

At the Ordinary Meeting of Breaston Parish Council held on Monday the 9th of January 2023 which commenced at 7.15pm at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

Present:

Councillors Wrigglesworth, Elliott, Mills, Beeching, Parkinson, Rowlinson, McCaig, Miller & Mounsey

Seven members of the public

Councillor Wrigglesworth in the Chair.

Councillor Wrigglesworth welcomed everyone to the meeting & thanked them for coming along, Cllrs were extremely saddened to hear of the death of Cllr John Luke who had been a member of the Parish Council for over 20 years, he was a tremendous force on the council and a wonderful colleague who will be very sadly missed by everyone at the Parish Council. A minute's silence was held in his memory.

Police Session:

The Clerk provided the crime figures for November and confirmed that Sgt Limb had sent through the figures for December also

Crime Statistics	November	
Long Eaton Rural Area		42
Risley	1	
Breaston	18	
Draycott	20	
Stanton by Dale	2	
Dale Abbey	0	
Stanton Ironworks	1	
Church Wilne		
	42	
ASB	9	
shoplifting	1	
Violent & Sexual Offences	16	
CDA	4	
Possession of a weapon	0	
Robbery	3	
Bike Theft	1	
Other theft	2	
Public Order	2	
Vehicle Crime	4	
	42	
Breaston		
Heath Gardens	VSO	2
Woodland Avenue	Bike Theft	1
The Grove	ASB	1

The Grove	VSO	1
Orchard Close	CDA	1
Beech Avenue	Other Theft	1
Holly Avenue	ASB	1
Belmont Avenue	VSO	1
Firfield Avenue	ASB	1
Sawley Road	ASB	1
The Green	CDA	1
The Green	Shoplifting	1
The Green	VSO	1
Kirkfield Drive	VSO	1
The Crescent	VSO	1
Draycott Road	PO	1
Draycott Road	VSO	1
		18
Key		
Violent & Sexual Offences	VSO	
Drugs	D	
Public Order	PO	
Vehicle Crime	VC	
Anti-Social Behaviour	ASB	
Criminal Damage & Arson	CDA	

Incidents reported to the Police between 01/12/22 – 31/12/22

Breaston – 17 incidents.

Criminal damage – 1

Shop theft - 2

Other theft - 2

Assaults - 1

Public Order - 1

Domestic incidents - 1

Concern for safety – 4

Parking issues – 2

Suspicious incidents – 1

RTC / Traffic offences – 1

Civil matters -1

Incidents of note:

16/12/22 – Damage to the Christmas lights – The Green

Public Session:

Mr Debbage enquired whether the Rock and Bike Festival had been approved yet. The Clerk reported that the licensing application was being dealt with by Erewash Borough Council and that it would be dealt with at a Licensing Panel Hearing on the 30th of January.

Mr Debbage asked if there would be any concessions for residents should the application be successful, the Clerk reported that she would make the necessary enquiries.

Reports from outside bodies:

none

92/22 Apologies for Absence –

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Fisher & Sgt Limb.

93/22 Declaration of Members Interest – to enable any Councillors to indicate any items on the agenda in which they have a personal or pecuniary interest in accordance with the Parish Council’s Code of Conduct –

All Councillors have an interest in any discussion relating to the setting of the Precept.

94/22 Dispensations – to report on and consider any requests for dispensation in accordance with S31 of the Localism Act 2011 –

All Cllrs have a dispensation in relation to the setting of the Precept.

95/22 Approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 12th of December-

It was PROPOSED and SECONDED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 12th of December.

96/22 Correspondence

CPRE Countryside Voices Magazine.

97/22 Clerk’s Report

none

98/22 Highways & Lighting Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 4th January at 8.45am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

- 1. Agenda Summons –**
- 2. Public Session – none**
- 3. Present:**

Cllr Beeching(Chair) Cllrs Miller, Elliott & Wrigglesworth

Also Present:

Cllrs Mounsey, Rowlinson & Mills

Apologies:

Cllrs Fisher, Parkinson & Luke

4. Declaration of Members Interests:

To enable any Councillors to indicate any items on the agenda in which they have a personal or pecuniary interest in accordance with the Parish Council’s Code of Conduct – **none**

5. Dispensations:

To report on and consider any requests for dispensation in accordance with s31 of the Localism Act 2011 - **none**

6. Potholes/Street Lights/Overhanging Vegetation –

a) Highways Report:

it was RESOLVED to note the information:

FS CASE 461332789(F845253) Jitty Belmont Avenue/Longmoor Lane - the Clerk has raised a new report to DCC detailing the issues with horses using the path and the problems with the overgrown hedge at the neighbouring property. No response as yet “Awaiting Status Update” on the system.

