

# **KIRBY MUXLOE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, MAY 2008 to APRIL 2009**

### **Departures and Arrivals**

During the year Andrea Cooke, Sue Stanbridge and Tracy Houldridge left the Council and I would like to thank them for the time that they gave to the Council.

We welcomed David Fox, Peter Jarvis and Kevin Tansey.

### **Speeding in the Village**

Speed activated signs have been installed on Station Road. It has become obvious that drivers are not taking notice of these warning signs. Brake lights are rarely seen as speeding drivers pass the illuminated signs.

The Parish Council feels that speed cameras, both on Station Road and Desford Road will be the most effective solution to this problem. The Parish Council will continue to pursue this.

The Police also continue to carry out speed checks at various place in the village.

### **Village Improvements**

The hanging basket scheme was extended in 2008 to include Station Road from its junction with Main Street down to the car park adjacent to the Parish Council office.

A further five new baskets will be hung in Station Road this June, making a total of 34 baskets in the village, as well as numerous planters.

The Parish Council have received many appreciative comments about these displays.

In May the new CCTV system (to include more cameras and high quality digital recording and display) in and around the parking area by the Parish Council offices, the Village Hall, the Library, the children's play area as well as the pathway by the library and Bowls Club, the Kidaroo site as well as the Multi Use Games and Play Area was installed.

The Multi Use Games and Play Area, for the 10-16 years old age group, was opened at the Village Fun Day in September. The Parish Council is very grateful to Blaby District Council for obtaining a grant from the National Lottery Fund, and well as their own donation, which together almost totally funded this project.

This is already proving to be a popular addition to the facilities in the Village.

Again, I am very grateful to Carl Sutherley and his team of parishioners who have now organised three 'Village Fun Days' to raise money for this project. These events have been enjoyed by so many people in the village.

Following reports of cars being parked, as well as other undesirable behaviour being reported, the Parish Council decided to install wrought iron gates at the entrance to the Parish Cemetery. These gates are now locked every evening.

I would like to thank the Parishioners who kindly open and lock these gates each day.

A decision has been made to include additional plaques on the War Memorial, recognising those who have given their lives in service to their country in more recent conflicts around the world.

This will involve the cleaning of the memorial itself and the repositioning of the existing plaques.

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The gates to the War Memorial Garden will also be refurbished.  
It is hoped that this will be completed before this year's Remembrance Day.

In addition to these projects, significant sums of money are spent on day to day maintenance of the cemetery, the park, the children's play area, as well as keeping these areas and the rest of the village clear of litter.

Thank you to John, our litter picker, for the excellent job that he does around the village.

### **The Parish Plan**

Following a Public Meeting on 6 June, an enthusiastic working party has been formed of Councillors and local parishioners, and it is planned to distribute the Kirby Muxloe Parish Plan questionnaire shortly. Every householder will be asked to express their view(s) on the published plan.

### **Protecting the Environment**

A group of Councillors have formed an Environmental Working Group within the Council to consider how best to protect our heritage and wild life.

The Parish Council have already put in place a scheme to compost grass cuttings in the cemetery.

### **The Kirby Comment**

In July the first edition under the new editorship of the Parish Clerk hit the streets. As always, the magazine is full of colour and information. I would like to thank all those who provide contributions to the Kirby Comment, as without these people, there would be no magazine. Please don't stop!

Many thanks are also due to the Parish Clerk for taking on this additional work.

### **Police**

In October PCSO Paul Shine was transferred and the Parish Council wish him well in his new role.

PCSO Duane Wright joined Carl, and his face is now well known around the village.

Both he and Carl welcome Parishioners to their Beat Surgeries and encourage Parishioners to report to the Police any incidents in and around the village.

Our crime figures in Kirby Muxloe remain far lower than in our neighbouring villages.

### **Developments In/Around The Village**

On 20 January the Parish Council organised a Public Meeting in the Village Hall following the provision of information leaflets to every home in the Village.

This gave Parishioners the opportunity to understand and oppose the possible building of 3,500 homes along the A47 close to the village. This proposal is part of the Blaby District Local Development Framework Plan.

358 letters of objection were delivered to Blaby District Council and further a further consultation will take place in September.

The Parish Council have also objected to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council's proposals to provide at least 14 pitches for travellers on the corner of Ratby Lane/Desford Road. Although the recommended

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density of vans is 2 per pitch, it has been known for this to rise to 4 per pitch!

**Web Sites**

The Parish Council web site, providing information about Council matters, meeting agendas and minutes satisfies an increasing need.

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

The Village web site, covering all aspects of village life, continues to grow on a regular basis.

[www.leicestershirevillages.com/kirbymuxloe](http://www.leicestershirevillages.com/kirbymuxloe)

I would like to thank Chris Buckingham, for his time, effort and patience in continuing to provide these facilities.

Thank you also to Councillors who have given their time to various projects that have been undertaken during the year.

And finally, but not least, Yvonne, our Parish Clerk, has been with us almost four years now and I would like to express my thanks to her for all her effort and commitment, and in particular the great care that she takes of our cemetery.