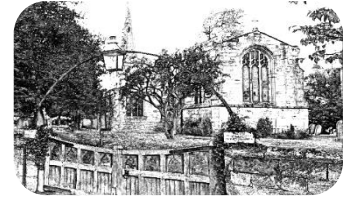


# Barton in Fabis

## Parish Council Newsletter

**March 2025**



Dear Resident,

On behalf of the Parish Council, welcome to the first newsletter of the year.

The **Parish Council's Annual Village Meeting** (along with Barton Village Hall Committee's AGM) will take place on **21<sup>st</sup> May at 7pm** in the Village Hall. Please come along and let us know of any issues you would like us to tackle and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

We have also enclosed with this newsletter a schedule of Barton Village Hall and Church events. We hope you will support as many of these community events as possible.

*Allan Kerr* Chair, Barton in Fabis Parish Council



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### **Barton / Mill Hill Quarry – revised application**

Thank you to all those who attended a packed Open Meeting in the village hall. The number of you attending was greater than at any previous meeting which demonstrated that support for our campaign to stop the destruction of our countryside is as strong as ever. We are especially grateful to our local MPs Lilian Greenwood and James Naish and Borough Councillor Rex Walker who made excellent speeches at the meeting and gave our campaign their full support.

#### **What has happened since then?**

Firstly, we are very grateful to all of you who have written again to the County Council to object. Just under 1,100 objections are recorded on the Council website with more to come.

Objections have also been made by, amongst others, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust (who own Attenborough Nature Reserve also impacted by the plans), Holme Pit Action Group and the Council's own Landscape Officer, East Midlands Airport and Cadent (who own the high pressure gas main that crosses the site).

We continue to monitor submissions made by all those that have been consulted and to challenge with the facts those that do not object to the plans.

There is no further news at this point as to whether the County Council will request further information from the applicant or when the application will be considered by the Planning Committee.

**You can keep you up to date on the latest developments on [savecampaign.net](http://savecampaign.net) or on Facebook.**

## **County Council elections**

These take place on 1<sup>st</sup> May. We elect two Councillors for the 'Leake and Ruddington' ward. Details of candidates standing have not been confirmed.

## **Local Government re-organisation**

You may be aware of Government plans to reduce / simplify the tiers of local government. We currently have 4 tiers; East Midlands Combined County Authority (mayor), Nottinghamshire County Council, Rushcliffe Borough Council and 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 exclude the East Midlands Combined County Authority and Parish Councils which are unaffected):

- 1) A new 'unitary authority' (council) combining Nottingham City, Broxtowe and Gedling with a second unitary authority for the rest of Nottinghamshire
- 2) A new unitary authority (council) combining Nottingham City, Broxtowe and **Rushcliffe** with a second unitary authority for the rest of Nottinghamshire
- 3) Nottingham City remains a unitary authority with a second authority for all of the rest of Nottinghamshire

Option 2 has provoked a lot of opposition and a petition against this is currently available at <https://www.change.org/p/protect-rushcliffe-say-no-to-joining-with-nottingham-city>. However, this is just one option which local Councils need to present to the Government by 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Ultimately it will be for the national Government to make the decision and local councils have only limited influence.

## **Council Tax and Parish Council precept**

We will shortly be receiving details of Council Tax bills. These include an amount the pay for Parish Council activity and projects - called the 'precept'. The Parish Council

has again agreed not to increase the amount raised this year (in fact, the amount has not increased since 2020/01)

## **Annual Village Meeting and Village Hall AGM**

**May 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm Village Hall. Once again, we are combining the Parish Council's Annual Village Meeting and the Village Hall AGM. Please come along and hear about what we have been doing and have your say on areas we should focus on for next year.**

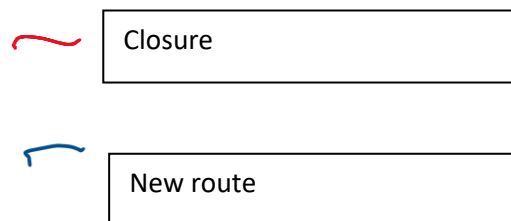
## **Parish Council website**

A new website for the Parish Council is available at [bartoninfabis-pc.gov.uk](http://bartoninfabis-pc.gov.uk) where you can find copies of all meeting agendas and minutes, newsletters and other statements. Do please take a moment to check out the site and leave us a message of any concerns you have or areas you want us to look at.