Potholes on the Highway

Surfacing problems have been reported at:

Grosvenor Avenue Pavement deterioration adjacent to no. 16 reported on 14.9.22 FS-Case-451536010 the Clerk chased DCC as the pavement has not been repaired. Marked closed on the DCC system Clerk emailed Highways Hub 1.12.22 no reply as yet.

Potholes on Holly Avenue outside 11,14,37 and 42 reported by Clerk 8.12.22 work issued for completion by DCC. Cllr Mills reported that the hole outside no. 11 has been filled however another hole has opened up adjacent to the repaired hole.
Stevens Lane/Blind Junction 8.12.22 deteriorated surface – work issued for completion by DCC FS-Case-470663501
Stevens Lane Pothole between the junction with the main road and Blind Lane report date 21.12.22 FS-Case-473140140
Hind Avenue – pothole near no.9 also deteriorated surfacing along the whole of the avenue. Reported 21.12.22 FS-Case-473139629.
Wilsthorpe Road – sunken drain cover between Poplar Road and the service station. FS-Case-475585236
Main Street – sunken drain cover between Bourne Square and the crossing. FS-Case-475586961

Road Signs

Local finger post at the Navigation junction was reported to DCC 428742194 10.6.22. Work has been issued for completion on the DCC website. Chased 29.9.22 again on the 27.10.22. Marked Closed on the system. Clerk emailed Highways Hub 1.12.22. The work is scheduled but a date for completion cannot be given.

b) Street Lighting –

A further lamp at the Jitty on Belmont Avenue was reported on the 1.8.22 as a self-set ash tree is blocking the streetlight. The highways team to write to the landowner to ask for the tree to be removed. Awaiting status update on the DCC system.

FS-Case-463024101 Wilsthorpe Road street lighting column 7393, self-set tree growing out of the bottom of the column – reported 3.11.22. Still awaiting system update 21.12.22.

c) Overhanging Vegetation

it was RESOLVED to note that the following issues have been reported and the Clerk has sent out letters or reported to DCC accordingly.

14 Willoughby Close, letter sent to residents 19.12.22 following a report on Facebook by a resident regarding the narrowing of the pavement on Wilsthorpe Rd outside the property.

28 Harrimans Drive a letter sent to residents 20.12.22 regarding the overgrown hedge on Field Close.

7. Residents Requests- Cycling on Wilsthorpe Road –

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk continues to lobby Mr Chris Henning, Head of Place for a response relating to the cycle network in Breaston, latest email sent 1.12.22. Reply email from Emma Hunt received 1.12.22 she will chase the relevant officers for a response.

8. Councillor's Reports Feedback:

a) Noise Pollution Airport –

It was RESOLVED to note that the monitoring equipment has been removed and the data is being evaluated by the team at East Midlands Airport. Clerk emailed for an update on the 19.12.22

b) Safer Streets –

It was RESOLVED to note that following the receipt of costing and status information relating to the streetlights on Longmoor Lane the Clerk will draft a letter to the Highways Authority reiterating the need for the lights to be lit all night, citing the proposals in central government by Michael Gove to make the streets safer for women and girls.

c) Bourne Square Yellow Lines – Cllr Luke-

it was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk drafted a letter to the Ombudsman for Cllrs to approve on the 20.12.22. Cllr agreed that the letter should be sent out.

d) Installation of Cable – Virgin Media Funding

it was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk will contact the team at Virgin in the new year to request funding for the Renew Café project.

9. Bulbs Wilsthorpe Road/Draycott Road-

It was RESOLVED to note that Cllrs Elliott, Mills and Beeching all planted bulbs on the Centenary Garden week commencing 12th of December a further session on the 22nd of December at the Perks Park woodland area was a great success. There are two sacks of bulbs remaining and Cllrs Mills and Rowlinson have potted them ready for planting later.

10. Christmas Lights Damage

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk contacted the plant hire firm who report that they can't help without a registration number. The Clerk subsequently reported the criminal damage on the Police system on the 16.12.22. Officers to attend to view CCTV footage in due course. The Clerk made further enquiries with residents who had posted on Facebook regarding the incident and was able to provide the registration number to the Police.

Leisure Lights have provided a cost for the repairs to the lights and a quote for replacement of the destroyed festoon £800.00 plus vat. Clerk to contact the plant hire company and confirm the registration number and cost of repairs and that the details have been passed to the Police.

