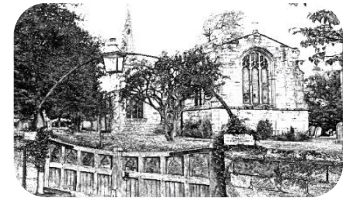


Barton in Fabis

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Parish Council ‘Annual Village Meeting’ and Village Hall AGM
May 22nd 7.00pm (Bar Open)
Your Village – Your Say!

Everybody (all ages!) is very welcome to come along and hear what the Parish Council and BVH Bar and Committee have been up to over the past year and what the plans are for the coming year. Have your say and make suggestions on the matters and events that are important to you and your family.

Please note we have several important issues to discuss including the creation of a new ‘Fairham’ parish (see below).

PLEASE COME ALONG IF YOU POSSIBLY CAN – YOUR VIEWS MATTER!

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON THE QUARRY – PLEASE TURN OVER....

County Council “deluged” with objections to quarry

Following the Village Open Meeting at the end of March, a total of **906 objections** so far have been logged on the County Council website.

This is a **fantastic result** and shows that the level of opposition from everybody in the area is as strong as ever, despite the fact that many people will have written objecting many times before and we might have expected that 'battle fatigue' would be a factor. We also know that many of these objections have also been sent / copied to members of the Planning Committee who also received a copy of our 'formal response' (below).

The SAVE Campaign Group and the Parish Council would like to say a big THANK YOU to everybody who has objected.

Formal community response

A detailed joint formal response was also submitted on behalf of Gotham, Barton and Kingston on Soar Parish Councils, Thrumpton and Ratcliffe on Soar Parish Meetings as well as and Lark Hill and Clifton Village Residents Associations.

This document ran to just under 150 pages and was a thoroughly professional and comprehensive response - a special thanks to Julian Coles and Roy Haines - Young for all their hard work on putting this together. **Thank you also to all the campaign team for their help overall with the website, social media, publicity and printing – this was a real team effort.**

It is worth observing that although the Planning Application in 6 large lever arch files looked daunting, we quickly established that it had been 'bulked out' with large sets of data and sections already presented in the previous application. The actual analysis provided from a variety consultants paid for by the applicant was not of especially high quality and we believe we have identified a huge number of shortcomings in terms of missing or wrong assumptions and conclusions.

Consultee responses

A large number of responses from those organisations that the County Council has consulted with have still not been published including from the Council's own officers. However, objections have been received from organisations such as the Holme Pit Action Group and the Woodland Trust. Very forceful and well argued objections have also been sent by our Borough and County Councillors and local MPs Ruth Edwards and Lilian Greenwood.

What happens next?

The all important question!

We have been told that the County Council officers have been "*deluged*" by objections which is exactly what we wanted. We have also been told that the application will not get to the Planning Committee before the Autumn at the earliest and more likely in to next year. It remains to be seen whether the County Council will seek further information from the applicant, but certainly as part of our formal response we have identified a whole series of issues with missing or misleading

information in the application. It may seem unfair that the County Council could allow the applicant another go to get the application right, but in so doing it allows us to challenge further.

What can we / you do now?

We will certainly closely monitor responses submitted by consultees and challenge these as appropriate if they do not support our objection. We will also continue to keep the website and social media updated and maintain the momentum of the campaign until timescales and next steps become clearer. **Please do everything you can to update all your friends, neighbours and relatives and maintain their interest.**

You can keep up to date on the latest developments on savecampaign.net or on Facebook.

Parish Council Chairman and Vice Chairman

The following have been elected for 2024 / 25:

Chair: Allan Kerr

Deputy Chair: Bill Harrison

We are sure that the whole village as well as the Parish Council would like to thank Bill for his contribution as Parish Council Chairman and to welcome Allan back for another stint.

Parish Council website – new format coming soon

The webhost for the Parish Council's website has informed us that they will no longer support the current site. They have demanded £6k to develop a new site which is clearly not acceptable and we are exploring options including tying in with the current village website.

Please bear with us if the PC website is unavailable and if you wish to consult any documents such as minutes of meeting, please do not hesitate to contact the clerk Bev Angell or any Parish Councillor.

