Breaston
PARISH COUNCIL

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Newsletter
Summer 2018

INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Parish Council are pleased to publish the fourth copy of the Breaston Parish Council Newsletter. I hope that you find the contents interesting and informative. My thanks go to all the Councillors and the Parish Clerk for their input. ***Cllr George Mounsey*** *Chairman*

Welcome to the Breaston Parish Council Summer 2018 newsletter

There have been some changes at the Parish Council. Firstly, we welcome Cllr Mounsey into the position of Chairman and Cllr Wrigglesworth is now the new Vice Chairman. Many Thanks go to Cllr Miller who stepped down from the Chairman's role in May.

The Parish Council continues to work hard to keep Breaston beautiful with work on all of its open spaces. You will have noticed much activity taking place on Duffield Close over the past few weeks with the three main footpaths being resurfaced and the central raised bed being replaced in the Sensory Garden. The wooden surround originally installed in 2000 was rotten in places and had also sustained damage by vandals. The new surround has been slightly altered to hopefully extend its life expectancy!! Repair work was undertaken on the roof at the cemetery chapel and we are currently investigating memorial safety on the site.

Alongside this work the In-Bloom team have been very busy around the village and on Duffield Close planting a willow tunnel which the youngsters will be able to play in once it is all settled in and thriving. They have also set about planting a new Butterfly and Bee bed at the North end of the Close which we hope will thrive and grow. Many congratulations to the group for their award in the 2017 competition and consequent appearance on the tv. The In-Bloom programme was a triumph and displayed what is best about village life. We wish them much luck in the 2018 competition which will be judged later in the summer.

Gala

Once again, the May Day Gala was a great success. We were blessed with a gorgeous day and many residents and visitors came along to enjoy the displays, stalls and rides on offer.

The Dako Flying Angels were a fantastic spectacle with their amazing acrobatic routines and the bands of the Breaston Highlanders and the Nottingham Boys & Girls Brigade entertained the crowds too. The braver out there took a turn on the climbing wall, whilst the children cheered on the Punch and Judy show and dog lovers were treated to the annual dog show brilliantly organised by the Plummers.

A massive thank you goes out to Jonathan and Jean Lupton who have worked tirelessly on the gala committee for many years. This year was their last year leading the committee and the Parish Council would like to send their sincerest thanks for all of the hard work and effort that they have put in to the event. They will be a very hard act to follow!

If you are interested in getting involved with the Gala, the Committee meets approximately 5 times a year. Please contact the Clerk on 01332 870119 or breastonparish@outlook.com

Finance and Budgets

Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31.03.18

Balance Brought Forward	**64,110.86**
Income	
Precept	21,840.00
Concurrent Functions	50,943.00
Parks & Cemeteries Income	11,050.89
Gala	3,345.11
Interest	236.84
Other Income	12,658.36
	100,074.20
Expenditure	
Parks, Open Spaces & Cemetery	30,242.23
Loan repayments	1,338.34
General running costs incl salaries & Parish Rooms	48,739.25
Play Area Improvements	7,000.00
Path Edging (Cem/Sensory)	2,878.33
St Michael's Trees	1,950.00
Memorial Bench	1,967.33
St Michael's Wall	4,020.00
Chapel Roof	550.00
Gala	3,104.97
VAT	8,850.23
	110,640.68
Balance carried forward	**53,544.38**

A more detailed copy of the accounts is available on request from the Parish Clerk.

Councillor John Luke
Chair of Finance Committee

Free Dog Poo Bags

One of the most frequent complaints the Parish Council receives relates to dog owners not clearing up after their pets.

PLEASE BAG IT AND BIN IT!!

The Parish Council has received numerous reports of dog waste being bagged and dumped or hung on gates and hedges around the village.

We politely request that pet owners PLEASE bag their pet's waste and use one of the many bins provided.

ALL COUNCIL – EREWASH & BREASTON PARISH OWNED LITTER BINS ARE DUAL USE AND CAN BE USED FOR DOG WASTE ASWELL AS LITTER.

Don't forget that dog waste bags are available free from the Parish Council offices to residents of Breaston.

The Parish Office is open every week day morning.

BREASTON IN BLOOM UPDATE

If you watched the recent television programme featuring our village then you will know that RHS In Bloom is "not all about plants"! Although at the time of writing the bedding plants have not yet gone in, this doesn't mean that Breaston's 'Bloomers' haven't been busy.

