

**Sam Boote (Borough Councillor for North Keyworth)**  
**Report to Keyworth Parish Council on 3 December 2007**

- (1) The **planning appeal inquiry into the Wrights Garage site** has concluded and the decision is expected in January.
- (2) **Soundproofed bins for glass recycling** have been installed next to the Health Centre. There have not (yet) been any complaints from nearby residents.
- (3) The Borough Council is conducting an exhaustive review of the **future options for glass recycling**. The signs are that kerbside collection could turn out to be too expensive. If so, we could see a return to bottle banks, possibly in pub car parks and other local sites, especially if soundproofed bins prove successful.
- (4) The Borough Council is setting up a sub-committee to review **council-owned car parks** throughout the borough (including two in Keyworth). This could look at options including pay-and-display. A decision will be made by the Cabinet in the early part of 2008.
- (5) One of the Borough Council's deputy chief executives has been assigned to carrying out a detailed review of **Parkwood's performance with the leisure centres**. The Council is aware of the many problems and will be seeking to ensure that the provisions of the contract are upheld.
- (6) The **management structure** of the Borough Council has been revised. There are now 1 chief executive, 3 deputy chief executives and 6 heads of service.
- (7) The Borough and County Councils are looking at the provision of a **community hub** (a one-stop contact centre) on the site of the library in West Bridgford.
- (8) The Borough Council is conducting a full-scale investigation into the **provision of shared services**. This would entail teaming up with Charnwood Borough Council and a private-sector services company to provide back-office functions such as council tax collection. Capita and Liberata have been shortlisted as possible providers. Councillors and officers have seen presentations from both companies and have visited Pendle council (Liberata) and South Oxfordshire council (Capita). This project could result in a major new business centre being built somewhere in Rushcliffe, with a consequent downgrading of the role of the Civic Centre.
- (9) Regrettably **HSBC bank** has shut for good, and we await a decision on the **Post Office** inside Budgens, following the submission of a 486-signature petition. Post Office Ltd. have refused to visit the local sites and have merely said that their "decision booklet" will be sent to RBC's chief executive very shortly.
- (10) Publicity is being given to the suggestion that the **Youth Club** could open on Friday evenings, and a search for volunteer workers has begun.
- (11) The new **war memorial** has been very well received. The British Legion seem very happy with it, while still saying that their long-term aim would be for a publicly-owned site. However, there is no hurry to make any further changes.