Fairham Pastures – a new Parish

The 3000 houses and industrial units at Fairham are currently in the Parish of Barton in Fabis. We have discussed with Rushcliffe Borough Council our concern that the issues facing residents and businesses in Fairham will be very different from those of our small rural village in the Green Belt.

Rushcliffe have agreed to support us in the process of creating **a new Parish of Fairham**, separate from Barton in Fabis. This will leave Barton in Fabis Parish Council representing just the residents in the village including Trentside as part of the ward of Rushcliffe Borough Council including Gotham and Thrumpton. This

would basically preserve the situation prior to the development at Fairham Pastures. We hope that the village will agree with this approach.

The process to achieve this requires a petition to be signed by 50% of the village and the Parish Council is in the process of drafting this. We aim to present this at the Village Annual Meeting on 22nd May and then will be arranging to circulate the petition for you to sign if you support this move.

With regard to the development at Fairham Pastures:

- The new road through the area to join with Mill Hill roundabout is scheduled to open in October (it is likely that the traffic lights on the existing road will remain for most of the time until then)
- The design of the centre area (retail units and school is currently being redesigned with some delay)
- House building continues across parts of the site with a generally depressed housing market

For the most up-to-date information, visit www.fairhamlife.co.uk.

Flooding in the village – meeting with County Council

Members of the Parish Council met with our County Councillor Matt Barney and Laura Trusler from Via who look after these matters for the County Council. A number of issues were identified and you may have seen that roads have been marked with yellow arrows in some places to indicate where work will take place:

Damage to road on Manor Road near Equestrian Centre

Collapsed drain and deteriorated road surface opposite 4/6 Manor Road

Blocked gullies on Chestnut Lane and Brown Lane

Filling and reseeding of verge Manor Road opposite the Rectory

Problems with flooding at Little Lunnon and the end of Brown Lane have been referred to the Flood Risk team at the County Council

A special note of thanks to Matt Barney for arranging the meeting with Via and for Laura for her help in getting these points actioned and the required works orders being raised. Repairs will not be made immediately, but rest assured we will keep on top of this issue.

Please remember that if you are flooded, there are small grants available via the County Council at Nottinghamshire.gov.uk and the Borough Council has an emergency line on 0115 9811143.

In the event of a flood, Barton Village Hall is always available as a warm place with facilities for hot drinks available. Please contact 07834 409220.

Combined County Mayor – Claire Ward elected

As you will probably know, **Claire Ward the Labour Party Candidate** was elected as **Combined County Mayor for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire on 2nd May**.

This is a similar position to that held by Andy Burnham in Manchester. There will also be an East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCAA) created. The major benefit is that the Government has devolved responsibility for £1.14 billion to cover such matters as housing, transport and job creation. Planning decisions are not affected and will continue to be decided at Rushcliffe Borough Council or the County Council.

Experience in other areas suggests that the Mayor (a role which is not the ceremonial one we tend to think of) can provide a real focus and represent our area to central Government. More details can be found at

<https://www.eastmidlandsdevolution.co.uk/about-east-midlands-devolution/>.

East Midlands Airport (EMA) – new restrictions on training flights

Just a reminder that 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.

EMA's new Noise Action Plan (NAP) is at its final draft stage. As a result of letters from many local people, the issue of training flights flying at low level was identified as one of the top 2 issues from the consultation stage – thank you to all of you who took the time to write. We are delighted that we have successfully persuaded EMA to place further restrictions on training flights which will now operate between 8am - 12pm and 2pm until 4pm on weekdays only. EMA have also committed to a full review of training flights to be completed by the end of 2024.

EMA will also shortly be consulting on changes to routes for arriving and departing aircraft under the **Future Airspace** programme. As reported in earlier newsletters, we have successfully campaigned to get EMA to drop the idea of alternative routes that could have brought many more flights over the village and we do not anticipate, at this stage, that the new flight paths will cause an increase in noise problems. However, we will provide you with further details in due course.

Just a reminder 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>**. A time of the incident and if possible, the airline involved is ideal.