Much has been going on behind the scenes. We have spent a lot of time trying to gain grants and obtain sponsorship and donations as we are totally self funded and can achieve very little without money.

We have been planning the planting in our tubs, ordering, researching and visiting nurseries. We have also installed a compost bin on the Jubilee garden, applied for permission for further planters, cleared areas we tackled last year, held a litter pick, and installed a hedgehog home. We have planted a living Willow tunnel on Duffield Close and reinvented the Butterfly garden in a new spot.

We have also been getting more involved with the children in the village. We have visited the school to encourage them to get involved, worked with the Youth cafe and led the Scouts on a new initiative to clear and plant an area on Blind Lane that will be a vegetable garden for them to care for.

Our big community event this year is the first 'Plant Pot Trail' for the village. Similar to a Scarecrow trail & hopefully a huge success by the time you read this - over 70 entries have been received where residents will display either a character or display planter for families to wander around the village to view and marvel at. We hope to make this an annual event so make sure you join in next year if you didn't this.

Judging for this year's In Bloom will take place during the first 2 weeks of July. By then hopefully our planters will be in full bloom, the village will look immaculate and the judges will be impressed!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We always need volunteers - not just for planting but for behind the scenes tasks, computer work, wood work, poster making & delivering, spreading the word etc.

Keeping your own garden, frontage and verge clean and tidy is also very important for our results, and the more hanging baskets, tubs and street planters we have the better. To get involved or find out more contact: breastoninbloom @breaston.info or Julie on 07900 241886.

Parish Caretaker

The Parish Council bade a fond farewell to Mrs Davis the caretaker who retired after 4 excellent years taking care of the Parish. We would like to thank Jean for her hard work and dedication over her time with us and wish her a very long and happy retirement.

We were lucky to find a great replacement in Mrs Bulmer who started work back in April and I am sure you will have seen Lyn out and about, painting, gardening and litter picking, continuing to keep the village looking great!

Potholes!

As you will be aware potholes are a perennial problem and with budget cuts continuing they don't look set to get any better for the foreseeable future.

If you spot a pothole you can report it on the Derbyshire County Council "Report It" website, it's a simple system and very easy to use. Alternatively, please feel free to report them to the Parish Clerk who will report to the County Council on your behalf.

Commemorative Bench

As you will all be aware this year marks the centenary of the end of the first world war and many groups and organisations are looking into ways of marking the centenary.

The Parish Council chose to replace one of the seats in the Memorial Garden with a special Commemorative bench which was fitted in the spring. The Memorial Garden remains a lovely place to sit and watch the world go by whilst remembering those who paid the ultimate price on our behalf. The bench will be officially unveiled following the Remembrance Service on the 11th of November.

We are also helping to promote an event being organised by Cllr Miller called Standing in Line which is to be held in the Church on November 2nd – further details are available later in the newsletter.

General Data Protection Regulations

Many residents will be aware of the new legislation recently coming into force in Europe relating to personal data.

The Parish Council in the course of its business accumulates information including personal data.

All personal data held by the Parish Council is treated as strictly confidential and will only be shared with members of the Council in order to carry out a service or for purposes connected with the Council. Your information will never be shared with external organisations without your full consent.

For further details on the Parish Council's Data Protection Policy please see the Parish Website. www.breastonparish.co.uk

Profile – Councillor Heather Wrigglesworth.

I have been a Parish Councillor for the past 4 years. It is a position I enjoy and find a great privilege to hold.

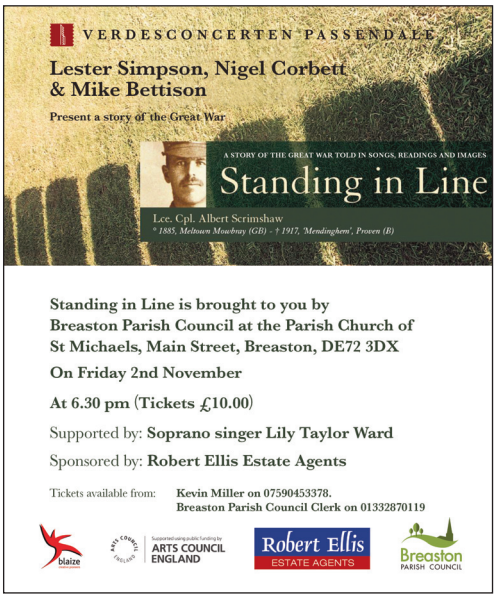
I moved to Breaston approximately 17 years ago, whilst still working as a Social Worker. My title then was 'Children's Guardian/Court Reporting Officer for CAFCASS. Prior to this I worked at the City Hospital, Derby, (now the Derby Royal), as Manager of the Children's Social Work Team. My Social Work career spanned 30 years, in which I saw life in all its aspects.

