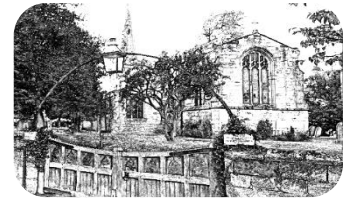


Barton in Fabis

Parish Council Newsletter

May / June 2026



Dear Resident,

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

We are delighted to welcome Lucy Pollock on to the Parish Council. Lucy will be a great asset and is already well known to many of you as she has already been a key part of the campaign team against the quarry and the destruction of our countryside – welcome Lucy! Her contact details are at the end of the newsletter.

Please make a note in your diaries that the **Parish Council Annual Village Meeting** (along with the Village Hall AGM) will be on **June 3rd**, starting **at 7.00pm**. Please come along if you possibly can - it's really important to us and the village that we have your feedback and ideas on how we can help you.

Also included with this newsletter are details of upcoming events for the village hall and church. Please come and support these – you will always be very welcome!

Allan Kerr Chair, Barton in Fabis Parish Council



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Local Government re-organisation

You may be aware of Government plans to reduce / simplify the tiers of local government. In this area we currently have 4 tiers;

- East Midlands Combined County Authority (Mayor for the East Midlands),
- Nottinghamshire County Council,
- Rushcliffe Borough Council (our area)
- Barton Parish Council.

Nottingham City Council is currently a separate council. Government plans are to scrap District and Borough Councils (like Rushcliffe). Councils would then be merged to cover populations larger than 500,000.

Three options are being proposed by our local councils. These proposals **exclude the East Midlands Combined County Authority and Parish Councils** which are unaffected:

- 1) A new 'unitary authority' combining **Nottingham City, Broxtowe and Rushcliffe** with a second unitary authority for **the rest of Nottinghamshire**. Proposal supported by other Borough Councils in Nottinghamshire.
- 2) A further proposal backed by Nottingham City Council which would see areas such as Arnold, parts of Broxtowe, West Bridgford and **the area of Rushcliffe West of the A46 (including Barton)** absorbed into Nottingham City with a second authority for all of the rest of Nottinghamshire
- 3) A new 'unitary authority' combining **Nottingham City, Broxtowe and Gedling** with a second unitary authority for **the rest of Nottinghamshire including Rushcliffe**. Proposal supported by the County Council and **Rushcliffe Borough Council**

The government is expected to decide in July which of the above options it wishes to go for. There will then be elections for the new Council which will then run alongside the existing Councils for around a year.

(See also comments from our Borough Councillor Rex Walker – below)

East Midlands Airport (EMA)

We are now represented (as part of the 5 Parishes Group) on the airport's Independent Consultative Committee (ICC).

Training Flights

The majority of planes that fly over the village during the day at low level are in fact training flights.

As reported, in the last newsletter, we have worked closely with the airport, Ryanair and air traffic control to agree some important changes to training flight operations which will significantly decrease the noise impact from these flights:

- 1) The airport will route more training flights to use a circuit to the south (rather than over our area).
- 2) Training flights will take a different route and no longer fly over Barton and Gotham unless that is required by air traffic control to fit in with other air traffic.

We are monitoring the situation carefully and are pleased to report that the new flight paths are being followed.

Night flights

Several local communities have reported an increase in noise from night flights.

This is for 3 main reasons:

- 1) EMA have reported that there has been an increase in flights to more distant locations which requires flights to take off and land at either end of the day
- 2) The increase in cargo flights (see below)
- 3) A change in weather patterns with more easterly winds – this requires aircraft to take off towards Kegworth with some flights then coming over Barton

East Midlands Airport (EMA) performance

Passenger flights

There are clearly benefits from jobs and to the local economy as well as our own local access to destinations from a successful airport. However, the number of flights in 2025 reduced by 5% compared to 2024 and passenger numbers by 4% (700,000 below the last pre covid year).

Cargo flights

EMA is increasing its importance as an 'express freight' centre. Cargo tonnage increased by 11%, however the number of flights actually reduced as a result of using larger aircraft and consolidating loads. Unfortunately, several of the new airlines attracted to EMA use very old and noisy Boeing 747s. These are however banned from departing at night.

Noise complaints

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>.**

Stop the Quarry

Following our victory at the December meeting of Nottinghamshire County Council's Planning Committee and the vote 7 to 4 to **refuse** planning permission, there has been no appeal yet from the applicant.

They have 6 months in which to lodge an appeal if they refuse to accept the decision. No appeal has been received yet. Any appeal would be heard by a Planning Inspector appointed by the Government. This will involve a 'hearing' lasting 1-2 days or a public inquiry which is more formal and can last a week or more. The Council will then defend its decision to refuse planning permission and we will also be represented.

We have been pressing the County Council to review its current Minerals Local Plan which includes the Barton / Mill Hill site but bears no relation to current demand and sales of sand and gravel. With the considerable help of our MP James Naish, the County Council has at last started that process.

(See also comments from our MP James Naish – below)

You can keep up to date on the latest on the campaign via savecampaign.net

Fairham Pastures Update

Still no proposals/plans have been presented for the village centre and health centre. The opening of the new primary school has been put back to September 2028 in recognition of the slower rate of housing occupancy and existing spare places in local schools. For more information including some interesting drone footage see www.fairhamlife.co.uk

Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station – update

Planning permission has been granted by the County Council for an open cast mine to extract gypsum before work on the freeport begins.