11. Rights of Way Minor Maintenance

It was RESOLVED to note that Cllr Wrigglesworth had signed off the form for the 2022-23 work.

12. Smart Motorway POPE Report

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk contacted the Evaluation Team to seek information on the promised POPE report on the 21.12.22

13. Councillor's Reports

Cllr Parkinson reported that residents wishing to report issues on Derbyshire Highways could no longer use the Fix My Street app to make reports. Derbyshire County Council report that they no longer review the app. Clerk to publicise the information on the website and Facebook page.

The meeting closed at 9.10am

99/22 General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday the 4th of January at 9.10am at the Parish Council

Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

1. Agenda Summons

2. Public Session: none

3. Present:

Cllr Mounsey (Chair), Mills, Rowlinson, Elliott, & Wrigglesworth

Also Present:

Cllrs Beeching & Miller

Apologies:

Cllrs McCaig & Luke

4. Declaration of Members Interests –

to enable any Councillors to indicate any items on the agenda in which they have a personal or pecuniary interest in accordance with the Parish Council's Code of Conduct. – **none**

5. Dispensations –

To report on and consider any requests for dispensation in accordance with s31 of the Localism Act 2011 – **none**

6. St Michael's Quinquennial Report –

It was RESOLVED to note the information:

a) Churchyard Wall

The quotation was circulated on the 22.07.2022 grand total £5,634.00 Budget to be set aside for the 2023-4 financial year to cover the cost.

b) General garden husbandry to planted areas –

On hold until the new financial year.(£2200.00)

7. Additional Defibrillator

It was RESOLVED to note that a letter was sent to Overdale Medical Practice confirming the agreement and the equipment was ordered 13.12.22. The funding application was successful, and the money has gone into the account.

8. Newsletter –

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk has been editing articles received and will circulate asap so that they can be approved and sent to the printers.

9. New Councillors – Impending Elections/Parish Council Publicity

It was RESOLVED to note that the draft poster and the proposed amendments were sent to Castle print and design on the 15.12.22. Clerk chased on the 21.12.22.

10. Fire Safety-

It was RESOLVED to note that the quote to install 4 wired alarms (£339.36) are for 2 in the main meeting room one in the office and one in the porch, Clerk to organise for the work to be undertaken as soon as possible. The Clerk contacted the Building Control team at EBC to enquire about the need for a fire escape in the PCMR and will report back their recommendations. The Clerk has printed off an online HSE fire risk assessment template and will organise the fire risk work herself in the new year

11. Valuation of Parish Buildings

It was RESOLVED to note that following the recent discussion about the valuation of the buildings the Clerk contacted a number of local surveyors and continues to investigate other possibilities.

12. Dementia Information Session

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk continues to gather information for a coffee morning style session in the new year. Cllr Mills had provided links to various sites where further advice could be sought and Tracy Cartledge Dementia Friends also provided information and contacts for people to come along. The Clerk hopes to get a date set in the new year and will talk to the Renew Café team about running the session in the church.

13. Gala Website

It was RESOLVED to note the Gala information would be incorporated into the Parish Council website. Clerk to organise in due course.

14. Councillor's Reports

None

The meeting closed at 9.45am

100/22 Parks & Cemeteries Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 4th January at 9.45am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

1. Agenda Summons

2. Public Session – none

3. Present:

Cllr Rowlinson (Chair) Cllrs Miller, Mounsey, Beeching & Wrigglesworth

Also Present:

Cllrs Mills, & Elliott

Apologies:

Cllrs McCaig

4. Declaration of Members Interests:

To enable any Councillors to indicate any items on the agenda in which they have a personal or pecuniary interest in accordance with the Parish Council's Code of Conduct – none

5. Dispensations:

To report on and consider any requests for dispensation in accordance with s31 of the Localism Act 2011 - none

6. Risk Management –

a) Cemetery Map –

it was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk continues to chase for the completion of the draft map. Item to be removed from agenda.

7. Perks Sub-Committee – Feedback.

It was RESOLVED to set a date for the next meeting once the response from the Awards for All team was received.

8. Cemetery –

a) Wildflower Lawn – burial plot

It was RESOLVED to note the site to be monitored through the winter for any growth.

9. Chapel –

It was RESOLVED to note the Clerk amended the spec and circulated to Paul Gaughan, Ian Nelson & Tony Bradley. Tony unable to take on the job as awaiting a date for an operation in the new year, Ian just taken on a number of large contracts so unable to commit. No response from Paul Gaughan as yet. A deadline date had been set for the 13.01.23 Clerk contacted R Cockle to seek recommendations for further architects 21.12.22 and a form was completed on the RIBA website which had secured two further expressions of interest from Julian Owen and Blair Gratton Architects, Clerk organising a site meeting in due course.