## **Fairham Pastures**

In the next 2 months the new loop road running from the end of Barton Lane up to Mill Hill roundabout will open. The existing Nottingham Road will close so we will need to use the new road to get to Clifton. We will need to turn right at the end of Barton Lane then left onto the new road.



The development continues apace, the industrial area is well occupied and interest remains quite strong.

The school is now being planned near Fairham Brook next to the sports pitches and we understand this is still expected to open in 2027. The community centre is still

being finalised and outline plans are expected this summer. It is expected to include some shops, a Health Centre and a “community hall”.

More information can be found on [www.fairhamlife.co.uk](http://www.fairhamlife.co.uk).

## **Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan (GNSP)**

What is it and why does it matter?

The Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan covers all the areas of Rushcliffe, Ashfield, Broxtowe and Erewash (Gedling has recently withdrawn from the process) and will contain strategic policies identifying the amount and distribution of development (and housing) and infrastructure across the whole County over the period to 2041.

That may not sound exciting, but actually has a huge impact on villages such as ours. As a Parish Council we have been working closely with the ‘5 Parish Group’ (Barton, Thrumpton, Kingston, Ratcliffe and Gotham) to comment on the plans.

Three points are worth noting:

- Rushcliffe already has plans in place to deliver sufficient housing to meet demand with major developments at Fairham Pastures, Tollerton and Bingham. We are unlikely to see any further development on that scale even taking in to account the Government’s aspiration of building 1.5 million homes over the next 5 years
- You will be aware of the plans for a Freeport including the power station site. We support the move to develop the area south of the A453 focused on advanced manufacturing (including technology needed to transition to net-zero), green and low-carbon energy generation and storage. We oppose any more ‘big warehouses’ which employ very few people and want the area kept as green belt if the plans for advanced manufacturing on the site are not delivered.
- All the local parishes are concerned about the traffic around Junction 23 and 24 which will get worse with increased traffic from the Freeport sites at Ratcliffe and by the airport, new housing developments to the west of the airport and Fairham Pastures. We are pressing for major improvements to those junctions and a proper transport strategy.

## **Revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**

Many of you may not know what this is, however it is a set of rules and policies which determine the approach to be taken in considering planning applications from a single house or structure to a major infrastructure project such as the Freeport in our area or a new runway at Heathrow. The Government has talked a lot about “simplifying the planning system” and has recently produced a revised NPPF.

What does it mean for us?

The revised NPPF has reduced the importance of some green belt land which protects the countryside (Barton is, for example, surrounded by green belt) and

introduced the idea of 'grey belt or less valuable green belt land which can be more easily built on. In addition, whatever your views on the merits of 'green energy' are, the NPPF removes virtually all restrictions on planning for projects concerning solar farms and battery storage facilities. This has already led to the approval on appeal for a battery storage facility on the old A453 works compound by the roundabout near the power station. We are likely to see several more such facilities and solar farms in our area.

## **East Midlands Airport (EMA)**

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.

The airport has now issued its new Noise Action Plan. This contains a number of actions which we will monitor carefully, including a review of (and we hope further restrictions on) training flights with proposals due in June.

If you are disturbed by excessive aircraft noise, **please register your complaint by email to [community@eastmidlandsairport.com](mailto: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.**

## **Nottsbus On Demand – get on the road**

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 For more details: 0300 5008080 or [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/nottsbusondemand](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/nottsbusondemand)

## **Recent burglary in the village**

The Parish Council were very concerned to hear of a recent burglary in the village and urge all residents to be vigilant. The police have advised that thieves focus particularly on smaller and easily saleable items such as watches and expensive electrical items as well as stealing car keys.

## **Dog fouling**

There have been recent reports of dog fouling around the village. We appreciate that the vast majority of dog owners clear up after their dogs, but for the minority who don't, PLEASE have more regard for your neighbours – bag it and bin it – thank you.



**Planning Applications**

Reference Number: 24/02050/ADV

Applicant: Mr Jack Kent

Development: Display of lettering sign to side elevation, two totem signs and one pict sign

Location: Olivers Yard New Road Barton in Fabis Nottinghamshire NG11 0AP

Decision: Grant consent for 5 years. None of the signage hereby permitted to be illuminated.

