

Sam Boote (Borough Councillor for North Keyworth)
Report to Keyworth Parish Council on 14 April 2008

- (1) Because of the delay in getting planning permission for the **Selby Lane flats** (following the appeal), the Borough Council withdrew its subsidy to the sheltered housing project and instead directed all the subsidy to the Debdale Lane development. Consequently the affordable housing at the Selby Lane site will be only 14 units (30% of 48, in line with normal council policy) instead of 19. However, there has recently been silence from the developers, possibly because of the drop in the housing market, and there is a chance that the project might not go ahead. Meanwhile, Wrights Garage is continuing to trade, but under new management.
- (2) **Large planning applications** for Edwalton/Sharphill (1200 houses) and Cotgrave Colliery (500 houses) have been submitted and will be considered in the next few weeks.
- (3) The Government recently announced that Kingston-on-Soar had been dropped from the list of sites for **proposed eco-towns** and that Rushcliffe BC would be consulted about alternative sites. A day afterwards, the council announced that RAF Newton had been offered by them to the Government as a preferred site for an eco-town of 10,000 houses, even though there had been no debate and no consultation.
- (4) Borough councillors have recently applied for grants under the new **Community Support Scheme**. My allocation for 2007/08 went to Keyworth allotments (for a compost toilet), Crossdale Drive School (for a discovery trail), the Friends of Keyworth Leisure Centre (to help with administration, stationery and postage) and Village in Bloom (towards floral displays around Keyworth), and all of these were approved. Debbie also applied for similar grants, and these were approved too.
- (5) The Borough Council's sub-committee to review **council-owned car parks** is drawing up recommendations which will be considered by the Place Shaping Group on 19 May and then passed for a decision by Cabinet on 3 June.
- (6) I have negotiated for better care and maintenance of the **woods next to the Debdale Lane industrial units**. The woods are owned by the Borough Council, and Streetwise have agreed to take the responsibility of maintenance.
- (7) I have arranged for the Highways department to carry out remedial work on the **road drains** around the junction of Manor Road and Bunny Lane. This follows last year's floods.
- (8) There were again complaints about **takeaways on the Parade** opening at the bank holiday. The Borough Council's enforcement officer is dealing with the matter.
- (9) I have arranged for the police to visit Crossdale Drive school to **monitor the traffic and parking** at peak school times. This will be done on one day (morning+afternoon) in the near future.
- (10) A complaint has been received about **tactile paving**, following an accident to a pedestrian outside Keyworth Primary & Nursery School. It appears that these surfaces are in increasing use, thanks to DoT pressure on local authorities to comply with DDA requirements for less-sighted people.
- (11) The strange road markings on the **A606 through Stanton** (which apparently look like a dangerous 3-lane road) are just a prelude to a scheme of painting the centre section of the road with "hatching".
- (12) The **Shared Services project** (between Rushcliffe and Charnwood councils) looks set to go ahead. Liberata has been named as the preferred supplier and a site for a shared business centre has been identified midway between Loughborough and West Bridgford.
- (13) The **Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships** in Rushcliffe, Broxtowe and Gedling are set to be merged.
- (14) Consultation has been taking place on setting up a **Sure Start children's centre** in Keyworth, and it is likely that a partial scheme (at least) will be operational by September. The centre will not have its own buildings but will seek space in existing buildings.