10. Johnson's Meadow

a) Lease

It was RESOLVED to note that a copy of the lease is still awaited, Clerk chased R Cliff again on the 14.12.22. Work has been undertaken to the hedge on Draycott Road, the culvert on the canal path, and the "den" has been dismantled from the woodland area to the rear of Johnson's Meadow. Photos of the blockage on the watercourse adjacent to the school gates was sent to the land agent on the 21.12.22.

11. Memorial Bench for those lost to Covid 19 – Cllr Elliott-

It was RESOLVED to note that Cllr Rowlinson continues to investigate the variety of shrubs and possibilities for the proposed arbour. Cllr Rowlinson to discuss with the In Bloom team at the next meeting.

12. Saplings - Field of Dreams

It was RESOLVED to note that Mr Yellop suggested that the Preschool might be willing to get involved with the planting and the Clerk contacted the Preschool on the 14.12.22 & the 21.12.22 and left a phone message on the 5th of January.

13. Queen Elizabeth Commemoration – Cllr Beeching

It was RESOLVED to note that Cllrs agreed that a slate sign would be ordered to replace the metal plate on the wall at the garden and that option 1 would be organised for the plaque to be sited by the rose bush. Proposed wording: "This rose was planted by Breaston Parish Council to commemorate the reign of Queen Elizabeth II 1952-2022"

14. MUGA Lighting

It was RESOLVED to note that the quotes for the MUGA lighting are as follows:

Eagle replace 1 light	- £690.00
Eagle replace 4 lights	- £2,160.00
E.on Comparative 4 lights	- £1,980.00
E.on Higher quality 4	- £2,240.00
Abacus Comparative 4	- £6,403.67

The enquiry relating to the quality and power of the E.on lights = the comparative quote is for the same level of lumens and the higher quality quote gives more lumens. It was not thought necessary to have higher lumens.

Funding to comprise of the balance of the Climate change energy efficiency budget £1623.92 remaining £356.08 to be pulled from income in the new year. Cllrs RESOLVED to go ahead with the E.on quote for £1,980.00.

Clerk & Cllr Rowlinson to meet with R Wilkinson at Perks Park on the 5.1.23 to discuss the finer details of both this and the new lighting project.

15. Grounds Maintenance Contract 2023-4

It was RESOLVED to note the proposed alterations to include the flood alleviation work and soil pile removal x 2 on the contract. Whilst everyone was extremely happy with the work carried out in the past year it was agreed that tenders would be invited shortly.

16. Burial Fees 2023-24

It was RESOLVED to note the increases in costs for the burial site and the likelihood of further increases in the current economic climate. It was agreed that the resident fees would be increased in line with inflation. The out of area fees would be increased on a phased basis over two years to align with the Erewash Borough Fees. Future fees would be increased by 5% or in line with inflation whichever was the higher. See attached fees sheet 2023-4. See attached fee sheets.

17. Football Fees 2023-24

It was RESOLVED to note likelihood of increases in costs for grounds and pavilion maintenance and that there had been no increase for some time. Current charges: Breaston Park FC £800.00 incl per annum Athletica £400.00 incl per annum. Charges for 2023-4 were agreed as follows: Breaston Park FC £880.00 and Athletica £440.00 Clubs to be informed that fees would be reviewed annually.

18. Councillor's Reports

a) Shade Garden - Cllr Rowlinson

Cllr Rowlinson reported on all of the effort and hard work undertaken in recent weeks by the In Bloom team on the shade garden on Duffield Close £499 of shrubs have been planted and rocks and stones have been installed, Cllr Rowlinson to provide photos to the Clerk. Cllr Mounsey congratulated the team and said that they had changed what had been a rather sad area and the area will look really great.

The meeting closed at 10.50am

101/22 Environment Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Monday 9th January 2023 at 9.00am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

1. Agenda Summons

2. Public Session –

Mrs Johnson enquired about the process of a licensing application for the Rock & Bike Festival July 6th Longmoor Lane Showground, and what involvement the Parish Council had. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had no involvement with the decision, Cllr Parkinson explained how the process worked at Erewash Borough Council. The Clerk reported that concerns had been raised relating to the cemetery and the Clerk would block the dates to ensure that no funerals were organised on the Parish Council cemeteries when the event was on. Information had been provided so that residents could view the proposals and make any comments should they wish to do so. There seemed to be more public support for the event than opposition. Cllr Parkinson confirmed that any appeal against a licensing decision was resolved by the Magistrates.

