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PARISH COUNCIL

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Newsletter 2019

Welcome to the Breaston Parish Council 2019 Newsletter

The Parish Council is pleased to publish the fifth copy of the Breaston Parish Newsletter.

There have been some changes at the Parish Council following the Borough and Parish Council Elections in May – the council was elected unopposed however 3 Councillors stood down and were replaced by Cllrs Gaynor Watts, Cllr Graham Fisher and Cllr Tim Byard – you will see small items introducing them later in the newsletter.

Thanks go to the retiring councillors, Mike Clarke & Peter Pepios and a particular thank you to Susan Toon who served on the Parish Council for 16 years from 2003 to 2019. We were sorry to hear of the recent passing of two former councillors Mike Clulow and Geoff Sharlot who both served the community for many years and were former Chairmen of the Parish Council. As always, the Parish Council continues to work hard to keep Breaston looking lovely and you will hopefully have noticed the improvements made to the open spaces.

Yet again the In-Bloom team have been working very hard over the past months and I know everyone will agree that the Village is much improved by their work. We wish them well in the competition. They certainly deserve Gold for their Herculean efforts.

I hope that you find this newsletter interesting and informative and my thanks go to all the Councillors and the Parish Clerk for their input.

Cllr George Mounsey
Chairman of the Parish Council

Thank you

Cllr Mounsey thanks Cllr Parkinson for his grant contribution towards the cost of the new defibrillator cabinet

Gala

Once again despite a mixed day of weather the Gala was a great success. Many thanks go to **all** those who help organise the day their hard work is very much appreciated.

The Dog show is always a favourite and huge appreciation goes to Nancy & Catherine for all of their efforts to make this event the great success that it always is!

This year was the first year without the full-time input of Jonathan and Jean Lupton. Well done to new members Sarah and Ben who bravely stepped in to try and fill those giant shoes! We are grateful to Jean and Jonathan for all their help making the switch over almost seamless!

Finally a big thank you to Peter Hampshire who took on the role of site manager, not an easy task to shepherd dozens of stalls and rides into position without any tears!

Finance and Budgets

Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31.03.19

Balance Brought Forward	**53,544.38**
Income	
Precept	31,840.00
Concurrent Functions	48,396.00
Parks and Cemeteries Income	13,603.16
Gala	3,570.16
Interest	233.45
Awards for All Grant	10,000.00
Other Income	14,279.26
	121,922.03
Expenditure	
Parks, Open Spaces & Cemetery	30,581.59
Loan repayments	648.05
General Running Costs incl salaries & Parish Rooms	53,431.99
Duffield Paths	5,958.34
Duffield Litter Bins	2,085.70
Disabled Access	1,285.25
Christmas Lights/Flood Lights	1,020.25
Memorial Safety	3,143.98
VAT	8,129.70
	(106,284.85)
Balance carried forward	**69,181.56**

Balance carried forward made up of:

Risk Management	21,600.00
Office Equipment Reserve	802.00
Election contingency	4,050.00
General Reserve	10,000.00
Awards for All Grant	10,000.00
Earmarked reserves (Including Village Improvement Fund, Memorial Safety, Tree Work, Work on Perks, Bus Shelter)	22,729.56
	69,181.56

The parish budget is covered by income from three strands of funding;

Other income which comes from rents, grant applications and burial income.

The Concurrent Functions budget which is paid by Erewash Borough Council for the work that the Parish carries out that is undertaken by the borough in non parished areas. As reported previously the concurrent functions budget continues to decrease year on year leaving the Parish with difficult decisions on whether to reduce budgets and services or increase the precept.

The Precept which is the money claimed by the Parish from the Council Taxpayer. The Parish Council continues to carefully monitor the Parish Finances and this year following careful consideration **we were pleased to leave the precept claim at the same level as last year whilst retaining services.**

M1 Noise

Maggie Throup MP met with residents in Fearn Close to discuss the SMART motorway work and the effect it has been having on residents in the area. The removal of a large number of trees has been a particular problem and a scheme for residents to plant more trees on their own properties to create a sound barrier was discussed. Mrs Throup is keen to hear from any residents who would be interested in taking up the offer to plant and can be contacted at her office in the usual way:

POST: Maggie Throup MP, Unit 2 The Old Co-Op, South Street, Ilkeston, Derbyshire DE7 5SG
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Highways & Lighting Committee

There's much more to the Highways & Lighting Committee's remit than the title suggests.

