

Sam Boote (Borough Councillor for North Keyworth)
Report to Keyworth Parish Council on 25 February 2008

- (1) The **planning appeal inquiry into the Wrights Garage site** came down in favour of the applicant, so the building of 48 flats (19 for rent and 29 for sale) will be able to go ahead.
- (2) Planning permission has been given for **4 flats on the Middletons' Yard site** next to Blind Lane. Some concerns about access have been dealt with.
- (3) A proposal has been received to build **1200 houses in Edwalton**, including 930 at Sharphill and 270 on the Melton Triangle (between the A52 and A606). The developers (Bovis and David Wilson) have held an exhibition, and an outline planning application is expected soon.
- (4) It looks as if plans for **kerbside glass recycling** are now dead, because of the likely high cost. More sound-deadening bottle banks will be bought, a trial of micro sites (for glass collection) will be carried out, and there will be a trial "on-demand" collection service for residents receiving assisted collections. There will also be a recycling service for batteries.
- (5) The local police are currently **cracking down on illegal parking** in Keyworth centre, and penalty tickets are being given out.
- (6) The Borough Council's sub-committee to review **council-owned car parks** has met several times, including a consultation meeting in Keyworth. Two more meetings will be held to draw up recommendations which will be passed to the Place Shaping Group and then to Cabinet for a final decision, probably in June.
- (7) The decision to close the **Post Office inside Budgens** has been confirmed. Some local residents have said they will need to use the Post Office in Tollerton when sending large items or large quantities of mail.
- (8) The Borough Council is taking a strong line against **fly-tipping**, including a recent case in Plantation Road when a resident tipped some large items of refuse on to the pavement rather than pay the council's special collection charge.
- (9) The Borough Council is also taking a strong line against **dog-fouling** in the Beech Avenue area, following a number of complaints from residents. Extra dog bins will be installed, warning signs will be erected, and the Dog Warden will patrol there more frequently.
- (10) **Vandalism** has recently been occurring in the woods next to the Debdale Lane industrial units. The police are liaising with the landowner (Rushcliffe Borough Council) in efforts to stop the vandalism.
- (11) The **footpath between Villa Road and Rose Grove** is set to become a public right of way, following a campaign by nearby residents to supply evidence of long-term use.
- (12) All **leisure centres** were deep-cleaned over Christmas. Work continues to ensure that Parkwood are aware of the standards expected by the Borough Council.
- (13) Linda Ritson (the **Youth Club manager**) has been seconded to the Adventure Team until the end of 2008, and her place has been taken by Clare Ridsdale, who has previously been the manager.
- (14) The Borough Council has reorganised its **customer service facilities** to include planning and council tax in its main enquiry area on the ground floor of the Civic Centre. A further reorganisation will come when the Community Hub is set up on the site of West Bridgford library.
- (15) RBC's Cabinet has recommended a **borough precept** of £108.00, a rise of 3.9%.