3. Present:

Cllr Elliott (Chair) Cllrs Mills, Parkinson, Wrigglesworth & Miller (Arrived 9.30am) Mrs S Johnson (member of the public)

Apologies:

Cllrs Fisher, Miller (late arrival) & Cllr Luke. It is with deep sadness that we learnt that Cllr Luke, a valued member of the committee had passed away on the 8th of January.

4. Declaration of Members Interests:

To enable any Councillors to indicate any items on the agenda in which they have a personal or pecuniary interest in accordance with the Parish Council's Code of Conduct – **none**

5. Dispensations:

To report on and consider any requests for dispensation in accordance with s31 of the Localism Act 2011- **none**

6. Village Improvement Programme –

It was RESOLVED to note the information:

Chevrons & Bollards Sawley Road 392987441 – the area has been scheduled for maintenance by DCC, and the work should be undertaken by the end of January 2023.

Untidy Verge Sawley Road – The Clerk awaits confirmation from DCC Highways on ownership of the land. It is hoped to plant some daffodil bulbs at this site in due course.

Rear School Gates – The head reports that the caretaker is working through a list of jobs and the gates will be painted in due course.

Petrol Forecourt - Cllr Elliott reported various areas of the garage were neglected a letter was sent to the garage and forwarded to head office the one-way sign had been removed but the rest of the issues remained Clerk sent chasing letter 08.11.22 and on the 28th of November 2022 no response as yet. The Clerk emailed the head office and London office and found that all emails bounce back, so a hard copy letter was sent to the Head office on the 14.12.2022

Old chip shop building - Mr Pepios reports that work is due to start shortly.

Service cabinet Risley Lane Damage and Graffiti - the clerk reported to Virgin Media on 20/10/22 and chased again on the 28.11.22 no response as yet. Emailed Virous Mehta to try and get some response. Cllr Elliott reported that barriers had been placed around the cabinet.

7. Flood Issues–

a) Longmoor Lane Flooding/Risley Footpath

it was RESOLVED to note that the Erewash Borough Council team are still scheduled to clear the ditch by the fallen willow tree. Alex Back (DCC) reports that he has written to landowners of the land to the north of the highway and received no responses, he will write out again (8.11.22) to ask them to clear the ditches on their land. The Caretaker continues to monitor the site particularly in bad weather to ensure that there are no blockages. Cllr Mills reported that the bottom end of the Erewash Cemetery appeared to have a blockage more than just the willow tree as the water was not flowing through as normal. Clerk to make investigations with the team.

b) Coffin Walk – Severn Trent Water Leak –

it was RESOLVED to note that work commenced on the week of the 10th of December, residents report there appears to be some improvement already, to be monitored for any changes. Mr Marshall had walked the path last week and reported further improvement despite the recent bad weather. Plant equipment still remains in the compound.

c) Flood Warning Session/Wardens – Environment Agency

it was RESOLVED to note that following the public meeting the Clerk had received an email from one of the residents who had signed up to the Flood Warden scheme raising concerns about the level of responsibility and insurance and safety issues. Subsequently the Environment Agency had asked if the Parish Council could provide insurance cover for the volunteers. The Clerk had made enquiries with the insurers who specified that the volunteers would be required to be working exclusively for, or on behalf of the Parish Council, with the Council accepting responsibility for their actions, they will be automatically covered as employees under the Employers' Liability - £10m, Personal Accident, & Public Liability sections. The Clerk & Cllrs raised concerns regarding the requirements of the Insurer being difficult to meet. It was agreed that more information on the scheme was needed and that the Clerk should ask the

Environment Agency to give examples of successful flood warden projects that have been started and to ask for someone to come and speak to the Council about the way it all works.

d) Landownership Festival Avenue/Westernmere Close-

It was RESOLVED to note that residents who attended the flood meeting raised concerns regarding the watercourse that runs between the rear gardens of Festival Avenue and Westernmere Close. The Clerk had contacted DCC to establish land ownership and they confirm that the land does not belong to DCC nor is it part of the highway. The Clerk had made a land registry enquiry and it would appear that the responsibility for the ditch is split between properties on Festival Avenue, Spring Close and Westernmere Close, the Clerk had advised the property owners of the information and suggested that they should check their deeds for clarification. The Clerk reported that the resident had been in contact and was going to speak to all of those affected in regard to carrying out any maintenance work.

