

Reports for KBPC meeting on 23 June 2020

Leicestershire County Council

A weekly all member briefing, with Directors giving updates and taking questions, is continuing to take place from 4pm every Tuesday. This report might be updated verbally at the parish council meeting.

Environment & Transport

Seven of the county's 14 household recycling sites (tips) opened on 18th May. The two nearest to the Kibworths, are Market Harborough and the Oadby. These are open 7 days a week, 9am to 5pm, and appointments slots must be pre-booked. Currently non-recyclable general waste can be deposited but not recyclable waste. Cars with trailers can now be booked to visit on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. An eighth tip opens Thursday 25th June at Shepshed to ensure enough capacity per area of population; it will be open 5 days a week. Hopefully Kibworth tips will be re-opened in next month or two.

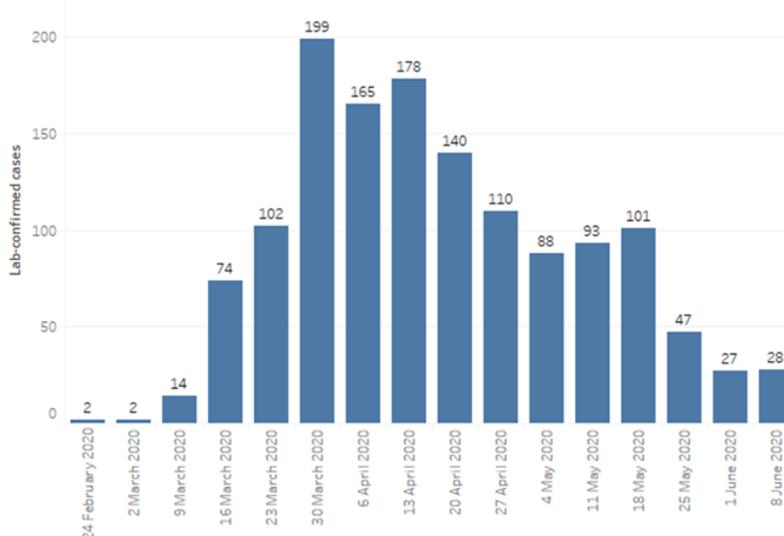
The Government released money to district councils to encourage shops to open, HDC approved measures for Mkt Harborough, Lutterworth, Fleckney & Kibworth Beauchamp; the red barriers that created a wider pedestrian pavement on High Street by closing the parking bay. LCC provided the barriers to HDC's request.

Health & Social Care

As of 13th June there had been 56 covid-19 confirmed deaths in the Harborough District. Harborough has the fourth highest rate of Covid-19 deaths in the county. The Office for National Statistics have updated the number of deaths down to middle super output areas (MSOA) which for us means Kibworth & Great Glen, and the latest information (end of May) has 9 people dying of the virus in our MSOA.

As of 14th June, Leicestershire county had recorded a total of 1,370 laboratory-confirmed cases of Covid-19.

The weekly aggregation of daily cases shows there have been three peaks of cases in the county: one at the end of March (199 weekly cases) and the second in the middle of April (178 weekly cases). Following this second peak, the weekly counts of cases continued to decline until the beginning of May. Cases then increased to a third smaller peak in the middle of May (101 weekly cases) and following this peak, the weekly counts of cases declined to less than half that of the previous week.



There has been a spike in Covid-19 cases in Leicester – 658 over 2 weeks (25% of total to date). These are mainly in the Evington and Spinney Hills area, and two pop-up testing stations have been set up to handle more testing.

Funding

The latest forecast for the situation for the county council is that there will be an overspend of £28m.

British Hedgehog Preservation Society

Leicestershire County Council has been added to the Hedgehog Role of Honour by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society for their work in not destroying their habitats, particularly in the verges and hedgerows.

County Cllr Kevin Feltham

Harborough District Council

Cllr Whelband has advised that he has now been promoted to the Cabinet at Harborough District Council who are responsible for communities, well-being and housing.

District Cllr Simon Whelband

Joint Recreation Board

1. Don Munro and Zsofia Tarnai - Landscape architects discussed with the group some ideas for the Smeeton Road recreation ground. These included sports equipment, seating areas, and sitting areas. They will come back to the group with their costs etc.

2. The group had not heard back from Andrew of community orchards regarding the cost etc of developing one or more sites around the village. Andrew was contacted and will hopefully have more information for the next meeting.

3. Unfortunately some whips which were planted near the hedge in Warwick park have died. The few whips that are alive have been moved by the Groundsman and stored so that they can be used to infill the hedge after the nesting season. Biffa has now been able to strim up to the hedge.

4. LCC highways have been informed about cracks on the main tarmac path in Warwick Park. They plan to repair it in the next few weeks.

5. The MUGA is slightly behind schedule. The final surface will need 3 weeks to 'cure' before use.

Cllr Feltham has found out that MUGAs probably come under the same directive as play grounds so it cannot be used until directed by the government.

6. Feasibility Study regarding the land on the Fleckney Road development with provisional planning permission for a community centre.

Nortoft have completed stage one of a feasibility study which puts forward a project to increase community space for both Parish Councils to consider. This would involve increasing space at the Grammar School Hall, moving the library and increasing amenities.

Cllr. Pat Copson

Joint Burial Board

No report available

Grammar School Hall

The interim chair has secured £10k from HDC and their annual financial report has been published. Consequently, I am able to report that there are no immediate cash-flow issues but the longer term position will depend upon how much business returns as lockdown continues to ease.

Cllr. Mark Newcombe

Kibworth Allotment Society

No report available