



# NEWSLETTER

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**Housing Development**
**How to find out about plans and have your say**


**E**ast Leake Parish Council (ELPC) is aware of great concern about the volume of building work ongoing and being planned on green fields around East Leake. Rushcliffe Borough Council (RBC) is the Planning Authority that controls this. ELPC is routinely asked by RBC to comment on development applications which are discussed at ELPC Planning Meetings some Tuesday nights. ELPC always responds formally. The agendas are displayed on various notice boards around the village and the public can attend and speak (see page 3 for how it works) Minutes are on the Parish Council website.

Planning Applications plus responses/comments can be viewed on RBC website:

<https://planningon-line.rushcliffe.gov.uk/online-applications/>

You can search for an application by reference number if you know it or using the road name. Applications can be “Outline” (establishing the principle of building on a site), “Reserved Matters” (further detail following outline) or “Full” (both). Members of the public can comment while open for consultation – just find the application and click on “comments”. This is the best way to make your feelings known and your views count, both on the principle of developing a site, and on the important details of what is proposed (e.g. street layout, types of houses, green space).

At the time of writing the following large scale applications are accepting comments:

16/03119/OUT – 195 homes Lantern Lane  
16/01881/OUT – 235 homes, Rempstone Road  
16/02842/REM – 106 homes, Kirk Ley

RBC usually makes a decision about these larger developments at their monthly Development Control Meetings. Members of the public can attend but are not permitted to speak. Agendas and minutes are here: <http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/councilanddemocracy/meetingsandminutes/agendasandminutes/>

At a strategic level RBC controls planning with the “Local Plan”. Part One of this allocated minimum of 400 homes to East Leake. There is an important consultation coming up on Part Two. Look for under Planning on the RBC website between 17 Feb & 31 Mar—it will tell you how to submit comments.

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## Relocation! Relocation!



**A**fter public consultation and careful consideration, in an attempt to smarten up East Leake Centre, it has been agreed to relocate the Recycling Centre from the Gotham Road car park to the Co-op Car Park.

The majority of public responses we received felt the current location is unsightly, dangerous and the space could be put to better use.

Final arrangements are being put in place for the relocation and we aim to make the process as swift as possible - but please bear with us as we are juggling several different organisations.

For those who recycle on foot don't forget the new pedestrian link between the Health Centre Car Park through to the Co-op Car Park! Rushcliffe Borough Council who has responsibility for the bins will make arrangements for the resiting of the bins with the next few weeks

## Parish Council Budget for 2017/18



**A**t its January meeting the Council approved an increased budget for next year. The increase of 25p per week for a Band D property is necessary to help fund the planned doubling in size of the Gotham Road Car Park. See the article elsewhere about parking statistics for East Leake, which demonstrate the need for such facilities.

## Parish Council Workshop Extension Footpath Closure



**W**ork on the Parish Council Workshop extension is due to commence on the 20th February 2017. As a result of the nature of the work and for health and safety reasons, it will be necessary to close the path along the side of the Parish Office that leads to the Gotham Road Car Park and Recreation Ground. We estimate the duration of the closure to be approximately 12 weeks.

## Relocation of Police Base



**T**he decision to relocate the Police Station to an office within the Fire Station has been agreed. The move will take place over the coming months once legal documents have been drawn up.

## Great British Spring Clean in East Leake



**L**ast year East Leake took part in 'Clean for the Queen' and a number of villagers went out over the weekend and cleared the village of litter. It was a great success - everywhere looked much tidier after, and we accumulated a huge pile of bags of litter at the Parish Office.

This year we are taking part in a similar event - 'The Great British Spring Clean' ([www.greatbritishspringclean.com](http://www.greatbritishspringclean.com)) which runs from 3rd-5th March 2017. A similar format to last year, volunteers will report to the Parish Council Offices during the weekend and will be issued with a special blue Great British Spring Clean sack and litter-picker (and gloves if needed!), and nothing could be simpler - you just go away and fill your sack with litter! For all those partaking teas/coffee and cake will be provided when you return, and for the children involved, they will be presented with a certificate and can help themselves to some sweets as a thank you, and to encourage them to get involved.

We hope to get the schools in the village taking part in a competition to design a poster for 'The East Leake Great British Spring Clean' and there will be a prize for the winner!

Let's make a fresh start to the year and make our village one to be proud of. So get your wellies on and come and join us on:

- ♦ Saturday 4th March—10.00am-12noon  
2.00pm -4.00pm
- ♦ Sunday 5th March—10.00am—12noon  
2.00pm—4.00pm

## Parking Matters



In November you may have seen councillors in the car parks with hi-vis jackets and clipboards – repeating our past surveys to see how demand for parking spaces changes over time. We discovered:

- ♦ Overall number of cars parked in the three Parish Council car parks has increased. This largely balances out the extension of the Health Centre car park, i.e. we have essentially "used up" the extra capacity.
- ♦ The number of all day parkers has increased to an average of 29 cars per day from 20 in 2014. These are believed to be mainly people working in the village, rather than people parking here to use the bus.

