

# At the Ordinary Meeting of Breaston Parish Council held on Monday the 17th of April 2023 which commenced at 7.15pm at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

## Present:

Councillors Fisher, Elliott, Beeching, Parkinson, McCaig, Rowlinson, Mills, Miller, Patrick, Wells & Mounsey

5 members of the public

PCSO Cooper

Councillor Fisher in the Chair.

Councillor Fisher welcomed everyone to the meeting & thanked them for coming along.

## Police Session

Crime Statistics	February		Key	
Long Eaton Rural Area		<b>57</b>	Violent & Sexual Offences	VSO
Risley	3		Drugs	D
Breaston	14		Public Order	PO
Draycott	16		Possession of a weapon	POW
Stanton by Dale	0		Vehicle Crime	VC
Dale Abbey	0		Anti-Social Behaviour	ASB
Stanton Ironworks	0		Criminal Damage & Arson	CDA
Church Wilne				
	<b>33</b>			
ASB	3			
Burglary	0			
Violent & Sexual Offences	14			
CDA	7			
Possession of a weapon	1			
Robbery	0			
Bike Theft	0			
Other theft	1			
Public Order	2			
Vehicle Crime	4			
Drugs	1			
	<b>33</b>			
<b>Breaston</b>				
Spring Close	VSO	1		
Hills Road	VSO	2		
Bourne Sq	CDA	1		

Firfield Avenue	VSO	1		
Shirley Cres	ASB	1		
Shirley Cres	VSO	1		
Meadow Close	VSO	1		
Perks Park	VSO	1		
Kirkfield Drive	ASB	1		
Kirkfield Drive	PO	1		
Orchard Close	CDA	1		
Wilsthorpe Road	VSO	1		
Wilsthorpe Road	ASB	1		
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PC Limb had sent a report through regarding reports during March: Long Eaton Rural total number of reports in March – 102 resulting in 20 crimes being reported. 35 incidents in Breaston with 10 resulting in crime reports.

2 x Harassment/Malicious Communications

1 x Assault

2 x Criminal Damage

1 x Theft

2 x Commercial Burglary

2 x Sexual Offence (indecent images)

Crimes of note: Damage to bench Hills Road & Damage to Park Signage – Hills Road.

Incidents of note: Traveller's horses on Sawley Road, no issues.

PCSO Cooper of the Long Eaton Neighbourhood Team gave a report on the work he has been involved with relating to the refugees who are housed in local hotels. He is the officer assigned to the Petersham Estate and has been given additional duties to work with the charities and organisations who are assisting the refugees. They have been looking for activities and volunteer possibilities for the refugees. The young men are desperate to have something to do with their time until they can be properly processed. The team of people working with them are looking for sustainable safe ways that they can come out of the hotel and play football and cricket and volunteer in the community. It has been agreed that the provision of sports needs to be done in an organised way to prevent any issues occurring and the request to allow them to play football on Perks Park was discussed. Cllr Mills suggested that it would be best if numbers were limited to 22 and that members of the support groups should attend also. Mr Sarell was tasked with being the referee!

Cllr Beeching thanked PCSO Cooper for attending and reported that the use of the hotels was an issue for a number of residents, with anecdotal reports giving rise to local community worries. Have there been any actual reports? PCSO Cooper reported that some issues has been raised in particular reports of mobile phones being used to film or photograph other people. This was incorrect as in fact the phones were being used to facetime/video call family and friends overseas.

PCSO Cooper reported that he was organising diversionary activities on the Petersham estate to try and stop Anti-Social Behaviour.

Cllr Elliott asked if anything was being done to speed up the processing of the asylum applications. PCSO Cooper confirmed that this was a question for the Home Office and local politicians.

Cllr Beeching enquired if any background checks have been undertaken on the asylum seekers. Cllr Mills, and PCSO Cooper were unable to answer Cllr Mills to make enquiries.

PCSO Cooper reported that a lot of work had been going on with local charities and that things were beginning to come together, thankfully. English classes had been organised and

volunteering doing litter picking, bulb planting and gardening in a community garden in Long Eaton. The refugees were desperate to do any volunteering that was available, and they would be extremely grateful if the football were allowed. It was RESOLVED that the use of the pitch would be approved and that no charge would be levied, only 22 players per session. The Clerk and caretaker to make the necessary arrangements with the organising team.

