if you are flooded, there are small grants available via the County Council at Nottinghamshire.gov.uk and the Borough Council has an emergency line on 0115 9811143.

In the event of a flood, Barton Village Hall is always available as a warm place with facilities for hot drinks available. Please contact 07834 409220 in the event of another flood.

Parish Council Precept – no change for 2024

This is the part of your Council Tax used by the Parish Council for such things as improvements around the village and supporting village wide campaigns such as against the quarry.

The Parish Council have again agreed NOT to increase the precept which will remain at £25.92 for a Band D property. This only represents around 1.2% of your

total Council Tax bill so will not do much to reduce the overall % increase we may expect!

5 Parishes Group – strength in numbers

Barton Parish Council is now part of a network of local Parish Councils (along with Thrumpton, Kingson, Ratcliffe and Gotham) who meet regularly (chaired by Rex Walker our Borough Council). This is proving very useful in coming to form a common view and combine to apply collective pressure on the Borough Council and others on issues that impact our villages. For more information, please contact Allan Kerr or Julian Coles.

Mayoral Election for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire – vote on 2nd May

Did you know that you will have a chance to elect a **Combined County Mayor for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire on May 2nd**?

This is a similar position to that held by Andy Burnham in Manchester and Andy Street in Birmingham. There will also be a snappily titled East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCAA) to administer £4billion of money devolved from central government with responsibility for housing, transport and skills matters. The Mayor and EMCAA have the potential to make decisions which will impact us all, so it really is important to vote.

So far, the candidates are:

Conservative: Ben Bradley MP, Labour: Claire Ward, Independent: Matt Relf, Reform UK: Alan Graves

East Midlands Airport (EMA) – new restrictions on training flights

We are now represented (as part of the 5 Parishes Group) on the airport's Independent Consultative Committee (ICC) and now have very useful contacts with other local interest groups with similar agendas.

EMA's new Noise Action Plan (NAP) is at its final draft stage. As a result of letters from many local people, the issue of training flights flying at low level was identified as one of the top 2 issues from the consultation stage – thank you to all of you who took the time to write. We are delighted that we have successfully persuaded EMA to place further restrictions on training flights which will now operate between 8am - 12pm and 2pm until 4pm on weekdays only. EMA have also committed to a full review of training flights to be completed by the end of 2024.

EMA will also shortly be consulting on changes to routes for arriving and departing aircraft under the **Future Airspace** programme. As reported in earlier newsletters, we have successfully campaigned to get EMA to drop the idea of alternative routes that could have brought many more flights over the village and we do not anticipate, at this stage, that the new flight paths will cause an increase in noise problems. However, we will provide you with further details in due course.

Just a reminder if you are disturbed by excessive aircraft noise, **please register your complaint by email to community@eastmidlandsairport.com or by phone 0845 1088540 or filling out the online Noise Complaint form at <https://complaints-eu.emsbk.com/ema5>**. A time of the incident and if possible, the airline involved is ideal.

The more complaints are registered, the more notice the airport will take of the impact on local people in this area.

Nottsbus On Demand – get on the road

This is proving to be a major success and, for those who have not used it, is a great new 'on demand' bus service which our County Councillor (Matt Barney) has been heavily involved in establishing. This can be pre-booked for trips around the South Rushcliffe area including the tram, train station, the airport and to visit friends and relatives and even local pubs – all at only £2 a trip (less for more than one person). For more details: 0300 5008080 or www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/nottsbusondemand

Barton Quarry – new application expected

We anticipate that a revised Planning Application will be received shortly.

The Parish Council and the SAVE (Save the Ancient Valley Environment) campaign group will be holding a Village Open Meeting once the planning application is available

Holme Pit flood damage – please help

Many of you will know that Holme Pit is the very beautiful pond under Clifton Woods, restored and run by volunteers and a designated SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest). The area would be severely impacted by the proposed Barton / Mill Hill quarry. Members of the Holme Pit Action Group have been very supportive in our fight against the quarry. Now the area has been severely damaged by debris and rubbish from the recent floods and the group are appealing for funds to help with the clear up. If you can help a GoFund Me page has been set up at <https://gofund.me/2cffce7>.