The more complaints are registered, the more notice the airport will take of the impact on local people in this area.

Memorial Trees – replacement

Several of the trees on the corner of Manor Road and Little Lunnon have been lost or damaged. The Parish Council has agreed to replace these.

These 7 trees were planted as part of 'Barton in Bloom' to mark those from the area killed in the Great War 1914 – 1918.

Nottsbus On Demand – get on the road

This is proving to be a major success and, for those who have not used it, is a great new 'on demand' bus service which our County Councillor (Matt Barney) has been heavily involved in establishing. 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 pubs – all at only £2 a trip (less for more than one person). For more details: 0300 5008080 or www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/nottsbusondemand

The scheme is currently being reviewed and it is hoped that additional buses will be made available to meet demand.

Holme Pit flood damage – please help

Many of you will know that Holme Pit is the very beautiful pond under Clifton Woods, restored and run by volunteers and a designated SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest). The area would be severely impacted by the proposed Barton / Mill Hill quarry. Members of the Holme Pit Action Group have been very supportive in our fight against the quarry. Now the area has been severely damaged by debris and rubbish from the recent floods and the group are appealing for funds to help with the clear up. The Parish Council has recently made a donation of £50 and if you can help a GoFund Me page has been set up at <https://gofund.me/2cffce7>.

Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station Site – new gypsum quarry

The power station is **still due to close at the end of September 2024** in line with government policy to end coal-fired power generation. The site is part of the East Midlands Freeport, which is a government initiative to encourage innovation and job creation. Other developments are:

British Gypsum are seeking planning permission to extract up to 1 million tonnes of gypsum on part of the site. Extraction is planned to take place over 3 to 4 years with restoration of the site taking a further 1 to 2 years. Further details can be found at <https://www.british-gypsum.com/about-us/our-locations/future-plans/development-ratcliffe-soar/development-ratcliffe-soar-operations>

- East Midlands Hydrogen launch – further announcements due
- EMERGE waste incinerator – final investment decision and start of construction in 2024
- Cooling towers and power generation buildings demolished 2025

Gotham Memorial Hall – update

The following is a summary of an update given by the trustees on the rebuilding of the hall following the devastating fire:

The Memorial Hall has for a long time struggled to utilise all the building on a regular basis. There would also be a loss of £4,000 rental income from the library which was unlikely to re-open.

Interest from the Doctors on possibly leasing more rooms to extend the surgery to provide more clinical space and medical provision had already been raised before the fire. Following an expression of interest in purchasing the freehold of the surgery area, it was decided that we should sell an extended part of the building to the Orchard Surgery whilst keeping the original Memorial Hall.

With the roof re-instated and solar panels installed, the interior dried out and planning permission approved, we now need to concentrate on the interior layout to ensure it meets future needs.

Gotham all weather surface - donation

An appeal has been launched to provide a new all weather playing surface at Gotham. Many villagers have used and continue to use this facility and the Parish Council has therefore considered it appropriate to donate £500 towards the cost.

Motorbike noise – problem eased?

We remain concerned about motorbike racing taking place along Green Street (old A 453), particularly at weekends. However, thanks to complaints logged by villagers and the parish council, the police have taken action and the problem appears to have eased in this area although there are reports of incidents nearby. This road is well used by cyclists, walkers and horse riders and we continue to be concerned that there could be a serious accident.

Please continue to report any incidents, with registration numbers if possible, by ringing 101 or if there is no response via 999.



Planning Applications

Prickle Pin Lodge (Trentside)

23/02039/FUL Change of use of land to residential garden. Carport and outbuildings on elevated piers – **Pending decision**

Messages from our local councillors.



County Councillor: Matt Barney

Email: cllr.matt.barney@nottsc.gov.uk Phone: 07788 682696

“Following the recent elections, I would like to pass on warm congratulations to Claire Ward East Midlands Mayor and Gary Godden Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner. It’s an exciting time for both Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire with potentially £4Billion pounds of investment on the table. I look forward to working with both Claire and Gary, particularly on local aspects of policing and Mayoral policy that will play a leading role in the development of the Freeport at Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station site. I would also like to express my commiserations to the losing candidates, particularly Ben Bradley MP, who steered the process to bring Devolution to the East Midlands over the last three years.