As well as making observations or representations regarding traffic, transportation, street lighting and highways issues, we also liaise with all relevant agencies relating to footpaths, street cleaning, bus shelters, parking, verges, trees, hedges, drainage, vandalism and graffiti.

To this end we regularly patrol the village to identify areas of concern. If we can't handle any issues internally, we have a good working relationship with Erewash BC, Derbyshire CC, BIB and other local organisations who support us.

The verges on Longmoor Lane and Draycott Road are much improved following the planting of daffodils and co-operation of local residents.
Drainage during the latest deluge was seen to be significantly better, particularly in areas of Risley & Longmoor Lanes, thanks to DCC and Severn Trent.

Most village pavements and rural footpaths seem to be in reasonable condition; any issues reported to us by residents are passed on to the responsible department in DCC and regularly chased for a prompt resolution, e.g. Hills Road Estate and Carlin Close.

Problems with street lighting e.g. Bulbs, Lanterns, Columns etc., can be reported direct to DCC on their web site however if you contact our Clerk, she can do this for you.

Potholes and road repairs are an ongoing problem which both BPC and DCC have an emphasis on 'prevention rather than cure'. We log and photograph them, when the defect is over 40mm deep on a road or 20mm deep on a footpath; it is reported to DCC for the appropriate action. How quickly it is fixed is dependent on its location, depth, size and speed limit of the road. They have however set aside a considerable sum for this purpose (see DCC website for more detail) and we have had significant success in the last few months. Unfortunately road re-surfacing has been less fruitful as all areas currently identified have been deemed serviceable by DCC.

Inconsiderate parking remains a major concern, particularly around Bridgefield where there have been three RTA's in the last year, opposite Fintons where it disrupts the flow of traffic and around Firfield School during the school run, blocking of resident's drives, illegal parking and the pollution caused by idling. There has been much discussion with the Police, DCC, businesses and the School on what action to take, this dialogue still continues. The Parish Council continues to seek ways to improve the situation and takes every possible opportunity to encourage parents to leave their cars at home and choose the healthier walking option!

Two years ago the Council felt that the parking situation in the village was of such a concern it commissioned a Car Parking Sub Committee to investigate and propose any solutions.

This proved to be a difficult task, as despite many initiatives investigated, there were only a few minor successes. The main problem is that any suitable sites are either in the Conservation Area or Green Belt; hence we would not obtain planning permission. The Council will continue to look at opportunities should they present themselves.

On the subject of walking, the Breaston area has an excellent network of footpaths for you, your children and pets to enjoy (see map on the BPC website).

Speeding vehicles are still an issue particularly on Wilsthorpe Road and Longmoor Lane. New Community Speed Watch Sessions are being planned; please contact the Clerk at the Parish Rooms if you are interested.

We continue to liaise with Highways England and Maggie Throup regarding the M1 Noise situation. Once the SMART motorway project is finally completed, we are expecting a Post Project Assessment confirming their claims of a noise reduction.

Finally, after 4 years of dialogue and negotiation with Derbyshire County Council and the adjoining businesses, we finally have a bus shelter at the Derby bound Bus Stop opposite Hills Road, jointly funded by BPC and DCC.

It's not quite to the specification we were hoping for, as unfortunately compromises had to be made due to the narrowness of the pavement in that area, it will however do what it says, provide shelter.

BREASTON IN BLOOM
BPC work really hard to maintain and improve the village environment and community spirit but can only do as much as the resources and budget allow.

That's why we are so grateful to BIB and our residents for all of their hard work and creativity in taking the village to another level. Each year they have raised this level and this year they have excelled.

In all the years I've lived here I have never seen the whole village look so wonderful.

Our thanks go to everyone involved and we trust their efforts get their just rewards with a gold award. Even if they don't, they have helped make everyone proud to live in Breaston.