## **Messages from our local councillors**



**County Councillor: Matt Barney**

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*I am delighted to share some positive news regarding the ongoing efforts to improve road safety in our local area. The County Council is introducing the first 'Red Route' in Nottinghamshire to help tackle the dangerous and disruptive car racing that has become a serious issue on the A453 near East Midlands Parkway Station. This is a landmark decision, as it will be the first 'Red Route' implemented on a non-'A' road in the county. The scheme will cover all the roundabouts from the Ratcliffe-on-Soar exit into East Midlands Parkway, with red double lines on both sides of the carriageway. These measures will give the police the necessary enforcement powers to take action against those engaging in anti-social driving, ensuring our roads are safer for everyone.*

*Beyond road safety, significant work continues across our community to better protect those affected by flooding. With unprecedented rainfall occurring more frequently, this remains a key focus.*

*On a personal note, it was a privilege to take part in the last ever Full Council meeting to be held at the wonderful County Hall. Our next meeting, which will also be our final Full Council meeting before the County Council elections in May, will be held at the Council's new, energy-efficient, and environmentally friendly headquarters, which are set to bring substantial cost savings in the long run. The new Building is called Oak House.*

*As my term draws to a close, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude. It has been a great pleasure to work alongside so many wonderful people in our community over the past four years, striving to bring about improvements and positive change. Your support has been invaluable, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity to represent you. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter. **Matt***

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### **Local Government Reform**

*In February, the Government announced their intention to reform local government by, inter alia, scrapping 'two tier' authorities (for us Rushcliffe Brough & Nottinghamshire County Councils) and creating new 'unitary' authorities – a single level of local government responsible for all local services in an area.*

*The aim is to create more efficient local government, leading to streamlined services and cost savings, with each new Council having a higher population of residents (circa 500,000).*



*The existing Councils have been tasked with making initial recommendations on how this should be done by 21st March – a tight timescale. The deadline for submission of final, detailed proposals is 28th November.*

*Much of the focus and commentary around this so far has centred on Nottingham City Council and its future/possible geographic ‘expansion’ – possibly to include some or all of Rushcliffe. I will argue that our communities are best served by a model which is reflective of the rural and semi-rural geography in which we live. I also recognise that this is a much-needed opportunity to revitalise the City.*

### Green Belt Policy

*In December, the Government published revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which outlines planning policy across England. These revisions included a significant change to Green Belt Policy, which already has and will continue to impact on local planning applications. The concept of ‘grey belt’ has been introduced in order to accelerate development by weakening the previous policy. An application for a battery storage facility on West Leake Lane which had been refused by the Council and was ready for an Appeal Hearing, had to be determined on the revised policy and has gained permission. We know that there are a large number of potential solar/battery storage sites around the Power Station. The risk is that we suffer ‘death by a thousand cuts’ by having weaker tools to argue against individual proposals. I have met with relevant Officers to explain my concerns and identify opportunities to deal with the issue. **Rex***



**Borough Councillor (and Mayor of Rushcliffe): Andrew Brown**  
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*Rushcliffe garden waste service is now open for new and existing customers that gives gardeners regular green bin collections for less than 91p a week.*

*The cost of the first bin is £47 and each subsequent bin will cost you £37 per year. You can have a maximum of 5 if these are for your own property. Please complete the garden waste collection form to order extra bins. You can add up to four additional bins.*

*I was most upset to hear that the planning inspectorate granted permission on the former compound alongside the A453 for an unsightly battery storage area. Another application for a similar battery storage site is planned at Winking Hill. I will again be objecting to this. And as ever I will keep my support with you all and help to stop the gravel quarry.*

*I was really pleased to see lots of you at Gotham’s St Lawrence Church for a carol service arranged in conjunction with RBC as part of my mayoral year. It was attended by the High Sheriff of Nottingham, Nick Ruben and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Trevor Fletcher, as well as other dignitaries from Nottinghamshire. I would like to thank RBC staff and church helpers for the buffet afterwards.*

*On April 2<sup>nd</sup> I have been invited as Mayor to join in celebrations with other dignitaries from Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire at the airport for their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The airport originally was owned by the three counties.*

*The children of Gotham Primary School were invited to sing carols before the December full Council meeting at Rushcliffe arena, they then visited the mayor's parlour where they received a gift and treats. In return I visited the school on March 21<sup>st</sup> to talk about my role. As a former governor I thoroughly enjoyed my return. **Andy***

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### **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>

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