Locally there is so much going on and I am pleased to be working with the Five Parish group of Ratcliffe on Soar, Barton, Thrumpton, Gotham, Kingston of Soar. Key issues at present surround the quarry planning applications at both Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station and Barton.

The On Demand Bus has now been in operation for 1 year and has proved incredibly popular. I am currently seeking views on how the service is working, and any tweaks that might improve it. So please let me know your thoughts.”Matt



Borough Councillor: Rex Walker

Email: cllr.rwalker@rushcliffe.gov.uk Phone: 07812 146386



Borough Councillor: Andrew Brown

Email: cllrabrown@rushcliffe.gov.uk Phone: 07847253146

“Rushcliffe Borough Council are celebrating 50 years as a Borough.

The district was formed on 1 April 1974 under the [Local Government Act 1972](#). The new district covered the whole area of two former districts and part of a third, which were all abolished at the same time; Basford Rural District (part), Bingham Rural District, West Bridgford Urban District.

The new district was named after the ancient Rushcliffe Wapentake, which had covered part of the area. Rushcliffe means "cliff where brushwood grows", from Old English hris "brushwood" and clif "cliff". The new Rushcliffe district was granted borough status from its creation, allowing the chair of the council to take the title of mayor.

From the 23rd of May 2024 I have been chosen to be the next mayor of Rushcliffe. I consider this a great honour and privilege, especially as this is the golden anniversary year. Many events to celebrate this are being organised. I am looking forward to visiting every corner of our Borough in the next 12 months and meeting as many people and organisations as possible.

Of course, my main duties as representing the residents of Gotham ward will continue as normal. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any issues you may have.” Andy

The Parish Council would like to congratulate Andy on being appointed Mayor of Rushcliffe.



MP: Ruth Edwards.

Email: ruth.edwards.mp@parliament.uk Phone: 0207 2193549

“I hold regular surgeries to listen to and help constituents with problems they might be having. These issues can range from getting a driving licence renewed, visa delays, issues with benefit applications or concerns about crime. To book a surgery, get in touch by emailing or phoning me.”

Ruth

The Parish Council is pleased to remind you of the following village events:

Barton Village Hall Events

There is always a warm welcome at ‘The BVH’ when the bar is open and at planned events – please drop in!

EVERY WEEK

Bar Open Friday: 6.00pm – 9.30pm and Sunday 1.00pm – 4pm

EVERY MONTH

Bingo

PLANNED EVENTS – GET THEM IN THE DIARY!

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 7th Fruit & Vegetable show

Friday 27th – Sunday 29th Beer & Wine Festival

Live Entertainment & Food Friday & Saturday evenings

OCTOBER

Saturday 26th Halloween Disco

NOVEMBER

Friday 29th Reindeer Racing

DECEMBER

Saturday 7th Christmas Tree light switch on

Friday 20th Social Night

Saturday 28th 'NOT New Years Eve Party' with live entertainment

Further details for all events: Barton Community Facebook or Village Website

(Bartoninfabis.org.uk)

Volunteers are particularly welcome to help at Village Events – remember you don't have to commit to being on the BVH Committee – just a few hours when needed is a huge help!

Other contacts and Parish Council

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>

Reporting Council problems

Download the **MyNotts** app from the County Council: e.g. street light not working, road repairs

Contact Rushcliffe Borough Council 0115 9819911: e.g. fly tipping, bin not collected or contact a member of the Parish Council

Police contacts

Police Non Emergency 101

PC 1530 Kelly Carlile 07725 925330 Email:

Kelly.carlile@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

NHS 111






Power cuts 105

Severn Trent Emergencies 0800 783 4444

Parish Council contacts:

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES YOU WANT US TO DEAL WITH OR IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW TO IMPROVE THE VILLAGE!

Julian Coles	Diane Harrison	Bill Harrison <i>Deputy Chair</i>	Allan Kerr <i>Chair</i>	Lizzy Mossop
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