If you have any concerns regarding any of the above subjects then please contact our Clerk on 01332870119, breastonparish@outlook.com or you can contact EBC or DCC directly through their web sites.

Cllr Graham Elliott
Chairman Highways & Lighting Committee

Play Equipment Improvement

You may have noticed that the old see saw and roundabout have been removed from the play area on Perks Recreation Ground. Unfortunately they needed repair and we were unable to source parts as they were so old. It was resolved to apply for funding for some new equipment and the Clerk was successful in her bid for an Awards for All Grant for £10,000.00. The two old items of equipment have been replaced with three new pieces and the youngsters seem to be impressed with the change!

Disabled Access Key Scheme Perks Park

The Parish Council was approached by residents who were unable to get onto Parish open spaces in their disability scooters. Following investigations work has been carried out to the entrances to Duffield Close to allow scooters to easily pass through and special key operated gates have been installed at the entrances to Perks Recreation Ground. Disabled residents who are interested in obtaining a key should contact the parish clerk.

Welcome New councillors

Profile – Tim Byard

Hello, I'm Tim Byard, one of the newest additions to Breaston Parish Council. I grew up not far away in Ockbrook, went to Friesland then achieved a BSC Hons at Leeds University. Since then I have worked in the building trade and have been self-employed for the last 25 years.

My wife, Kristel, and I recently moved from one house on Stevens Lane to another in order to make room for our children - Kai (10) and Maisie (3), two dogs, Spike the tortoise and Fudge the hamster.

After a career in advertising in London, Kristel moved to Derby and has been a primary teacher for nearly twenty years and qualified as a Special Educational Needs Coordinator in 2014. She also worked with her friends to start Sunbeams baby and toddler group that now meets in St Michael's every Monday.

If asked what my ideal day would be it would definitely include a ride on one of my road bikes, perhaps a spot of gardening in the vegetable patch or a countryside walk and would definitely end with some good food and an even better glass of wine. A live music gig or an evening drive in one of my favourite classic cars would be the icing on the cake!

One of the main reasons I joined the council team was to try and build up the family community spirit so many of us that live here enjoy in Breaston, by developing further the family-based events on the green at Duffield Close. I would also like to create more wildlife friendly areas around the village (Countryfile has a lot to answer for!)

Profile – Graham Fisher

Being a new member to the Parish Council, I thought I would take this opportunity to let you know what you have let yourself in for!

A native of the village, I was educated at Firfield Primary School (our youngest grandson is the fourth generation to be educated there) and then onto further education at Westernmere Comprehensive School that is sadly no more!

We left the village when we were married in 1970 to find fame and fortune. We returned in 1976 , left again in 1978 and returned, finally in 1982, we saw the error of our ways!

Breaston is a unique village, it is large enough to attract a variety of everyday businesses, but small enough to still have a community spirit.

Being involved with Breaston Community Forum and Breaston in Bloom I care, like others, passionately about the way the community spirit progresses, not only for today, but helping to keep the foundations that have been laid previously for years to come.

Profile – Gaynor Watts

Having lived locally for over 20 years, I have had an active interest in the communities where I've lived. Having moved into the Navigation Inn I thought it would be good to get involved in Breaston.

I'd like to see the village stay a quintessentially English, quirky, bespoke and beautiful village!

Parish Council Litter Bins – Keeping Breaston Tidy!

Residents may have noticed that the litter bins on Duffield Close & Perks Recreation Ground have been upgraded as part of a recent programme to improve the state of the open spaces. A lot of the old bins were past their best and there were a number of different types and styles of bin which were looking pretty shabby.

The new bins, we think you will agree are a great improvement and can be used for both litter and dog waste. We are currently liaising with Erewash Borough Council over cuts they are making in the number of visits to collect rubbish and working on a way to get the right balance so that bins don't end up overflowing.

Residents are politely requested to refrain from bringing rubbish from home and putting it in the litter bins in and around the centre of the village. It has been noted that there is often domestic rubbish in the bins which fills them up very quickly leaving no space for the litter they are intended for.

