

# **Barton in Fabis Parish Council**

## **Newsletter**

**JUNE 2021**



### **1. County Council Elections**

Councillor Reg Adair and Matt Barney (the Conservative candidates) were elected for the Leake and Ruddington Division.

On the Parish Council Allan Kerr and Bill Harrison have agreed to serve another year as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

### **2. Quarry Update**

As expected, the County Council approved the 'Minerals Local Plan' in March including the site at Barton / Mill Hill. The next stage will be a final planning application. A 'Quarry Action Group' is currently working on a presentation for the Council's Planning Committee. As soon as we have a confirmed date for the planning application to be heard we will be asking the village to write in support of our objections.

We have recently met with Lilian Greenwood MP (Clifton) and Ruth Edwards MP (Rushcliffe) and have been encouraged by their support. We will also hold our new County Councillors to the statements in their campaign literature "Matt and Reg are committed to protecting our natural environment" and "preserve our Green Belt".

**The fight continues!**

### **3. East Midlands Freeport / Nuclear Fusion Power Plant**

#### **Freeport / Incinerator and Nuclear Fusion Power Plant at Ratcliffe on Soar**

We reported in the last newsletter that the Government has approved a bid to establish a Freeport based around the **East Midlands Airport and Gateway Industrial Cluster (EMAGIC)** in North West Leicestershire, Uniper's **Ratcliffe on Soar power station site** and the **East Midlands Intermodal Park (EMIP)** in South Derbyshire.

In addition, there is an outline planning application for an incinerator at Ratcliffe on Soar as well as a bid for the site to be used for a prototype nuclear fusion plant.

There is no further progress to report at this point, but we will keep you up to date.

### **4. Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan**

Greater Nottingham Councils comprising the Borough Councils of Rushcliffe, Broxtowe, Gedling and Erewash together with Nottingham City Council and Nottingham County Council have issued a consultation paper on the Strategic Plan for the Greater Nottingham area up until 2038. This covers a range of issues such as infrastructure and the design of the places in which we live but the main focus is on where housing development should take place.

There is continuing debate between the different councils on the allocation of housing between them. The current projection is that Rushcliffe have a surplus of around 4,500 homes planned for against the required numbers while Nottingham City have a deficit of 6,500. At present it looks as if no new major developments of the type seen at Fairham Pastures will be needed, however the 5 Parish Councils in the Gotham ward have continued to hold regular meetings chaired by Rex Walker (our Borough Councillor) in preparation for the next round of consultation.

Further details about the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan can be found at [gnplan.org.uk](http://gnplan.org.uk)

## **5. Fairham development**

The work at Fairham continues to be focussed on installation of roads, drainage and other infrastructure prior to letting plots out to house builders. We are awaiting planning applications for the first houses imminently and an application for landscaping is referred to in Paragraph 9 below. If you want any more information, please see [www.fairhamlife.co.uk](http://www.fairhamlife.co.uk)

## **6. 'Kingston' Solar Farm**

The Parish Council has been aware of plans to develop a very large Solar Farm which although called 'Kingston' is planned to be on the hills south of Gotham and East Leake. If you would like to know more, an Online Public Exhibition on Thursday 27th May is being held to inform the local community about the project and gather comments on the proposal. For further details please see [www.kingston-solarfarm.co.uk](http://www.kingston-solarfarm.co.uk)

## **7. Noise nuisance from motorbikes**

There have been several complaints of noise from motorbikes illegally using the tracks around the village including the other side of the underpass between Barton Lane and Glebe Farm particularly at weekends. The Parish Council will be following this up, but if you are disturbed by the noise, please contact the police (details at the end of the newsletter) – the more complaints received the more action the police will take.

## **8. Phone box / letter box**

It is hoped to repaint the phone box and letter box over the summer. Our Borough Councillor (Rex Walker) has kindly given us the money for the 'official' (and expensive!) red paint. Thank you Rex.

## **9. Planning Applications**

### **21/00105/REM Access, appearance and landscaping for 5 dwellings at Top Yard Rectory Place - Status Pending**

The Parish Council has recently met with the applicant and have agreed modifications to improve the appearance of the development. We still have concerns regarding some inconsistencies in the planning application / drawings.

### **21/01067 Seek approval of the landscaping for the extended landscape buffer west of the A453- Status Pending**

This concerns the area between Green Street (old A453) and the new A453. The Fairham Pastures developers have been persuaded to plant up this area with additional trees and shrubs which is a positive move to offset the main development. The Parish Council has requested that the plans cover the total area rather than the current proposal which covers only part of it and also to ensure that the area is not open to access by fly tippers.

However, this area will have a big impact on the look of the area along Green Street and we would encourage as many people as possible to view the plans and comment for themselves.

### **Oliver's Yard**

We have been notified of the following by Rushcliffe Borough Council:

"Breach of planning control - Unauthorised demolition of livestock barn and construction of storage building with office accommodation and change of use from Agricultural to storage for Agricultural contractors and offices.