I was born and brought up in Buckinghamshire and have happy memories of what I would term a privileged childhood, living on my father's farm and riding my horse.

I moved away from Buckinghamshire following my marriage and have lived in Sheffield, Witham in Essex, and Manchester before coming to reside in the East Midlands in 1982. Following the death of my husband in 1986, I moved to Long Eaton with my daughter and eventually to Breaston.

I am a practising Christian and a member of St. Michael's Church. Bellringing and walking my dog Barney are just two of the interests I have, as well as reading and pottering around my garden. I am an avid listener of current affairs programmes, especially the news and politics of the day. My other great joy is being able to share my life supporting my lovely grandchildren and family.

Having worked with and amongst people of all social classes, I hope it has given me the qualities one needs to serve the people of Breaston.



Get Fit Ditch the Car!

One of the most common complaints received by the Parish Council is related to parking in the village centre.

It has been suggested that the problem would be much improved if visitors to the businesses in the village centre left the car at home and walked to the shops and cafes instead!

Could you help improve the situation?

- Do you really need to take the car?
- Do you live close enough to walk into the centre instead?
- Just think how much money you'd save on fuel if you walked instead of making that very short trip in the car.
- You'd also be helping the environment and reducing your carbon footprint.
- May was national walking month – why not join in and make 2018 Breaston's walking year?
- Your stress levels would reduce if you didn't have to drive round and round to find a space.
- Walking is a great way to stay trim and helps keep your heart healthy.

Let's all get fit and leave the car at home!

Breaston Village Map

Thanks go to all those involved in the production of the village map which can now be seen in the Green adjacent to the Parish noticeboard.

A big thank you to Mrs Plummer for allowing the original map drawn by her late husband to be used and updated with some new additions which were very skilfully added by Mr Keith Wright, thanks for all of your hard work.

Cllrs Miller and Elliott were involved with the organisation of the production of the map and the research into changes and historical facts included. Thanks to Katie and Duncan at the Chequers for hosting the grand unveiling back in January and for allowing the map to be fixed to the pub wall!

And finally, a massive thank you to Towns and Crawford for their very generous sponsorship of the map. I think we can all agree that it is a lovely addition to the village centre.

Perks Recreation Ground

We are hoping to form a Friends of Perks Park Group in order to get feedback from residents on what could be improved on the park and to increase funding opportunities for improvements. A small group of residents have already expressed an interest and we hope to organise a meeting to discuss the way forward in the next few weeks.

If you are interested in getting involved contact the Clerk on breastonparish@outlook.com or 01332 870119

Memorial Safety

Breaston Parish Council are currently investigating the safety of the memorials in the cemetery. As you may be aware headstones erected prior to the new regulations which came into force in 2012 may not be safe. Therefore the Parish Council has undertaken to carry out safety checks on all memorials that could cause injury should they fall. The Parish Council need to ensure that, as far as reasonably practicable, the cemetery is maintained in a safe condition.

Plot owners will be contacted if possible to let them know if any maintenance is required to their plots. As you will understand not all plots are visited and tended due to their age as no family are left to look after them and the Parish Council will have to take the necessary action to make them safe.

Are the Parish Council records relating to your family plot up to date? If you have any concerns, please contact the Clerk so that records can be updated accordingly.

We apologise for any inconvenience and ask for your patience whilst this work is undertaken.

If you have any enquiries, please contact the Clerk on 01332 870119 or breastonparish@outlook.com

St Michael's Churchyard

Residents often ask why the Parish Council spends money on St Michael's Churchyard. What many people are not aware of are the regulations relating to churchyards when they close for burials.

