



Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council

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A report from:

Borough Councillor Peter Batty – 2nd March 2015.

GROBY POST OFFICE RELOCATION.

Working closely with County councillor Ozzy O'Shea in support of local campaigner Ernie Twells and Mark Greenhill the local CWU representative, detailed representations were submitted and a petition of more than 500 signatures opposed to the relocation was raised and forwarded to the Post Office.

Thanks to such an excellent community effort the proposals have now been shelved and the Post Office will remain in the village centre where it belongs.

WALLACE DRIVE PLANNING APPLICATION - GYPSY CARAVAN SITE.

Groby faces an uphill battle in objecting to this latest application for a permanent Gypsy caravan site in the Parish. The Highway Authority response has not been at all helpful and those who remember the previous officer report to the planning committee will find it difficult to find any comfort from that report which dismissed all objections put forward by the local community.

Residents' have now formed a committee and a "Fighting Fund" launched and lawyers instructed. The "Fighting Fund" currently stands at £4,300 but the target has to be much higher as residents could still be faced in having to fight an appeal against the recent refusal of an earlier application.

RESIDENTS FACE COUNCIL TAX INCREASE.

Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Police and the Combined Fire Authority have announced an increase of 1.99% to Council Tax. The Lib Dem controlled HBBC with an election in May in mind has announced no increase despite all the cuts in funding that they are aware of. This might win them some votes in May but does nothing to address the gap in funding that could lead to recycling services being charged for at £30 per bin or lost altogether from 2016/17

BLOORS APPEAL.

We are still anxiously awaiting the planning inspector's verdict but there is a strong likelihood that the outcome may be announced this month.

Kind regards

2nd March 2015

If you wish to discuss these or other concerns in respect of Groby, then please do not hesitate to contact me: peter.batty@ntlworld.com Telephone: (H) 0116 291 2284 - (M) 0796 737 6543