Fairham Pastures Development – a new Parish

The 3000 houses and industrial units at Fairham are currently in the Parish of Barton in Fabis. We have discussed with Rushcliffe Borough Council our concern that the issues facing residents of Fairham will be very different to those of our small rural village.

Rushcliffe have agreed to support us in the creation of a new Parish of Fairham, away from Barton in Fabis. This will leave Barton in Fabis Parish Council representing just the residents in the village including Trentside. More information will follow and this process is expected to be complete by the time of the next Parish Council Elections.

There is little news on progress at Fairham. For the most up-to-date information, visit www.fairhamlife.co.uk.

Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station Site – new gypsum quarry

The power station is **still due to close at the end of September 2024** in line with government policy to end coal-fired power generation. The site is part of the East Midlands Freeport, which is a government initiative to encourage innovation and job creation. Other developments are:

British Gypsum are seeking planning permission to extract up to 1 million tonnes of gypsum on part of the site. Extraction is planned to take place over 3 to 4 years with restoration of the site taking a further 1 to 2 years. Further details can be found at <https://www.british-gypsum.com/about-us/our-locations/future-plans/development-ratcliffe-soar/development-ratcliffe-soar-operations>

- East Midlands Hydrogen launch – further announcements due
- EMERGE waste incinerator – final investment decision and start of construction in 2024
- Cooling towers and power generation buildings demolished 2025

Strawberry Woods or Gotham Hill Wood – latest news

Strawberry Wood (or Gotham Hill Wood) sits between Gotham, Thrumpton and Barton in Fabis. Lots of us as local residents walk there and it forms part of an extensive network of footpaths and bridleways. The wood is an important and valued local resource but is currently in poor condition. However, there is significant potential to improve its biodiversity, increasing the range of plants and wildlife and making it a more attractive place to visit.

An opportunity has arisen for the community to purchase the wood so a community interest company (CIC) has been set up to pursue this. A CIC is a special type of limited company which benefits the community not private shareholders. The purpose of the Strawberry Wood (Gotham) CIC is to ensure community access is protected and maintained in perpetuity to what will become a healthy area of mixed woodland.

At the moment a number of funding opportunities are being explored to both purchase and improve the wood.

Three directors with relevant project and business experience have been appointed to help get the process underway - Gillian May from Gotham plus Ann Greenwood and Mary Carswell from Thrumpton. The project is also receiving support from Rex Walker as Borough Councillor and Matt Barney as County Councillor. Other local residents have contributed to the project so far but we now need to widen our team including appointing further directors.

To make this project happen we really need some specific expertise and skills including areas such as woodland management, ecology, wildlife and biodiversity. We also need further support on fund raising including bid writing.

If you are able to help improve and preserve this beautiful area of woodland please contact Gillian May on 07469 878977 or just have a chat with any of the directors.

Motorbike noise – problem eased?

We remain concerned about motorbike racing taking place along Green Street (old A 453), particularly at weekends. However, thanks to complaints logged by villagers and the parish council, the police have taken action and the problem appears to have eased in this area although there are reports of incidents nearby. This road is well used by cyclists, walkers and horse riders and we continue to be concerned that there could be a serious accident.

Please continue to report any incidents, with registration numbers if possible, by ringing 101 or if there is no response via 999.



Planning Applications

Chestnut Farm

21/03205/REM Residential scheme for 3 dwellings – **Appeal granted**

The Government's Planning Inspectorate has approved the scheme overturning the decision to refuse planning permission by the Borough Council

Prickle Pin Lodge

23/01996/FUL Rear extension on elevated piers – **Pending decision**

23/02039/FUL Change of use of land to residential garden. Carport and outbuildings on elevated piers – **Pending decision**

Messages from our local councillors.



County Councillor: Matt Barney

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“Across South Rushcliffe, we have experienced some of the worst flooding in recent weeks that I can remember in my lifetime. All of our villages have been impacted. Zouch was cut off for several days, and a number of residents have suffered enormously across our villages. If your home has been flooded and you think that the authorities remain unaware, then please do get in touch. Support is available via several national and local government initiatives, and I would be pleased to help you receive these. Notts County Council and our amazing Parish Councils can also work with you to try, as far as possible, to

mitigate future flooding events. I am so grateful to our Flood Warden teams and am greatly encouraged by the significant numbers of residents that have now come forward to start new Flood Warden schemes. Thank you!

