

Councillors' concerns over possible new flooding risk

“We welcome the new Castle Hill car park. It will greatly ease the hospital’s parking problems. But we are concerned that run-off from very heavy rain storms might increase the flooding risk to local properties,” say Win and Katrin.



Katrin and Win at the Castle Hill site

“I have been working hard to make sure that any unusually high run-off can be held back before being allowed to enter our drainage system. We don’t want a repeat of the devastating 2007 floods. So we must do everything we can for Cottingham residents, who deserve only the best when it comes to protecting their homes,” says Win.

Bus Routes What would you use?

Cottingham is blessed with many buses, but nearly all of them run in and out of Hull. We have been having discussions with Peter Shipp of East Yorkshire Motor Services about a direct regular day time bus to Beverley. This would be in addition to the present popular 180 service through the villages. This could only happen if EYMS knew that they could make it pay. Please let us know if you would use such a service and whether any other routes are needed.

Car Parking charges - we still say “No”.

“Over 40,000 people signed the petitions against the new parking charges, but the Conservatives would not listen,” says Katrin. “I proposed an alternative way to pay for car parks to avoid damaging local shops which cannot compete with the free parking at supermarkets. But it was voted down.”

“The Conservative-led Council plans to bring in the new charges after the local elections next year. But Win and I will continue to fight them,” said Katrin, who is now working with a council-wide group of towns and villages on how to prevent charging for parking being enforced in their communities.

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Opening of rebuilt Pavilion on KGV

“Its been a long three-and-a-half years. There were moments when I thought, ‘Can we do this?’ so to achieve it is fantastic.” said Gary Cooper, the Chair of the KGV Community Trust.



Katrin, Gary and Win at the reopening of KGV

On August 12th the Friends of King George V Playing Fields on Northgate held their annual Family Fun Day. To coincide with this, the Chair of East Riding Council officially opened the Pavilion, newly designed and re-furnished following the arson attack in February 2007. Every-

body was enjoying themselves when the heavens opened and a hail storm drenched everyone as they ran for cover to the main hall of the pavilion. The Fun Day was over. “With the new floor immediately becoming wet from muddy footprints I commandeered a bucket and mop and set to work,” said Win.

Katrin McClure, a founder member of the KGV Community Trust, said, “Cottingham councillors are working together to improve facilities at KGV as the Trust takes over the running of the Pavilion from the East Riding Council.”

Activities in the Pavilion for children and adults include soft play, tots dance, karate and fencing. There will also be new changing rooms in a large portacabin for the outside sports. A new venture is the Pavilion Café counter, which provides simple refreshments and is open whenever there are volunteers to run it.

“If you would like to help with this or anything else at KGV,” says Katrin, “please come to a Friends of KGV meeting on the first Monday of every month at 7.30 p.m. in the Pavilion meeting room.”

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Itinerant travellers in Cottingham

"In the summer a large group of travellers camped on Snuff Mill Fields on the Bricknell Estate. Their caravans, dogs, horses and the rubbish they left behind prevented local people from enjoying what is meant to be an area of recreational land," says

Katrin. There are regularly similar problems on **Keldgate Road**. Katrin and Win are discussing with the police how to stop it happening in the future. "Hull City Council (who own Snuff Mill Fields) and the East Riding could use a



Katrin & Win at Dent Road

ditch to prevent caravan access," says Win.

"To stop the problem just being shifted somewhere else," says Katrin, "East Riding Council should do what other councils do - provide official sites for travellers on the move (well away from houses) and charge them rent."

Much needed TLC for our Village Station



Win helps at the Village Station

"We all need to pitch in and help these days if we want to see any improvements in the village," says Win.

"The Wild Spaces Group of local volunteers are doing a fantastic job at the village station clearing the ground and planting flowers."

We Are Changing Britain for Good

"Britain in 2015 will be a different country. Strong, fair, free and full of hope again. A country we can be proud to hand on to our children. That is the prize," said Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg at the Lib Dem Autumn Conference in Liverpool.

"Just think what we have done already. We've ended the injustice of the richest paying less tax than the poorest do on their wages. We've guaranteed older people a decent increase in their pension. By Christmas, Identity Card laws will be consigned to the history books. From New Year's Day, the banks will pay a new levy that will help fill the black hole they helped to create. In May, the country chooses its own voting system."



Nick Clegg Deputy Prime Minister

Campaign for Fairer Votes

"Up and down the country activists are campaigning to replace the antiquated First Past the Post (FPTP) system with the Alternative Vote (AV). This new way just means numbering the candidates in order of preference on the ballot paper. Counting is more complicated than the FPTP if no-one wins more than 50% with their first preferences.. Only then do the later preferences have to be taken into account. It is a fairer system which forces MPs to work harder to earn and keep your support. Until the referendum on May 5th, 2011 the Fairer Votes campaign from the Liberal Democrats will be fighting hard for a 'yes' vote.

The years ahead will not be easy as we rebuild the economy, restore civil liberties, nurture our children, protect the environment and repair our politics. **But we will change Britain for good.**"

More Houses for Dunswell Road

Swift Caravans have applied for 108 houses to be built on their former Site 1 on Dunswell Road, eleven more than the previous application approved in 2008. Only four properties are to be affordable housing. "But even more houses means more traffic, and overloading the sewerage system," say Win & Katrin.

Swift's New Roundabout

"The good news is that when the access road from Swift's Caravan site to a new roundabout on the A1079 is built, their heavy vehicles won't come through Cottingham anymore," say Win and Katrin.

The Garth area to become 20 mph zone?

"We have been asking for speed restrictions outside Bacon Garth School for some time in response to residents' concerns," say Katrin and Win.

The Council has now come up with a plan to make the whole area between the Parkway and Priory Road a 20 mph zone

as a road safety measure. This would include all the roads east of the Parkway from **Wake Avenue** southwards, the **Winteringham Walk** area, the **Garth, Oakdene, Link Road, Kingsway** and the roads off them. Six speed humps are planned. "They would be flat topped and go right across the road," says Katrin.

"The Council is conducting a public consultation before the scheme is introduced, so make your views known," says Win.



Win and Katrin at the Garth

The Green Deal Revolution

"It will be first scheme of its kind in the developed world. The most ambitious energy-saving plan ever put forward. A refit that will make every home in Britain ready for a low-carbon future," said Chris.



Chris Huhne Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change at conference

Under the new Green Deal companies will pay up-front to insulate our homes, recovering their spending from the energy savings. Extra help will be given to those in fuel poverty. Work on 26 million homes could create 250,000 new jobs.

"Local councils will be able to promote the renewal of whole neighbourhoods. We will get the country off the oil and gas hook. Electricity will be from low-carbon sources. This is the third industrial revolution. Britain will be the fastest improving country in Europe in clean, low cost, renewable energy," said Chris. *Full speech <http://www.libdems.org.uk>*

New Clinic in 2011

"This is great news," says Katrin. "I have been urging the NHS to replace the clinic since it was flooded in 2007. For the last three years people have had to travel to Anlaby, Hessle, Beverley and Hull for their treatment."

If it gets planning permission it will be built on land belonging to the NHS behind the old clinic, partly on the car park and partly on land that is now grassed. The old clinic will be demolished and new car parking for clinic users will be provided there.

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