### **Public Session:**

Mr Debbage asked who the PCSO/Police Officer for Breaston was, the Clerk confirmed that Breaston was covered by PC Jason Limb, who had been extremely helpful, carrying out patrols at the primary school and assisting with the investigation relating to the damage to the Christmas Lights. He had also been along to the last Speedwatch session on Longmoor Lane. Mr Kay reported an incident of road rage that he had been victim of on Longmoor Lane. Parking on the verges blocks sightlines along the lane, the Clerk confirmed that when requests had been made to the Highways Authority relating to traffic calming or yellow lines being installed, the County Council had responded that there were insufficient accident or injury incidents on the Lane and that the parking of vehicles helped with traffic calming. Unfortunately, it was unlikely that they would approve any improvement work on the lane. Mr Kay confirmed that the Police had been informed of the incident and they had suggested that anyone who is victim to a similar crime should call 999 immediately.

Mr Kay reported that many supermarket delivery vehicles were using the junction of Stevens Lane and Main Street to do a U turn, they also approach and enter the junction far too quickly. The Clerk reported that the Speedwatch team tries to get out every month and that the sessions do slow vehicles down. Any resident who would like to get involved in the scheme should contact the Clerk. The more people who get involved the more frequently we can carry out checks.

Mr Thornton enquired about the planning application for housing to the rear of houses on the Holmes Road/Stevens Lane triangle. Concerns about the traffic and number of minor incidents and dangerous parking at the junction were discussed, the additional vehicles that would be parking/driving into the proposed housing development were a concern. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Derbyshire County Highways and ask them to investigate the possibility of the "island" being made one way.

Mr Sensecall reported that the EBC grass cutting team had been along and cut the grass adjacent to his house on Stevens Lane, the violets that were planted there were completely destroyed, he had spoken to the team responsible for the damage and asked why they had cut the grass there as it had already been kept low (Mr Sensecall cuts the grass himself). Unfortunately, nothing can be done about it now, the damage is done.

### **Reports from outside bodies:**

none

#### **134/22 Apologies for Absence –**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Wrigglesworth, PC Limb & Mr Fowler.

#### **135/22 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 – **Cllrs Rowlinson & Beeching in relation to any In Bloom items.**

#### **136/22 Dispensations –**

to report on and consider any requests for dispensation in accordance with S31 of the Localism Act 2011 – **none.**

#### **137/22 Approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> of March-**

It was PROPOSED and SECONDED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> of March.

**138/22 Correspondence**

none

**139/22 Clerk's Report**

**a) Annual Parish Meeting –**

It was RESOLVED to note the date of the meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 7pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Chairs of the Committees to provide the Clerk with a report for the meeting. The format of the meeting would be the same as last year and the Clerk would invite the other groups and organisations to attend.

**b) Code of Conduct**

It was RESOLVED to adopt the Erewash Borough Council amended Code of Conduct.

**140/22 Finance Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th of April at 8.45am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.**

**1. Summons**

**2. Public Session: none**

**3. Present:**

Cllrs Mills (Chair) Cllrs Mounsey, Rowlinson, Fisher, Wrigglesworth, Parkinson, & Miller

**Also Present**

Cllrs Beeching, McCaig, Wells & Patrick

**Apologies:**

Cllr Elliott

**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. Revised Budget 2023-24**

It was RESOLVED to note that following the special budget meeting held on the 28th of March the new budget has been set with the proviso that income will be used to make up the balances on the priorities list as agreed.

**Rising Prices –** The concern about procuring quotations and not carrying out the work immediately is one we must address with the current situation regarding rising costs of materials etc – we have recently fallen foul of this on two occasions (CCTV/MUGA lights). Wherever possible, if we have the funds we must accept quotes as soon as is practicable to avoid facing increased demands on the already tight budget.

**Possible Closure of public conveniences in Blind Lane**

It is still not clear when the proposed closure is likely to take place, despite several enquiries the Clerk still awaits confirmation from Erewash Borough Council regarding their plans. As soon as a cost is available the Clerk will circulate the information so that a decision can be made swiftly. A number of residents have raised concerns about the proposed closure. Cllrs Parkinson and Miller confirmed that the EBC budget reductions have yet to be finalised and it's not clear when the information will be released but is not likely to affect the budget in this financial year.

