

Queniborough Parish Council
Chairman's Report 2023 – 2024

Planning

Since my report last year, the application for 150 houses planned for Barkby Road went to a public enquiry in June and got passed in September, so we can expect even more traffic through the village and crossroads. Obviously, the people making these planning decisions do not live locally or care about our village and therefore do not understand how bad the traffic currently is.

The approved development at Queniborough Lodge to build 120 homes will start soon, with a further 100/160 houses around Three Ways Farm, and 99 houses between this development and the bypass still pending approval.

If you would like to be kept informed of planning matters and villages issues and you have not already registered with us, please pass your contact details on to our team at the office and we will keep you informed.

Parish Council

After three councillors left us last year, I would like to welcome our new Councillors Dean Warner, Daniel Grimley and Darryl Bowles to the council, my new Vice Chairman is now Councillor Richard Green, they will all bring different skills to the team. We have also appointed two village Tree Wardens, Steve Smith and John Weston, they will keep a close eye on our trees around the village and report on any issues.

Queniborough Wombles

I am not sure if you are aware that we have some very dedicated members of our village who give up their time to go around our streets picking up litter, this is left by people who don't really care about just dropping their rubbish anywhere, except where it should be IN THE BIN. Many thanks to all who do this to keep our village looking lovely.

Dog Warden

Our Dog Warden Brian is still getting around the village checking on problem areas that seem to be particularly soiled. You will see him handing out dog bags and asking owners to clear up after their dogs, keeping our village clean and tidy.

Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee have continued to arrange some very good social nights including the Beer Festival, a 70's / 80's disco and the film nights which are going well and attracting good numbers, if you haven't attended these before please support our lovely Village Hall.

Childrens Play Area

We are constantly looking to keep this area looking nice and the equipment working well, last year I reported that we had a issue with the roundabout and we thought we would need to replace it at a cost of around £12,000 but after a great deal of investigation we managed to find someone local to repair it, this has now been done and saved not only money but a well-loved and used piece of equipment.

Cemetery

I am pleased to say that the Cemetery is looking very nice. Sue Farrell took over last year as Cemetery Clerk, alongside her contracted grounds duties and is doing a very good job. The Garden of Remembrance is looking lovely, and we now have some regular volunteers who are helping with this, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for giving up their time.

Alex Neale Trust

Can I bring it to your attention again that I Chair a charitable trust called the “Alex Neal & Queniborough in Relief Charity” which was set up many years ago to give help to Queniborough villagers who require some financial support for something they need and cannot currently afford. If this is yourself or you know of someone who needs this help, please ask them to write to, Moira Bunn, 149 The Ringway, Queniborough, giving details of what is needed and why, with details of all income, expenditure and savings. I must stress that all correspondence received will be kept strictly private and confidential within the trust.

Parish Website

Most village information can also be found on the news page of the Parish Council website at <http://queniborough.leicestershireparishcouncils.org/> this is a good place to keep up to date with all the parish matters.

Parish Office

The Parish Council Offices are normally open every Wednesday and Thursday between 9:00am - 3:00pm but if for any reason they are closed please just leave a message on the answerphone and we will respond as soon as we can. I would like to thank our Clerk Rachel and her deputy Teresa for their excellent efforts over the last 12 months.

Councillors

I would like to thank our District Councillor Laurie Needham and County Councillor James Poland for all their help on many issues over the last 12 months.

And lastly, to my fellow Councillors both old and new, thank you for all your help in the running of a very busy Council, without them giving up their valuable time to attend both full Council and Committee meetings, the council would not exist to deal with the many issues that come before us. They all do an excellent job for the village, well done.

Stephen Wright

Chairman

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