Parks and Cemeteries

Always a very busy Committee with many areas to maintain and improve. Our cause has not been helped by Anti- Social behaviour, predominantly in the Sensory Garden. Various measures have been put in place including the realignment of the CCTV and floodlight, and the reduction in the height of the Memorial Hedge, and it would appear at present that there is an improvement. We feel very strongly that efforts to improve our village, should not be wrecked by a mindless few. The Sensory Garden looks lovely and benefits from the new raised bed.

New bins have been installed on Duffield Close and Perks Park which look much smarter, the paths on Duffield Close have been repaired and lots of ongoing tree work has taken place. On Perks Park new play equipment has been installed, and special gates to give access for wheelchairs, requiring individual keys, have been fitted.

Johnson's Meadow is looking very nice, the picnic table has been repaired, and the football pitch is playable thanks to the new grounds maintenance team.

The Cemetery and Churchyard are regularly mown and tidied, but we have a problem with headstones. Following inspection last September some memorials were deemed to be unsafe. Plot owners who have not contacted the Parish Clerk already, are advised to do so in the near future. Any plots not repaired and reported to the parish council will be listed for being laid flat.

Cllr Margaret McCaig
Chair Parks and Cemeteries

Dog Walker's Etiquette

One of the most regularly received complaints into the Parish Council relates to dog walkers and their pets.

Duffield Close and Perks Recreation Ground are both covered by a bye law that states that all dogs must be kept on a lead whilst the cemetery is covered by an Erewash Borough Council Dog Control Order that also requires dogs to be kept on a lead.

Whilst it is understood that pet owners want to give their dogs a good run about on the park, can they be sure that they have control over the animal if it is not on a lead? Could the dog escape through the gates and out onto a busy road? Not everyone out and about in the open spaces in the village likes dogs and small children can be quite scared if a dog comes bounding up to them.

The whole borough is covered by a Dog Control Order that requires dog owners to clear up after their pets in any public place. One of the most common complaints is that dog owners bag the waste and then throw the bag and the waste into the undergrowth or even more strange hang it from a bush or tree or throw it into someone's garden!

All of the bins in the borough are dual purpose and litter and dog waste can be disposed of within, there really is no excuse for anyone not to clean up after their animals.

The Dog wardens from Erewash Borough Council carry out random checks from time to time and if you are on any of the sites covered by a bye law or Dog Control Order you could be fined £100.00

Let's make the open spaces safe for everyone and share them considerately!!

Dates for your diary

Summer Holiday Climbing Wall Sessions:
Wednesday the 21st & 28th of August

Pumpkin Party
Saturday the 26th of October

Remembrance Parade
Sunday the 10th of November

Christmas Carol Concert
Friday the 6th of December

Parish Council Meetings

Ordinary Meetings which now include the General Purposes committee will be held on the following dates during 2019 at 7:15pm in the PCMR.

January 14th	May 13th	October 14th
February 11th	June 10th	November 11th
March 11th	July 8th	December 9th
April 8th	September 9th	

Environment Committee meetings will be held at 9am on the morning of the Ordinary meeting.

The remaining Committee meetings (Highways & Lighting, Parks & Cemeteries & Finance) will be held on the preceding Wednesdays commencing at 8.45am.

January 9th	May 8th	October 9th
February 6th	June 5th	November 6th
March 6th	July 3rd	December 4th
April 3rd	September 4th	

Contacts - Parish Councillors

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Roger Cockle	872203	Robert Parkinson	07715012459
Graham Elliott	874049	Julie Rowlinson	875156
Graham Fisher	07500770409	Gaynor Watts	872880
John Luke	873734	Heather	
Margaret McCaig	872372	Wrigglesworth	07711421345
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Other contacts

Erewash Borough Councillors -	Robert Parkinson 07715012459 Kevin Miller 07590453378
Derbyshire County Councillor -	Robert Parkinson 07715012459
Police -	101 or in an emergency 999

List of useful contact numbers

Building Regulations	EBC	Neighbourhood Wardens	EBC
Bus Shelters	EBC	Open Spaces (Breaston)	BPC
Cemetery (Breaston)	BPC	Planning	EBC
Christmas Lights (Breaston)	BPC	Public Conveniences	EBC
Council Tax	EBC	Refuse Collection	EBC
Concessionary Fares	EBC	Social Services	DCC
Dog Wardens	EBC	Street Cleaning	EBC
Education	DCC	Street Lighting	DCC
Libraries	DCC	Trading Standards	DCC

EBC - Erewash Borough Council Tel 0115 907 2244
DCC - Derbyshire County Council Tel 01629 580 000
BPC - Breaston Parish Council Tel 01332 870 119

The General Purposes Committee

The aim of the General Purposes Committee is to deal with any items or topics that are not covered by the other committees.