The appalling weather has significantly further contributed to potholes on our local roads. The **MyNotts** App has recently been updated and improved. It remains the best way to report potholes as soon as they appear. This can be downloaded to your mobile phones by visiting your app store and search **MyNotts**. The App also gives access to a variety of Council services and information.

Notts County Council have just published their budget plans for the coming year. All councils are under pressure, not least from the significant rise in costs for delivering care services. The programme of change that has been in place for several years at Notts CC means that the County Council finances remain in better shape than they otherwise might be. This means that Notts County Council is still well placed to deliver the services that so many in our community rely upon.

I would like to thank all who work so hard in supporting our communities, especially in these recent difficult winter months.

Please get in touch, especially if you require ongoing support with flooding.”

Matt



Borough Councillor: Rex Walker

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“We have some more elections to look forward to this year. On Thursday 2 May we shall be electing a Combined County Mayor – a new position covering Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire with devolved powers for transport, skills and housing – and the Police & Crime Commissioner.

In order to vote, we must be on the electoral register by Tuesday 16 April. This can be done online at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

Residents and organisations within the vicinity of the airport are being encouraged to apply for grants from EMA’s Airport Community Fund. Applications can fund a diverse range of products such as equipment for village halls and developing wildlife areas. Application details can be found at <https://www.eastmidlandsairport.com/community/supporting-the-local-community/>

A consultation is open regarding British Gypsum’s plans to extract gypsum from the northern part of the Power Station site over a 3-4 year period with a further 1-2 year restoration period. Details can be seen at <https://www.british-gypsum.com/about-us/our-locations/future-plans/development-ratcliffe-soar/development-ratcliffe-soar-operations>”

Rex



Borough Councillor: Andrew Brown

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“On January 18th at a meeting of the Communities Scrutiny group at RBC, senior management from East Midlands Airport were invited to give a presentation on future airspace development surrounding the airport. This has now reached the public consultation stage and details of which will be published soon. They also explained to the committee about the airports noise action plan for 2024 -2028. Details of this can be found on the airport web site. One item from the plan is that training flights will be restricted to 8am – 12pm and 2pm until 4pm, weekdays only and for airlines based at the airport only. I was invited to the meeting as the RBC member of the airports Independent Consultative Committee known as the ICC.

The ICC seeks to hold the precarious balance between the interest’s civil aviation and other users of the airport, of people living in the area and the local environment. The ICC operates according to government guidelines and has, as members representatives from local authorities, airport user groups and local interest groups, to enable more frequent dialogue between the ICC and the airport, the committee meets three times a year. There are two sub-committees known as Monitoring, Environment, Noise and Track (MENT) and Transport, Economic Development and Passenger Service (TEP). Each of these sub-committees meet three times a year.”

Andy



MP: Ruth Edwards.

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“I hold regular surgeries to listen to and help constituents with problems they might be having. These issues can range from getting a driving licence renewed, visa delays, issues with benefit applications or concerns about crime. To book a surgery, get in touch by emailing or phoning me.”

Ruth

Barton Village Hall Events

There is always a warm welcome at ‘The BVH’ when the bar is open and at special events. We will publish a calendar of events for 2024, as soon as the BVH Committee have confirmed this. However, please note:

EVERY WEEK

Bar Open Friday: 6.00 – 9.30pm and Sunday 1.00 – 4pm

EVERY MONTH

Bingo

Further details for all events: **Barton Community Facebook or Village Website**
(Bartoninfabis.org.uk)

Other contacts and Parish Council

Facebook Barton Community Site



Some of you may be aware that there is a community page on Facebook which is an excellent source of Barton news:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1692510507582700>

Reporting Council problems

Download the **MyNotts** app from the County Council: e.g. street light not working, road repairs

Contact Rushcliffe Borough Council 0115 9819911: e.g. fly tipping, bin not collected or contact a member of the Parish Council

Police contacts

Police Non Emergency 101

PC 1530 Kelly Carlile 07725 925330 Email:
Kelly.carlile@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

NHS 111

Power cuts 105

Severn Trent Emergencies 0800 783 4444

Parish Council contacts:

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES YOU WANT US TO DEAL WITH OR IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW TO IMPROVE THE VILLAGE!

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