**7. Revised Bank Mandate**

It was RESOLVED to note that the digital mandate form was completed, but not accepted, due to an error on the name section, the form has had to be completed again from scratch, this time the Clerk has also removed Cllr McCaig from the list due to her impending departure.

## 8. Year End 2022-23

It was RESOLVED to note that the auditor is due to attend on the 19th of April and it is hoped that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return will be completed in line with the normal deadlines ready for the May meeting. Final year-end reports will be circulated prior to the May meeting.

## 9. Councillor's Reports

### a) Budget Review Minutes – Cllr Beeching

To RESOLVE to note the enquiry regarding the staff costs on the last budget report. Clerk to investigate and report back.

Following the meeting Cllr Mills and the Clerk met on the 14th of April and revisited the figures the staff costs had been incorrectly transferred from one document to another and the shortfall of funding was not as bad as previously anticipated. See new figures below.

<b>CONCURRENT FUNCTIONS</b>	
Grounds Maintenance	17,266.70
P'ground equipment maintenance	1,100.00
Johnson's Meadow Lease	275.00
Staff Costs Concurrent	42701.01
Concurrent Admin	4,400.00
Bin Emptying/EBC	1,100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66,842.71</b>
<b>PRECEPT</b>	
Pavilion Pump	1,100.00
Insurance Complete	3,080.00
Planting	1,848.00
Hanging baskets/EBC	352.00
Rates Cemetery	1,493.26
Water Perks/Cemetery	650.00
Electricity Perks/Cemetery	585.00
Public Conveniences	3,500.00
HHL/CCTV	750.00
Tree Inspections/Works	6,000.00
Pavilion Maintenance	1,100.00
Christmas Decorations	2,585.00
Admin to Precept	4,500.00
Staff Costs Precept	15739.15
St Michael's Clock	300.00
Training	440.00
Chairman's Allowance	220.00
S137 Payments	1,000.00
Dog Bags	0.00
Play Scheme	2,090.00
Communication	500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,832.41</b>

The remaining funds were allocated to the priority list for the St Michael's wall £1126.00 and the remaining £296.48 to the Valuation of Public Buildings heading. Councillors were furnished with a detailed breakdown of the Staffing Costs.

### b) Tree Costs – Cllr Mounsey

It was RESOLVED to note the suggestion that the tree work budget was extremely high, and could the annual checks be reduced to biannual? Following the discovery of the error noted in minute number 9a) this was thankfully no longer a necessary consideration.

**c) Climbing Wall – Cllr Fisher**

To RESOLVE to note the suggestion that the climbing wall could be reduced further in light of the shortage of funds. Cllr Wells was keen to retain the well-attended scheme. Following the discovery of the error noted in minute number 9a) this was thankfully no longer a necessary consideration.

The Meeting closed at 9.00am

**141/22 General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday the 12th of April at 9.00am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.**

**1. Agenda Summons**

**2. Public Session: none**

**3. Present:**

Cllr Mounsey (Chair) Cllrs Mills, Rowlinson, McCaig, Fisher & Wrigglesworth

**Also Present:**

Cllrs Miller, Parkinson, Patrick, Beeching & Wells

**Apologies:**

Cllr Elliott

**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**

That the funds for the 1st instalment of savings will be taken from income during the year.

**b) General garden husbandry to planted areas –**

Work to be organised as soon as possible. (£2,200.00)

**7. Additional Defibrillator**

It was RESOLVED to note that the defibrillator cabinet was installed, and the equipment was registered on the Circuit system on the 17th of March 2023. Item to be removed from the agenda.

**8. Newsletter –**

It was RESOLVED to note that the printed newsletters have been delivered many thanks to the community forum team for their valuable help with this. Item to be removed from the agenda.

**9. New Councillors – Impending Elections**

It was RESOLVED to note that it was confirmed that it was an uncontested election for Breaston. There is still a vacancy which the Clerk will make the necessary arrangements to fill following the election date.