The Health Centre car park continues to come under the most pressure and we have now implemented a 4-hour limit here, so that longer stay parking moves to the other car parks and people using the Health Centre and Chemist, who may be unwell or have reduced mobility, have a better chance of finding a space.

Plans are progressing slowly to extend the longer stay Gotham road car park, and we will give more information nearer the time when work starts. The recycling bins are moving from this car park to the Co-op car park.

- The third Parish Council car park, outside the Parish Office, continues to be well used, with peaks when the village hall is in use.

The County Council has added yellow lines on Gotham road around the side roads and the area where people cross, to improve safety. The bay outside the public toilets is now a short stay area, increasing the flexibility for people with a quick errand to run.

Inconsiderate and illegal parking on double yellow lines, on pavements, and elsewhere is still an issue and we will continue to bring this up with the relevant enforcement authorities. Costock Road is a problem at weekends when the playing fields are most heavily in use, despite the addition of the

overflow car park at the bottom of Cornflower Way. We are working with the Playing Fields Charity Association and other parties to find ways to address this.

All parking is free of charge and the Parish Council strongly believes this to be the way forward, to boost trade and make everyday life pleasant and convenient for residents. We urge all residents to walk to the village centre when possible, and if driving, to park considerably.

## Parish Council Meetings



You are most welcome to attend meetings here at the Parish council. The Parish Council issues a clear, precise and structured agenda in order to keep discussion to the point and hopefully conduct an effective meeting.

The agenda can include provision for public participation. However, this does not mean that members of the public join the debate. A time is set aside for the public to make their points.

The public and press must be invited to all Council Meetings (Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 extended by the LGA 19702 s100.

Some items for example, staff details, tendering discussions, legal proceedings and sensitive disputes are not normally discussed in public. The Parish Council must resolve to exclude the public and press just for these items, which would normally come last on the agenda.

## Rest Garden – An update



Planting of the cleared section of this useful space in the village centre, opposite the Post Office, has now been completed. We await the arrival of a memorial bench to set in the planted area, and a covered seating enclosure to be sited on the paved area at the bottom of the garden. Once these are installed, the path will be resurfaced and grass set in the area behind the telephone box. Attention can then turn to improvements on the opposite side of the main lawn.





## Village Finger Posts

**E**ast Leake Parish Council is in the process of arranging the refurbishment/restoration of some of the cast iron finger posts in and around East Leake. To date, the finger post at the top of Woodgate/Rempstone Road and the post at the bottom of Castle Hill/Main Street have been restored.

The next post to be restored is the one on Main Street/Station Road. The post at the T-junction of Main Street/Gotham Road is to be cleaned. Work on a post at Stocking Lane/Gotham Road is yet to be arranged.

The work has been made possible through grants and donations and we express our thanks to the following:

- ♦ Davidsons Develoments—£1746.00
- ♦ David Wilson Homes—£1174.00
- ♦ Cllr Andrew Brown— £500 (Nottinghamshire County Council Community Fund)
- ♦ Cllr John Thurman—£250 (Rushcliffe Borough Council Community Support Grant)
- ♦ Cllr Marie Males—£200 (Rushcliffe Borough Council Community Support Grant)
- ♦ Barratt Homes—£100

## “Meet Your Village”



**E**ast Leake Community Action Group are planning a "Meet Your Village" event on Saturday, 29 April 2017 from 10 am to 12 noon in the Village Hall. Many local businesses and organisations will be showcased and this is your opportunity to find out what is going on in East Leake, become a volunteer in an area of interest, meet new people and enjoy an informal welcome to the village, particularly if you are a new resident.

Put the date in your diary and look out for further details. Secretary: Vicenta Rose on [vicenta.rose@ntl.com](mailto:vicenta.rose@ntl.com) or Jenny de Villiers, Chair on [jdevilliers@btinternet.com](mailto:jdevilliers@btinternet.com)

## Dates for Diary



- ♦ 4th & 5th March - Spring Clean Weekend—Meet at Parish Office
- ♦ 29th April—Meet Your Village—EL Village Hall
- ♦ 24 June—East Leake Carnival



## Friends of Meadow Park Membership

*We know it is difficult for individual members to remember when they need to renew their annual membership. From 2017 the renewal date everyone will be for January*

Basically if you have joined FMP since July you will, in effect, get a few months free. This will enable us to send out reminders to everyone at the beginning of each year, together with a downloadable application form.

*For those members not on email reminders will be delivered by hand.*

*It really helps if you have an email address as it enables us to keep you better informed about what is going on in Meadow Park.*