When a churchyard is open the incumbent i.e. the vicar is responsible for management of the churchyard and burials etc. When a churchyard is closed by an order of the Privy Council, often because there is no room left for further burials, the responsibility for the maintenance of a churchyard in the first instance goes to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). However, the PCC can ask for the churchyard to be taken on by the local authority and back in 1971 when St Michael's closed the churchyard it eventually became the responsibility of the Parish Council.

The actual responsibilities are quite vague as the law has not changed since the 1970's. The 1972 act states that "the churchyard must be kept in decent order and its walls and fences in good repair"

You will have noticed that specialist work was carried out on the front wall last summer and in the autumn the trees were given a significant prune.

We are currently working with the Parochial Church Council to clarify responsibilities relating to memorials and other features of the churchyard.

The Parish Council are keen to maintain the churchyard to a high standard as it is such an important feature of the centre of the village.

Dates for your diary

Summer band Concert Duffield Close
Sunday the 5th August 2018 – 2.30pm

Pumpkin Party Duffield Close
Saturday the 27th October - 4:30pm

Remembrance Parade Memorial Garden
Sunday the 11th November - 11:00am

Christmas Carol Concert Duffield Close
Friday the 7th December - 7:00pm

The Breaston 2019 Calendar

Time is moving on and the closing date for the photographic competition is getting ever closer, 10 August 2018 to be exact. It would be a great shame not to be able to print the calendar through a lack of response.

The project is self-funding and Mr Colin Sanderson, St Michael's Church Organist has over past years undertaken producing a Breaston Calendar at his own expense and selling them to members of the Church congregation.

As a Parish Council we felt it would be nice to support Mr Sanderson in this project by opening it up to a wider audience and hold a photographic competition. However, at the time of writing, the response remains disappointing and will only proceed to print if we can get enough entries.

Many businesses in Breaston have shown a willingness in giving a monetary donation or agreeing to give a prize to the winners of the competition. As mentioned in previous communications there will be 3 categories of entry; Children up to 12 years of age: Teenagers up to 17 years and Adults from 18 years upward.

If you would like to see a Breaston Calendar being produced, the success of this venture will therefore be very much up to you; you do not have to be a resident of Breaston, but your photograph/s do have to be a scene or event in Breaston.

Entry forms can be obtained from Andersons, Co Op, Chequers and the Parish Council Meeting Room and entry is £1 per entry: The closing date once again is 10 August 2018. It would be helpful if you could not only hand in a print, but also an email attachment of your photograph to the Parish Council Clerk, Nicala O'Leary breastonparish@outlook.com
Judging will take place shortly after the 10th. The winning photographs will become the 2019 Calendar.

All photographs will be placed on the Parish Council Website once judging has taken place.
All entries to the Parish Council Meeting Rooms in Blind Lane, Breaston, DE72 3DW.

Cllr Heather Wrigglesworth

Residents will now be aware that their Council Tax bills have increased this year which has been very well reported in the media over the past few months. There have been increases in all areas.

The County Council have an increase of **5%** which includes **2%** ringfenced for social care, the Borough Council & Fire Brigade have also increased their portion of the cost by **3%**. The office of the Police and Crime Commissioner have made an increase of **6.6%**

Parish Council costs have been reduced where ever possible however to retain the same level of service as you would expect it has been necessary to make the increase to our precept. The increase of £10,000 divided by the number of households £10,000/2050 = £4.88PA increase. **9p per week increase per household.**

The Parish Council is funded by two strands of income:

- **The Precept** which as you know is raised through the council tax and paid by residents.
- **The Concurrent Functions grant** which we receive from Erewash Borough Council. Parish Councils receive this grant to help fund the work that we carry out on the open spaces in the village.

However, the **Concurrent functions budget** has been decreasing over the past 5 years or so and the Parish has seen a decrease of over 30% in the budget since 2010.

As you will already know we have been plagued by a spate of vandalism over the past 12 months and the cost of repairs was an unbudgeted item.

