

# Barton in Fabis Parish Council



## Newsletter JULY 2018

### **STOP PRESS**

*Barton Sand and Gravel Quarry back in County Council's Draft Minerals Local Plan*

*The County Council has published their revised Minerals Local Plan and we are sorry to confirm that the Barton site has been put in to the list of sites for sand and gravel quarrying. You may recall that the previous plan did not include a site at Barton in Fabis but did include a site at Shelford which is in the ward of Kay Cutts, Leader of the County Council. The draft plan provides no justification for these changes nor comparisons between potential sites.*

### **What happens next?**

*The draft plan is likely to be approved by the Communities and Place Committee of the County Council which meet on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July and there will be a period of 'public consultation' when we can make our views known. We are urgently seeking clarification from the County Council on the basis for including the Barton site. As soon as we have further information we will organise an Open Meeting for the village and let you know how to make your views known.*

### **Borough Councillor Stuart Mathews**

We are sorry to report that following disagreements within the Conservative group in Rushcliffe our Borough Councillor Stuart Mathews has resigned his seat. Stuart has provided a great deal of support to the village and the Parish Council. He paid for the paving around the seat opposite the village hall. Stuart has always elected not to claim his allowance as a Borough Councillor and instead give this to a variety of causes and projects around his ward. We understand that Stuart would like to have continued to serve us as our Councillor and we would like to thank him for all his hard work on our behalf and wish him well for the future.

### **Gotham Ward Election**

The date for the election has been set and if the election is contested it will be held on Thursday 23 August 2018.

## **Sand and Gravel Quarry – see update above**

We are working on two issues at present:

- 1) Making representations on the County Council's new Minerals Local Plan
- 2) The planning application for the Barton / Mill Hill Quarry (Greenfield Associates / London Rock)

## **Minerals Local Plan**

The County Council is still working on the draft of the Minerals Local Plan which is currently planned to be presented to the Communities and Place Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> July. This will include an estimate of the amount of sand and gravel required in the future and propose a list of new or extended existing quarry sites across Nottinghamshire. We are in the process of contacting all Councillors on the Committee to lobby that the proposed Quarry at Barton is NOT one of the selected sites. It is also not clear at this stage whether the site bordering Green Street on land owned by Mr. Keith Towers will be in the list of proposed sites.

However, whatever is in the draft Minerals Local Plan it will be issued for public consultation and therefore we will have a further opportunity to submit our views at that stage.

## **Barton / Mill Hill Quarry Planning Application**

There have been a large number of objections raised to the quarry, not only from ourselves (Barton PC and over 1,000 individual objections), but from bodies such as Natural England, Public Health England, Notts Wildlife Trust).

As we reported last time, the County Council produced what is termed a Regulation 25 request - a list of points needing answers from the applicant arising from comments by consultees. The applicants provided further information, which all the original consultees then have an opportunity to respond to. Barton PC has produced its own response. The process of gathering responses from consultees by the County Council is continuing.

However, it is very clear to us that the applicants have still not provided satisfactory responses on a whole range of matters.

There is no indication when the planning application will be considered by the County Council's Planning Committee.

## **Fairham Pastures – 3,000 Houses, Warehouses, Factories and Traveller Site**

The Chief Executive of Rushcliffe invited representatives from the Parish Councils of Barton, Gotham and Thrumpton to meet the owners and developers of the site. It is clear that the intention is still to develop the site, and this is along the lines of the scheme previously presented to the village. What is encouraging is that the three owners are collaborating to draw up a masterplan for the whole site to create a coherent mix of housing, trying to promote a sense of community and are planning to appoint the Poundbury architects and landscape developers to do this work. They do not want the site developed piecemeal like the new sites at East Leake.

The first phase will include an upgrade to the Mill Hill Roundabout with the inclusion of traffic lights (which will make it safer) and the first industrial buildings.

More news expected in the Autumn this year.

## **Clearance of Area at Top of New Road**

Following a request at the Annual Parish Meeting, the vegetation and bushes have been cleared. Thank you to Leigh Sketchley for all his hard work. The Parish Council is currently looking at options for a village sign for the area together with tree planting.

## **Delivery of Parish Council Newsletter**

Thank you to the volunteers who deliver the Parish Council newsletter and we hope that villagers find that it is of use. We understand that one or two of you have not received your copy and we apologise for this and will try to ensure everyone gets a copy (letterboxes and dogs permitting). The newsletter can always be seen on the Parish Council website ([bartoninfabisp.org.uk](http://bartoninfabisp.org.uk)) and we will place a copy in the village hall – so there is no need to miss out on the latest news!

## **HS2**

The latest news on the route for HS2 has been published showing construction sites. The route passes between Kegworth and the M1, before travelling on a viaduct close to East Midlands Parkway to a new station called at present 'East Midlands Hub'. At its closest (across the valley between us and Long Eaton) the route will pass within 1km of Thrumpton and 2km from Barton. Noise contour maps which show the impact of any noise are due to be published later in the year.

## **War memorial trees**

One of the trees planted to honour the 7 villagers from Barton killed in the Great War has unfortunately been snapped off. The Parish Council has agreed to fund a replacement.

## **Drainage**

The Parish Council has asked the County Council to see what can be done about flood water that collects at the corner of Rectory Place by the track down to Trentside. We realise that this causes significant problems to local residents. The Parish Council did spend several hundred £'s some time ago in clearing the various gulleys around the village and it is clear that the drain connecting this area to a dyke further down the track to Trentside has collapsed. This is on private land which further complicates the issue. At present conditions are of course very dry and we would ask drivers using the track to Trentside to drive as slowly as possible as dust is a real problem for villagers in that corner of the village.

## **Water extraction from hydrants**

There have been problems reported arising from water being extracted by standpipes from hydrants around the village. This has had significant impacts on water pressure, particularly on Brown Lane. Severn Trent have confirmed that the only approved access points for those with the required licences are from hydrants either side of the underpass under the A453. If you see anyone extracting water from other points around the village,

please contact a Parish Councillor with the details.

### **Fly Tipping**

There continues to be problems with fly tipping particularly along Green Street and around the underpass. If you see any rubbish that has been dumped, or even anyone actually in the act, please ring Rushcliffe Borough Council on 0115 9819911. The Streetwise team are normally very quick to clear any rubbish, but we need to act fast as one fly tip tends to attract more instances. Please keep your eyes open and report any issues to Rushcliffe or the Parish Council – this appears to be a growing problem across the County.

### **Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station**

We understand the power station is on 'wind down' prior to its final closure. We await further details, but understand that its final use will be for housing and potentially a small waste incineration plant.

### **Planning Applications**

The following applications have been submitted to Rushcliffe Borough Council

18/00376/FUL  
The Barn Grange Farm  
Retention of stable and storage shed  
APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

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