

JULY 2022

REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL BY BASSETLAW DISTRICT COUNCILLOR JAMES NAISH

The key updates this month are as follows:

BASSETLAW EVENTS THIS SUMMER

Bassetlaw Community and Voluntary Service (BCVS) has compiled a helpful list of community and not-for-profit events taking place in Bassetlaw over the summer. More events will be added in the coming days. The list can be found here:

<https://www.bcvs.org.uk/index.php/bassetlawsummer>

COTTAM AND WEST BURTON SOLAR FARMS

There have been several public meetings about the proposed solar farms linking into Cottam and West Burton's grid connections. This includes the proposed solar farm between Gringley and Clayworth. The last public meeting is taking place online on Tuesday 12th July at 1830. More information can be found at <https://www.westburtonsolar.co.uk/>.

To register and attend the online webinar, please email info@westburtonsolar.co.uk or call 0808 169 1858.

£150 COUNCIL TAX REBATE

Residents who do not pay by Direct Debit are being contacted about their £150 council tax rebate for energy bills via email or letter. This information will provide instructions about how you can claim the rebate, in addition to a unique verification code that you will need to provide for security purposes. Letters are being sent out from Monday 4th July. Please contact me if you are expecting a letter and don't hear anything within 7-10 days.

DRAINAGE BOARD UPDATE

At the Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board meeting in June, it was agreed to bring forward the refurbishment of the pumps in Sturton Pumping Station to extend their life. This will cost the Drainage Board an additional £26,000 but was judged to be a worthwhile investment to ensure good performance between now and full refurbishment of the Pumping Station (due in 2026).

FLIES

I have been in touch with the Environmental Health team at Bassetlaw about the fly problem in North Leverton which I know has flared up again over recent weeks. They will take the usual measures which have resulted in improvements over recent years.

FLYTIPPING ACTION WEEK

Flytipping costs the Council £125,000 per year and continues to be a national problem. As part of Flytipping Action Week, there will be a display of collected items outside Argos in Retford on Thursday 7th July. Officers from Environmental Health and WISE, the Council's environmental enforcement company, will be in attendance to engage and educate the public regarding issues surrounding environmental crime.

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT AT GAMSTON AIRPORT

In good news announced last week, Thatcham Research announced they will be making a multi-million-pound investment at Gamston Airport to develop a UK centre of excellence for vehicle technology testing and safety research. You can read more information about this investment here:

<https://www.thatcham.org/investment-and-development-signals-new-era-at-gamston-airport/>

STURTON WARD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following the decision of all three parish councils in Sturton Ward to reduce the size of our Designated Neighbourhood Plan Area, I have written to Bassetlaw to formally ask them to start this process. I expect the new areas will be approved at Full Council at some in the autumn.

VETERANS THANK YOU SCHEME

June saw the launch of Bassetlaw's 1939-1945 Veterans Thank You scheme as part of its activities to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The scheme acknowledges the debt of gratitude we owe as a nation to those individuals in the forces, auxiliary services and civilian-related functions who fought in World War II. Applications for a badge and a scroll of thanks can be made if an individual or a family member was a World War II veteran from Bassetlaw. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/community-and-living/bassetlaw-1939-1945-veterans-thank-you-scheme/>

WEST BURTON RESIDENTS' PLANNING GROUP

The West Burton Residents' Planning Group will meet again this Thursday (7th) to discuss its next steps following the community workshops in May. We are likely to stop meeting until the STEP project announcement which is expected towards the end of 2022.

WEST BURTON EXTENSION

It has now been confirmed that EDF Energy will extend the life of West Burton A by six months over the winter of 2022/23. West Burton A will now close in March 2023. EDF will still follow the same decommissioning and demolition pattern but this will be slightly deferred.

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

If residents need support with planning, funding, care or other issues, you can email me at james.naish@cllr.bassetlaw.gov.uk or call 07967 807 037.