



## Barton in Fabis Parish Council Newsletter October 2008

### CASUAL VACANCY

Following the recent resignation of Rob Newcombe the Parish Council is pleased to report that Judith Bowerman has been co-opted to the council.

### HELP SAVE THE GREEN BELT - AGAIN!!

In the July Newsletter, we told you that the Inspector had recommended that the proposed major development in the Parish should be dropped from the Regional Plan. The Government have now considered his report, and have agreed with this recommendation.

Unfortunately, they have also said that the number of houses that need to be built in and around Nottingham will have to be more than in the first draft of the plan. This would mean that even more houses would need to be built in the Green Belt than the first draft suggested. We are still under the threat from a massive development in the Parish unless we can get these numbers reduced.

The Parish Council urges everyone to write in again and make their views known, and is happy to endorse the points made in the enclosed leaflet from the Campaign to Protect Rural England, which sets out some of the key facts about what development on the proposed scale would mean for the area. It also gives some points that you could make on the response form if you agree that the housing numbers are far too high.

Because this leaflet is for the whole of Nottinghamshire, it does not include a reference to another paragraph in the government's proposed changes to the plan which is crucial for this area -

"4.2.31	The south of Nottingham has been identified as an appropriate location for significant growth, as it causes least harm to the purposes of the Green belt and avoids areas of high landscape value to the east."
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The Parish Council believes that it is important to register objections to Policy 13, as set out in the CPRE leaflet, but also crucial to object to this paragraph. You can make the following points:

- The statements about the landscape value to the south of Nottingham are completely unjustified, because they were based on the views of two people who did a review of the Green Belt.
- The Regional Plan should not include statements about the quality of various parts of the Green Belt based on the views of these two people.
- Any review of the Green Belt must be carried out properly, with full public involvement and consultation.
- This paragraph has no place in the Regional Plan, and should be deleted.

### PLANNING RULES - IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR HOUSEHOLDER DEVELOPMENTS

As from 1 October there will be new rules in respect of the types of development that a householder can carry out without planning permission. These changes are intended to make it easier to improve a dwelling by relaxing planning controls on smaller extensions. It also introduces new controls over hard surfaces such as driveways, aimed at reducing water run-off which contributes to flooding. The changes will apply to any new development commenced from 1 October onwards and householders are advised to complete the Council's Householder Enquiry form to find out if permission is needed.

Planning permission will generally be required for the laying of an impermeable driveway or other hard surface of more than 5 square metres in front of a house. More information from Rushcliffe BC or at <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/genpub/en/1115315495577.html>

## BARN OWL DIARIES: THE BIG BARN OWL YEAR OF 2007

The Parish Council is pleased to support the Barn Owl Trust which has just published a book. Extract from review by Professor David Parkin - "Barn Owls have been struggling in recent years, with numbers declining in many areas. Even in places where the habitat appeared not to have altered, numbers were in decline. Suspecting that the cause might be loss of nesting sites as barns were modernized, conservationists began experimenting with nest boxes in places where the bird had been lost. This delightful little book is the story of one such group, based in Rushcliffe".

All proceeds from the sales go back into the project and newsletter readers can make a small contribution to our project by buying the book. It is available from Howard Broughton, 5 Park Road, Plumtree Park, Keyworth, NG12 5LX. The cost is £5 plus £1 p&p. If you require further information, call 0115 9374474.

## FLOOD DEFENCES

The work to improve the flood defences of the village is now running so far behind schedule that work is unlikely to start before March next year. Three road closure notices have been issued and then withdrawn and the County Council is refusing to issue another closure notice until the Environment Agency has everything in place with confirmation in writing. The Parish Council believes this to be completely unacceptable and will be making representations to the Environment Agency

For information and advice on flooding, and where it is: Floodline: 0845 9881 188, Website: [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk). Met Office for up to date weather forecasts and weather warnings: Website: [www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk)

## LOCAL WILDLIFE NEWS

The have certainly been some great sightings recently at Attenborough. Amongst the waders there has been common sandpiper, greenshank, little ringed plover, dunlin, wood sandpiper, black tailed godwit, oystercatcher, green sandpiper, redshank, water rail and snipe plus up to 5 little egrets. The local ducks have been joined by both a garganey and a red-crested pochard while a Mediterranean gull dropped in on 18th August. Birds of prey have included hobby, kestrel and common buzzard plus a wonderful red kite on 17th August.

**Event.** Sunday 5th October - Attenborough Nature Walk - Enjoy a Sunday morning stroll guided by one of the reserve's wardens - Meet at 10.30am at the Nature Centre - Contact: the Nature Centre on 0115 972 1777 for more details.

## KENNETH CLARKE MP

Your local MP is available for constituents at Rushcliffe House, 17-19 Rectory Road, West Bridgford NG2 6BE on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October. For an appointment 0115 981 7224 or [office@rushcliffeconservatives.com](mailto:office@rushcliffeconservatives.com)


## Parish Council & Other Contact Information

Traditionally the Parish Council has met on a Monday evening but this clashes with other events in the Village Hall and meetings will be switched, probably to a Tuesday. Residents may request an item to be included on the agenda by contacting the clerk and everyone is welcome to attend meetings and time will be made available to address the council on any items of local concern. The next meeting will be in November, details of meetings are posted on the notice outside the Village Hall and on the web at


[www.bartoninfabispc.org.uk](http://www.bartoninfabispc.org.uk)

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