8. Applications –

The listed applications were considered by the committee and recommendations are as follows: ERE/1222/0011 – Church Wilne Treatment Works, Draycott Road, Sawley – Essential buildings required to accommodate and manage key water treatment assets on operational land at the Church Wilne Reservoir Complex - Whilst we accept that this project brings significant public and environmental benefits and that our comments are unlikely to make any difference to the outcome of the application decision, we are concerned about the loss of important open, grazing, village green belt land, separating Sawley Road and the M1 motorway to the south of the village. This further development of the site with numerous tanks, pipes, kiosks and buildings is detrimental to the landscape, changing from open fields of grazing horses into an industrial sprawl. Reference the National Planning Policy Framework, Paragraph 147 - 'Inappropriate development harmful to our Green Belt'

ERE/1221/0017 – Sports Ground Pavilion, Risley Lane, Breaston – Demolition of existing cricket pavilion and football changing rooms and erection of replacement pavilion building – The Parish Council has no objections in principle however we are concerned to see no disability access features mentioned on the plan, if this building is going to be open to members of the public it should surely be part of the proposal.

ERE/0123/0002 – 14 Willoughby Close – T1 Sycamore – Pollard by 60-80% and remove rotting trunk work to a level of safety – No consultation.

9. Decisions –

No decisions relating to Breaston have been made by Erewash Borough Council since the last meeting.

10. Climate Change – Marches Energy Agency – Energy Efficiency Advice -

a) PCMR - Solar Panels –

It was RESOLVED to note that the planning application was submitted on the 16.11.22 and further plans were sent, and it was validated on the 5.12.22. A decision is awaited. Enquiries with the building control team led to the Electrician putting together an application and sorting the required paperwork.

b) Energy Efficient MUGA Floodlights –

The replacement of the MUGA floodlights with new LED energy efficient lamps was approved for the remaining funding and the clerk & Cllr Mills to organise funding balance from the budget in the new financial year. The Clerk reported that she had met with Cllr Rowlinson and officers from E.on on the 5th of January and they were concerned about bringing the cherry picker onto site before the better weather. Clerk to suggest a date in early April 2023.

11. Appeals/Enforcement Issues:

a) Unauthorised Air Conditioning Units 38 Risley Lane – ENF/114357-

It was RESOLVED to note that there is no update yet. The Officer has left the council and his role will be advertised in the new year. Clerk to continue to liaise with the team.

12. Councillor's Reports Feedback -

a) Provision of an electric car charging point in the village – Cllr Mills -

It was RESOLVED to note that the clerk had written to the owners of the Charity Shop, Bull's Head and Litho Factory to share information from the "Charge my street" website and the Energy saving trust grants website and ask if they would be interested in investigating the scheme. A positive response had been received from Mr Ledger (Litho) and the landlady at the Bull's Head was going to speak to brewery head office. No response from the charity shop as yet. Clerk to enquire if Mr Ledger had made any progress.

b) Garage Forecourt Drainage – Cllr Elliott –

It was RESOLVED to note that DCC have jetted the highway gulley adjacent to the service station and found it blocked, they will arrange for the drain to be viewed by camera and arrange for any work required. Due to the recent heavy rainfall such camera survey requests are in high demand, so they are unable to provide a guaranteed date when this will be completed. Cllr Elliott reported that during the bad weather at the weekend the forecourt was flooded again but the drain was clear, so the problem was unlikely to be related.

13. NALC Climate Change Report

a) Footpath map –

It was RESOLVED to note that Cllr Elliott had checked the latest draft for accuracy and passed the amendments back to Mr Wright for the changes to be made. Mr Wright had enquired where the map would be used, it was proposed to use the document on the website at present.

14. Showground Event – July 2023 – Cllr Mills –

It was RESOLVED to note the proposed three-day Rock & Bike Festival on the Showground on Longmoor Lane, commencing on Thursday the 6th of July. The Clerk raised concerns with the licensing team regarding the cemetery and funerals over the proposed festival period and was contacted by the applicant who sent information relating to the proposal which was circulated to residents on Facebook and the website. The application had been referred to a Licensing Panel Hearing for determination on the 30th of January.

15. Councillor's Reports

Cllrs thanked Cllr Elliott for his hard work preparing the reports for the meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.45am

102/22 Finance Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 4th of January at 10.30am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

1. Summons

2. Public Session: none

3. Present:

Cllr Mills (Chair) Wrigglesworth, Rowlinson, Elliott, Mounsey, & Miller

Also Present:

Cllr Beeching

Apologies:

Cllrs Luke, Fisher & Parkinson

4. Declaration of Members Interests:

To enable any Councillors to indicate any items on the agenda in which they have a personal or pecuniary interest in accordance with the Parish Council's Code of Conduct – **All Councillors have an interest in any discussion relating to the setting of the Precept.**

5. Dispensations:

To report on and consider any requests for dispensation in accordance with s31 of the Localism Act 2011 – **All Cllrs have a dispensation in relation to the setting of the Precept.**

6. Working Group for Grant Funding –

It was RESOLVED to note the information relating to funding possibilities.