Following the elections in May 2019 the Parish Council made the decision to move the General Purposes meeting to be included in the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7.15pm. This is for a trial period and should it prove beneficial and successful to both Councillors and public alike will become part of the regular agenda for Monday evenings.

Over the past year the committee has dealt with memorial inspections in St Michael's Churchyard, replaced the floodlights on the church and improved the Christmas lights display in the Green. We have successfully lobbied the County Council to improve the maintenance and safety of the fencing at the brook opposite the Crescent on Risley Lane. Also on Risley Lane we successfully lobbied Severn Trent Water to carry out maintenance work to drains which caused flooding issues in the area.

The Summer village walks have continued to prove a great success and we thank Mr Marshall for his dedication in running the walks on our behalf and finally, we have as always run our annual events; the litter pick, the Christmas Carol Concert, and the

Summer Brass Band Concert, Remembrance Sunday Service and the May Day Gala.

If you are interested in knowing more about the committee, please come along on the second Monday of the month to the Parish Council Ordinary meeting at 7.15pm. Please note however we do not hold a meeting in August.

Cllr Heather Wrigglesworth
Chair of General Purposes Committee.

Village Design Statement

The Localism Act 2011 was created to provide local people more control over the development of their communities by allowing them to create a Village Design Statement (VDS). The purpose of a Village Design Statement is to identify and conserve the character of a village by considering and managing existing and future additions to the visual environment. In effect, how should we identify and protect the future changes in the village whilst retaining and protecting its essential character. How can we set out the pattern and shape of Breaston village, landmarks, special and distinctive features in design? This VDS would form a plan against which we would consider future changes and development and be used to establish our management of the village in the future.

As a starting point we have agreed to look at key parts of the village and consider what the essential character of that area is, define what we want to conserve and create a plan to allow us to do that. We felt that Duffield Close was a key part of the village and felt that would be a good start to see if we could outline a maintenance plan to achieve that.

To be effective our VDS should:

- be developed, researched, written and edited by local people
- reflect the views of the whole community
- involve a wide cross-section of residents in its production
- describe the visual character of the village
- demonstrate how local character and distinctiveness can be protected and enhanced
- Illustrate the energy, imagination and determination of people in the village

We could consider future planting, grassed areas, benches, signage, access, leisure, boundary planting but there may be other issues that you may feel important to you and which we should consider.

If you have a particular interest, skill or just feel strongly about certain aspects of the village we would be interested to hear from you.

Cllr Roger Cockle
Chairman Environment Committee

The 2020 Breaston Calendar

August is fast approaching and the closing date for you to send a photograph of your pet, or an animal 'which has taken your eye' is 31st of August. Following the success of the 2019 Breaston Calendar it would be great to see the 2020 calendar achieving the same success. This will of course depend entirely on you all taking part again. The competition will be self-funding once again and any profit will be given to the Scouts and Guide Movement in Breaston.

There is no age limit, and the photographs deemed worthy to be included in the calendar, as chosen by an independent panel of judges, will receive an Amazon voucher as a prize.

Entry forms are still available from the Parish Council Meeting Room, and the entry fee also remains as last year, £1 per entry with a maximum of 6 photos per person. All photographs entered will be placed on the Parish Council Website, once judging has taken place.

To reiterate the success of this venture will very much up to you, and you do not have to be a resident of Breaston to participate.

Most of us now have mobile phones, so there is little excuse to say "I cannot take a photograph"!
So please give it a go, you may be a prize winner

All entries please to the Parish Council Meeting Rooms in Blind Lane, Breaston, DE72 3DW. Or breastonparish@outlook.com

Cllr Heather Wrigglesworth