You may or not know what the Parish Council is responsible for in the village, here is a short list for your information:

- Duffield Close,
- Memorial Garden,
- Sensory Garden,
- Jubilee Garden (Wilsthorpe Road)
- Centenary Garden (Draycott Road)
- Johnson's Meadow (Hills Road),
- Perks Recreation Ground including pavilion and public w.c.s,
- Breaston Cemetery
- Street Furniture
- St Michael's Churchyard
- Litter picking Parish land and the Green
- Village Events (Summer band concert, Gala, Carol Concert, & Remembrance Service)

We think that Breaston is a wonderful place to live and want to keep it that way, we hope that residents will sympathise with our decision and continue to support the Council with its work in the village.

Parish Council Meetings

Full Parish Council Meetings are held at 7.15pm on the second Monday of each month apart from August when there is no meeting.

Committee meetings are held on the Wednesday prior to the full meeting commencing at 8.45am. The Environment (Planning) meeting is held on the morning of the full council meeting commencing at 9am.

There is a 15-minute public session at the beginning of every meeting when residents can voice any concerns and raise any issues they may have. Residents are very welcome to attend **all** meetings.

The meeting dates for this year are as follows:

Ordinary Meetings will be held on the following dates during 2018 at 7.15pm in the PCMR.

January the 8th
February the 12th
March the 12th
April the 9th
May the 14th
June the 11th
July the 9th
September the 10th
October the 8th
November the 12th
December the 10th

Environment Committee meetings will be held at 9am on the morning of the Ordinary meeting.
The remaining Committee meetings (Highways & Lighting, Parks & Cemeteries, General Purposes & Finance) will be held on the preceding Wednesdays commencing at 8.45am.

January the 3rd
February the 7th
March the 7th
April the 4th
May the 9th
June the 6th
July the 4th
September the 5th
October the 3rd
November the 7th
December the 5th

Contacts - Parish Councillors

Mike Clarke	874882	George Mounsey	873854
Roger Cockle	872203	Robert Parkinson	07715012459
Graham Elliott	874049	Peter Pepios	07590453423
John Luke	873734	Susan Toon	874741
Margaret McCaig	872372	Heather Wrigglesworth	873159
Kevin Miller	07590453378	Julie Rowlinson	875156

Parish Clerk - Nicala O'Leary -
The Parish Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston, DE72 3DW.
Office open mornings only Monday to Friday.
Telephone 01332 870119
Email breastonparish@btconnect.com
www.breastonparish.co.uk

Other contacts

Erewash Borough Councillors -	Robert Parkinson 07715012458 Kevin Miller 07590453378
Derbyshire County Councillor -	Robert Parkinson 07715012458
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

Planning permission - what you need to know!

Planning new building work can be a daunting task particularly if you have not been involved in building construction before. Many of us will involve a professional who will guide us through the processes of planning permission and building regulation approval but even so the Parish Council does see a number of planning applications that have not taken advantage of the free advice that is available from Erewash Borough Council Planning Department. The process has been simplified over recent years as many schemes are now 'deemed' to be 'permitted development' i.e. they do not require planning permission.

The Parish Council is a consultee during the planning process, and whilst we do not have the power of veto, comments that are made by us can help resolve applications.

However, there are a number of situations where we may not all be aware that planning permission is needed – advertisements, fences, campaigning signs, sponsorship and notice boards are amongst the work that Erewash Borough Council advise us may require consent. The following comments are offered as a general guide:

Fences – it is possible to build a fence along a main boundary up to 1 metre high and along a side boundary with a neighbour up to 2 metres high without planning permission. Many of us are anxious to create privacy when fronting a busy road and we suggest this is achieved by a low wall or fence but with planting behind. It is possible to construct fences or walls that exceed these limits but planning permission would be required.

Advertisements – the rules that apply to advertisements and banners are complex and we would always suggest that advice is taken from the EBC Planning Department.

Notice Boards – would normally require planning permission.

Community activities – temporary banners for local events and community groups may not require permission but there are controls over the timing and sizes of sponsorship signs that need to be considered carefully. More permanent sponsorship signs in verges in certain circumstances are allowed by DCC but do need planning permission.

If you have doubt about whether the work you are considering does require planning permission then we strongly advise you to contact Erewash Borough Council on 0115 907 2244 and ask for the Duty Planner. They are available between 9am and 1pm and will help and guide you through the planning process. For more complex queries they are available by appointment at the Town Hall.

Website

Following the retirement of the Parish Council's previous website host the site has been transferred into the management of a new company. Can we ask for your patience whilst teething problems are ironed out – hopefully the site will be back to normal service shortly!