Exercise Path - Derbyshire County Council Funding received 27.10.22 £20,000 An Application for £25,000 has been submitted to the Awards for All Team 2.11.22, a decision should be received by the end of January. Cllr Beeching to contact the communities' officer at Asda regarding the new funding round, Cllr Miller to investigate contacts.

Wildflower Meadow – The total received in donations and grant funding to date is £2191.96 Donations are still invited and signs are displayed around the cemetery site. Cllr Rowlinson confirmed that the DCC funding claimed by the Forum had been received and the Clerk reported that further donations were still coming in from residents.

Solar Panels - East Midlands Airport funding received £10,000

CCTV Perks - The Clerk has contacted the OPCC to enquire if a further round of grants for ASB will be opened. 2.11.22 a response is expected imminently. Chased again on the 20.12.22.

Westend Defib – The funding application by Cllr Parkinson from his DCC Community Leadership Fund was successful and the funds have been received.

7. Forecast Budget 2022/3 & Setting the Budget 2023/4 –

It was RESOLVED to note the information.

a) 2022/23 Forecast Final Position –

Following a review of the budgets it is clear that the final position is likely to be extremely tight, this is generally due to rising costs and the number of projects that we are undertaking. Much of the “spare income” is set aside for important future projects.

b) Setting the Budget 2023/24 –

it was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk & Cllr Mills met on the 1st of December to examine the current financial position and the requirements for budget for the new financial year they presented their findings to the committee. Information from Erewash Borough Council crucial to this process had been circulated just before the Christmas break and Cllrs reviewed the situation thoroughly. Report attached. A final decision to be made at Full Council on the 9th of January

8. Councillor’s Reports

a) Banking cheques by Mobile Phone – Cllr Mills

The Clerk reported on another possible loss of cheques by the Post Office and on the service offered where cheques could be paid in via mobile phone. It was agreed that the situation would be monitored and that the cheques could be paid in once a month at the Long Eaton branch of Nat West to avoid the problems with paying in at the post office.

The meeting closed at 11.30am

Following the meeting on the 4th of January Cllr Mills and the Clerk worked on the report further and provided Cllrs with more information to enable an informed decision to be made.

Breaston Parish Council

Precept 2023/4

Further to the previous report circulated in December we have now been given an update from the Deputy Leader of Erewash Borough Council regarding the level of concurrent functions grant for 2023-4.

Unfortunately, the grant has been decreased by 10% which means a reduction of £4,597.60 to £41,378.40. Obviously, this fall in funding impacts on the recommendations made in December see figures below:

2022/23			2023-4		
Actual	£	Option 1	Assumption	No additional Funds raised	£
Concurrent	45,976.00		minus 10%	Concurrent	41,378.40

Precept	51,840.00			Precept	66,219.20
Total	97,816.00		plus 10%	Total	107,597.60
				% increase	27.70
		Option 2	Assumption	Add churchyard and valuations	
			minus 10%	Concurrent	41,378.40
				Precept	66,219.20
			churchyard building valuation		2,200.00
					1,300.00
				Precept	69,719.20
				Total	111,097.60
				% increase	34.50
		Option 3	Assumption	Add £10k Perks to above	
			minus 10%	Concurrent	41,378.40
			£10k for Perks Park		10,000.00
				Precept	79,719.20
				Total	121,097.60
				% increase	53.80
		Option 4	Assumption	add £20k Perks	
			minus 10%	Concurrent	41,378.40
			£20k for Perks		20,000.00
				Precept	89,719.20
					131,097.60
				% increase	73.10
Proposals following discussions on 4.1.23					
		Option 5	Assumption	Plus £5k	
			minus 10%	Concurrent	41,378.40
			Contingency		5,000.00

				Precept	74,719.20
				Total	116,097.60
				% increase	44.10
		Option 6	Assumption	max 40%	
			minus 10%	Concurrent	41,378.40
			Contingency	so that increase doesn't exceed 40%	2,856.80
				Precept	72,576.00
				Total	113,954.40
				% increase	40.00

Other requirements for the 2023-4 budget that should be considered are:

CCTV Perks Park – it is recommended that this be carried out as soon as possible, we have been gifted a considerable amount of the funding required and the vandalism continues unchecked. (£1,600)

Insurance Buildings Valuation – it seems clear that this is an important process to organise as soon as possible. (approx £1,300)

MUGA LED £400 shortfall

Fire Risk Works PCMR cost to be confirmed.