There has been a proposal to change the type of operations permitted on the south (Ratcliffe on Soar side) of the site. The use of that site had been agreed to be for businesses related to combating climate change. Permission has been sought to include the potential for a data processing site.

The 5 Parish Group (Gotham, Barton, Thrumpton, Ratcliffe and Kingston) oppose such a change as such a development is not related to combating climate change and it could open that part of the site up to yet more sheds.

(See also comments from our Borough Councillor Rex Walker – below)

Footpaths

We are still pressing for the footpath that crosses the fields from the floodbank to Clifton to be properly cleared and the County Council has recently issued an enforcement notice.

Verges

You may have noticed that, with thanks to Andrew Harrison the grass area at the top of New Road has been cut.

The area by the seat at the corner of Brown Lane has been cleared and replanted by Lizzie Mossop and Caroline Smith and grass cut / edges reinstated by Jonny Harrison and Julian Coles. Thank you to all for the work on these area which give an important first impression to the village.

Trees

Roger Hawkins has kindly offered to act as 'Tree Warden' for the village and supervise any work on them. If you have any concerns and issues about any of the trees in public places around the village, please contact Roger (rogerjhawks@aol.com).



Planning Applications

Nothing to report

Messages from our MP and Local Councillors



Member of Parliament James Naish

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Update on the proposed quarry between Clifton and Barton-in-Fabis

Since Nottinghamshire County Council rejected the application for a quarry between Clifton and Barton-in-Fabis before Christmas, I have been pressing the Council to ensure that this decision is reflected in its wider planning policies and the future approach to mineral extraction across the county.

To that end, alongside Lilian Greenwood MP, I wrote to the Council in January calling for a review of the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan to be brought forward. I've been seeking clarity about the Council's intentions ever since.

I've also liaised with the government about the impact of new national planning regulations on minerals extraction planning. The government confirmed that there was nothing to stop Nottinghamshire County Council from beginning work on an updated Minerals Local Plan.

I believe that reviewing the Minerals Local Plan is a sensible way of demonstrating that the decision taken by councillors before Christmas was not an isolated matter, but part of a broader consideration about the distribution and volume of mineral extraction across Nottinghamshire.

I have now received confirmation from Nottinghamshire County Council that the formal notice to start a Plan Review will be published very soon, meaning preparatory work on the Review can begin. The current Minerals Local Plan will remain in force until any revised Plan is adopted, and this process could take up to two years to complete.

Nevertheless, it is an important step which will demonstrate the County Council's latest thinking and how this aligns with the decision in December. I'm sure impacted residents and parish councils will be pleased to see forward movement on this matter.

James



Borough Councillor: Rex Walker

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The future redevelopment of the power station site continues to occupy significant attention. Whilst many of the discussions are necessarily long-term and strategic, I have been lobbying from within the Borough Council to encourage Uniper to establish a meaningful mechanism for delivering community benefits linked to the redevelopment. Large projects of this nature inevitably bring impacts as well as opportunities, and it is important that local communities such as ours see tangible benefits from what happens on the site over the coming years, particularly if and when there is divergence from the original vision.

I was pleased to hear Uniper confirm that they are committed in principle to the idea of a community fund. Clearly, the detail matters enormously, and there is still a long way to go before anything 'concrete' is delivered, but it is at least an encouraging step in the right direction. I will continue pushing hard to ensure this progresses into something practical and worthwhile for local residents rather than simply becoming a vague aspiration that disappears into the long grass.

We continue to await the outcome of the Government's Local Government Reorganisation proposals for Nottinghamshire, expected sometime in July. Like many others, I am watching developments with interest and apprehension. Personally, I remain unconvinced that wholesale structural change is necessary in areas such as Rushcliffe, where the current arrangements generally deliver strong outcomes and high-quality services. The recent local election results across the country may perhaps have given Government some food for thought, and possibly even cold feet, about pressing ahead too quickly with large-scale reorganisation. Time will tell.

I am also pleased to confirm that I will continue for another year as Chair of Rushcliffe Borough Council's Planning Committee — a role I genuinely enjoy. Chairing the committee brings both responsibility and challenge, particularly given the pressures around housing delivery, infrastructure and national planning reform. Alongside chairing meetings and helping guide decisions on planning applications across the borough, I have also been involved in responding to consultations on proposed national planning committee reforms, which could significantly change how local planning decisions are made in future.

As always, if there are local issues or concerns you feel I may be able to assist with, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Rex

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Facebook Barton Community Site



There is a community page on Facebook which is an excellent source of Barton news: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1692510507582700>

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PC 1814 Kim Fox 07971 782802 Email: Kimberley.Fox@Notts.Police.uk

NHS 111

Gotham Surgery 0115 9830011

Power cuts 105

Severn Trent Emergencies 0800 783 4444

Village Hall and Church Events

Put a note of these dates in your diary and look out for further events during the year!

March

June

3rd Village Hall AGM

13th St George's Church Garden Fete

July

4th / 5th St George's Church Flower Festival and Open Gardens

September

12th Fruit and Vegetable Show

25th / 26th / 27th Beer and Wine Festival (Live Music & Food available)

Remember:

Bar open every week: Friday (6.30pm – 9.00pm), Sunday (1.00pm – 4.00pm)

Bingo every month (dates confirmed at previous session)

BVH Breakfast 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month (except August)