The Council considers that the livestock barn has been demolished and a new building constructed in the Greenbelt without planning permission. Although the portal frame structure remained from the previous building, the vast majority of the wall and roof materials were removed and replaced. The Council does not therefore consider this is a conversion development. There

are heavy restrictions on development in the Green Belt and the erection of industrial/office building is not an appropriate form of development. The Council therefore have strong concerns over this unauthorised development as constructed.”

### **Chestnut Farm**

We have been notified of the following by Rushcliffe Borough Council:

“Breach of planning control - Unauthorised demolition of barn/storage area and construction of new storage building.

The Council considers that a breach of planning control has taken place with regard Chestnut Farm in that the replacement storage building that has been constructed within the Greenbelt without planning permission, is significantly higher than the original barn. The Council has a significant concern regarding the impact on the Greenbelt.”

### **Chestnut Lane Kerb**

We have been advised by the County Council that the road and gravelled area outside Chestnut Farm is a public highway and that the recent installation of a kerb is unauthorised. Discussions are continuing with the County Council.

## **10. Access to bridleway Top Yard**

Horse riders require access to the bridleway through the blue metal gates on Rectory Place. Please do not park in front of these gates.

## **11. Drainage**

Work has been carried out by the City Council and local land owners to dig out the dyke along Jackie's Lane and improve the flow of water all the way under the escarpment into the River Trent to help with flooding in winter months. The Parish Council would like to thank Jack Kent for his contribution which will mean water will run off the area much quicker than we have seen recently.

## **12. Councillor Messages**

### **A message from our new County Councillor Matt Barney**

*“I'm honoured to have been elected to represent the residents of Barton in Fabis at Notts County Council. It's been busy since the election, undertaking excellent training for new Councillors provide by NCC and starting to meet and engage with local parishes and people. I'm extremely grateful for the warm welcome given by Barton in Fabis Parish Council. They have already relayed in detail some of the significant concerns that Barton is currently facing. I am keen to work closely with the Parish and Borough Councils and our Local MP Ruth Edwards to do all we can to support the beautiful village and community of Barton in Fabis. I have grown up and lived in Sutton Bonington for most of my life. I went to School in East Leake, and I care very much for our area. I hope that I can represent you well. Please feel free to contact me about any issue on 07788 682 696. My email address is [cllr.matt.barney@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.matt.barney@nottscc.gov.uk). I look forward to working with you all. Thanks – Matt”*

### **A message from our Borough Councillor Rex Walker**

*“Having worked hard to raise the issue of increased fly-tipping incidents in our villages, I am pleased that the Borough's partnership with WISE is bearing fruit. Since the beginning of the year 886 Fixed Penalty Notices for littering and fly-tipping offences have been issued; 10 prosecutions are being prepared for a court; and a vehicle was recently seized as part of an investigation of a dump on Fox Covert Lane. There is still a long way to go to tackle this blight on our beautiful landscapes, but we are going in the right direction.*

The group formulated from the 5 Gotham Ward parishes to respond to the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan that will set housing delivery numbers and locations is working well. Whilst we await the publication of the next stage of the plan, which is expected in the Autumn, we have obtained confirmation from the Housing Minister via our MP that it is for the City Council to deliver on their own housing targets rather than expecting neighbouring authorities such as Rushcliffe to take up any shortfall.

Thanks – Rex”

### **13. Facebook Community Site**

Some of you may be aware that a couple of villagers have set up a community page on Facebook which some may find interesting and increasingly informative as life returns to normal.

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

### **14. A tribute to May Mayfield**

The whole village will have been sad to hear of the death of May Mayfield very shortly before her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. May (and her scones!) were a feature of village life and our thoughts are with Joy and her very many friends.

Sue Davies has written this tribute:

*“May was born in Edwalton. She came to Barton when she was 7 with her Mum and Dad and brother Jeff. May went to Barton school until she was 14 and then to work at Boots Island Street. May went to evening classes to learn to ice cakes and joined in Barton life and went to Church, later becoming a church warden for over 50 years. She looked after her Mum and had Joy in 1959. She went to work at the Rectory and later went to Barton Lodge and looked after Mr and Mrs. Turner, retiring when she was 70. May was very active in village life and enjoyed dances, beetle and whist drives in the village hall and later garden fetes and the flower festival. She was known for her scones and cakes and was always busy doing or helping something or someone. May was a lovely lady who will be sadly missed. She had a cheeky smile and a twinkle in her eye and just missed her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by three weeks. God Bless May.”*

Joy would like to thank everyone for their kindness to her and for the cards and flowers at this sad time. Thankyou.

### **15. Police contacts**

Contact details for the local police if you need them:

Email; [Kelly.carlile@nottinghamshire.police.uk](mailto:Kelly.carlile@nottinghamshire.police.uk) Mobile 07725925330 or by phone; ring 101 ext 3101530

### **Parish Council contacts:**

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### **And finally.....**

We are delighted to pass on the news that the **Barton Village Hall bar will re-open on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June**. Everyone in the village is, as always, very welcome – come along and have a celebratory drink with friends and neighbours!