

**Sam Boote (Borough Councillor for North Keyworth)**  
**Report to Keyworth Parish Council on 15 October 2007**

- (1) The **planning appeal inquiry into the Wrights Garage site** will be held at the Civic Centre on 23-24 October (this follows the refusal of planning permission for two blocks of flats).
- (2) **Debdale House** is now nearly empty, and demolition and redevelopment are now imminent. Spirita's treatment of its residents does not do it any credit.
- (3) **Soundproofed bins for glass recycling** will very soon be installed next to the Health Centre.
- (4) Borough councillors were recently asked to conduct a **residents' survey about glass recycling**. This revealed strong support for kerbside collection, though residents were divided on whether they would be prepared to see their council tax go up to pay for it. There was a good response to the fact that a consultation was actually being carried out.
- (5) There has been an epidemic of **damaged green wheelie-bins**, with 400 cases of split bins being reported. This has been due to a faulty batch in Keyworth and Stanton. The Borough Council and the manufacturer are replacing the faulty bins free of charge.
- (6) The Borough Council's Cabinet has announced a re-think on the **long-term vision for reducing the number of leisure centres**. Thanks go to the Friends of Keyworth Leisure Centre for bringing this issue to public attention and keeping it there.
- (7) Since the transfer of day-to-day operations to Parkwood, **numerous problems with the service have been reported at Keyworth Leisure Centre**. These are being reported to Brian Knowles, who is continuing to exert close scrutiny over the centres.
- (8) The **Post Office at Budgens, the HSBC bank and a number of local shops** are due to close soon. Talks are in progress with the PO and HSBC. There is great concern about the possible slippage of a viable business centre into dormitory status. Much has been made of the difficulties with parking in the past two years, but surely it cannot be all that difficult (for normally-abled people) to walk from any local parking spot to any of our local shops.
- (9) The **car park in Bunny Lane** is now fully in use, and the entry and exit ramps have been lowered after several instances of cars being damaged. Some drivers are entering the car park from the wrong side of Buzz Fitness and going against the "no entry" sign; I have asked the highways department to install a large "P" sign to direct drivers into the correct entrance. Borough parking issues (including parking charges and civil parking enforcement) will be discussed at the Cabinet meeting on 4 December.
- (10) The **British Legion site** is due to be tidied soon, with the war memorial being moved to a different spot in the same grounds. This year's Remembrance Sunday service will be held in the Parish Church. I hope that a new site for the memorial will be found elsewhere in the village in time for next year's service.
- (11) I have arranged for the open amenity areas on the **Brookview Drive estate** and the surrounds of the **Debdale Lane industrial estate** to be tidied. This year's wet weather played havoc with maintenance schedules, and Streetwise are only just catching up.
- (12) The **police liaison meetings** have been replaced by "Local Action Group" meetings, which can be attended by the public.
- (13) The **Warm Front scheme** has been found to be seriously failing in its aim to provide elderly and disabled people with grants for heating and insulation. Unfortunately this is a Government scheme which the council cannot alter. Anyone wanting advice about grants should contact Sheila Hood at RBC.
- (14) There has been a suggestion that the **Youth Club** could be opened on Friday evenings, possibly under the supervision of the Parish Council.