St Michael's Churchyard Wall – (£6,200) set aside funding over the next 5 years towards the cost.

Electrical Testing – (£800) Quotes have been procured for the electrical testing of all three parish buildings.

Possible savings

It seems impossible to make any savings with inflation at such a high level, the two main areas of spend are the Grounds Maintenance Contract and the staffing bill.

Following consideration, the grounds maintenance contract will be put out to tender in the coming weeks, but it is not thought likely that savings could be achieved on this contract.

The wages for both the clerk and caretaker were carefully considered and it was not deemed appropriate to make reductions on this budget heading.

Cllr Mills and the Clerk to further review the budget headings at the end of January to ensure that every saving possible can be made.

What does this all mean to residents?

Currently a Council Tax invoice for a Breaston band D household totals £1,989.15 and is split into the following areas:

Derbyshire County Council	1,424.56
Erewash Borough Council	201.59
Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner	251.60
Derbyshire Fire & Rescue	80.84
Breaston Parish Council	30.56

So, every service provided by the Parish Council in 2022/3 cost the average household £30.56 for the year. That's £2.55 per month or £0.59 per week.

The proposed increase options to a band D property would mean that this cost would increase to:

Option	%	Increase	Total per annum	Per Month	Per Week
1	27.70	8.48	39.04	3.25	0.75
2	34.50	10.55	41.11	3.43	0.79
3	53.80	16.44	47.00	3.92	0.90
4	73.10	22.34	52.90	4.41	1.02
5	44.10	13.50	44.06	3.67	0.85
6	40.00	12.23	42.79	3.57	0.82

The current economic climate is problematic and with inflation at such a high level we can expect to see increases in the cost of all services in the coming year, with contractors having to make increases more frequently it is impossible to know how this will impact the Parish Council, but with careful review of the budgets and detailed monitoring undertaken each month we can try to ensure that the Parish Council continues to provide excellent value for money.

Cllrs RESOLVED to increase the Precept to £74,719.20 (option 5) for 2023-4

103/22 Payments & Receipts January 2023

Payee	Description	Amount
Various	Staff Costs January	4,848.71
David Sims	Sound System Carol Concert	50.00
Methodist Church	Hire of Church Hall Env Agency Flood Meeting	36.00
S Fisher	Maintenance jobs at Perks/Duffield Close	346.75
Long Eaton Silver Prize Band	Carol Concert	150.00
Nat West	Bank Charges December	23.59
British Gas Lite	Electricity PCMR 24.11.22- 24.12.22	252.29
British Gas Lite	Electricity Pavilion 22.11.22-22.12.22	32.53
British Gas Lite	Electricity Chapel 24.11.22-24.12.22	11.22
Fox Grounds Maintenance	Strim back footpaths	462.00
Filer Williamson	Johnson's Meadow Lease	250.00
Leisure Lites	Installation of lights and timer	1,620.00
Sterilizing Services	Legionella Testing December	44.38
Gallagher	Insurance 2023-4	2,821.73
Fox Grounds Maintenance	Grounds Maintenance December	1,260.00
Yu Energy	MUGA Electricity 1.12.22-31.12.22	44.35
Yu Energy	MUGA Electricity 1.12.22-31.12.22	15.78
Land registry	Land search Western Mere Close	6.00
L Bulmer	Reimbursement Compost	7.00
Total		12,282.33
Payer	Description	Amount
Kingswood & Butt	Donation to the Wildflower Meadow	10.00
D Simpson	Inv 950 Athletica FC	400.00
Derbyshire County Council	Community Leadership Grant – Defib	1,440.00
Nationwide	Interest December	66.43
Various	Carol Concert Refreshments	67.55
A W Lymn	Interment Marshall NC19	190.00
A W Lymn	Interment Chadbourne DG10	100.00
E.on	Reimbursement of credit on account	3.03
Total		2,277.01

It was proposed and seconded that the above accounts for January be accepted.

104/22 Public Questions

Mr Debbage enquired when the next Neighbourhood Watch Meeting was scheduled. Cllr Miller reported that the AGM was upcoming and that a branch meeting would be organised following that so that he could feedback from the meeting. Mr Debbage was concerned about speeding through the village and the Police and Crime Commissioner had listed this as one of her priorities.

105/22 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for Monday February the 13th at 7.15pm

The Meeting Closed at 20.30pm

.....Chairman
13.02.23