**10. Fire Safety-**

**a) Fire Escape PCMR –**

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk awaits a quotation from Mr Fisher and will circulate as soon as possible. He is working on the quote but is currently waiting for information from a contractor.

**b) Fire Safety Assessment –**

It was RESOLVED to note the Risk Assessment documents are available on the Parish Council Website.

## **11. Valuation of Parish Buildings**

It was RESOLVED to note the Clerk emailed Peak Homes Surveys to make enquiries about the VAT and mileage element of the quote and make arrangements for the valuations to be undertaken. A response is awaited.

## **12. Dementia Information Session**

It was RESOLVED to note that a further event will be organised in the autumn, to be held in the Parish Rooms to save funds. The Clerk investigated the DCFC support for dementia and the club were official partners with Alzheimer's UK in the 2017/18 season. The DCFC Community Trust raised funds for dementia groups to attend matches, Festive Christmas meals were held at the club in 2021 and those invited included some fans living with dementia, Wake and Shake Coffee mornings were held at the club for those living with Dementia, the trust also runs an allotment "the dug-out" in Little Chester Allotments. I can't see any current funding possibilities – perhaps Cllr Elliott could ask at Pride Park?

## **13. Electrical Testing of Parish Buildings**

It was RESOLVED to note that the work was undertaken on the 20th and 21st of March, report awaited.

## **14. Public Toilets – EBC**

It was RESOLVED to note the information as circulated by the Clerk. A letter is awaited from EBC and as soon as any information is received it will be circulated.

## **15. Appraisals 2022/3**

It was RESOLVED to note that the appraisals were conducted during February and March. Cllr Mills reported that the main problem raised by both the Clerk and Caretaker was time or a lack of. Time management could be an issue when faced with constant interruptions for both of the team. Plans had been put in place to deal with this and it was hoped that there would be an improvement for everyone in the coming months. Cllr Mills asked Cllrs to only contact staff in work hours unless in emergency.

## **16. The Coronation**

It was RESOLVED to note that the Coronation Celebrations came too close to the May Day Gala for a further event to be organised. A lack of funds and issues with identifying the number of children living in the Parish prevented any commemorative coins or mugs etc.

## **17. The Big Help Out**

It was RESOLVED to note the information from NALC regarding the scheme:

The Big Help Out is happening on the 8 May and is an initiative to celebrate and promote volunteering around the Coronation and well into the future. NALC's chair, Cllr Keith Stevens, attended the campaign's launch on 20 May as local government has a huge part to play both in terms of engaging with voluntary and community organisations but also in terms of opening up voluntary opportunities in and with councils. NALC is working with Neighbourly Lab, a non-profit organisation which is partnering with the Big Help Out, to support councils to get involved and be ready for the local government launch date on the 24 April. Help is available from Neighbourly Lab, such as sharing ideas for how you can get involved, supporting you to develop volunteering opportunities, and providing communication materials for councils to share locally. Neighbourly Lab is also keen to have one on one conversations with councils to find out what you're doing and what further support would help you. They will be hosting bi-weekly coffee morning drop-in sessions starting from the 30 March for you to meet other councils and chat through plans. If you'd like to share any of your current goals for the Big Help Out, please email [emma@neighbourlylab.com](mailto:emma@neighbourlylab.com). To find out more about the Big Help Out including signing up and accessing support, please visit [www.neighbourlylab.com/](http://www.neighbourlylab.com/).

It was agreed that there were already numerous groups in the Parish that the Council already works closely with and that involvement in the "big help out" was not necessary.

## **18. May Day Gala**

It was RESOLVED to note that plans for the Gala are all in hand and it is hoped that the event will be a success. We hope to see you all there.

## **19. Councillors Reports**

### **a) Repairs to CCTV**

It was RESOLVED to note the breakdown of the CCTV and the subsequent quotation from Eagle. It was agreed to go ahead with the work as soon as possible. £626.00 plus VAT.

The meeting closed at 9.20am

## **142/22 Parks & Cemeteries Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th April at 9.15am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.**

### **1. Agenda Summons**

### **2. Public Session –**

2 members of the public, Mr Charlie Sarell and Mr Biniam Guush attended to ask about agenda item 16. It was agreed that a variation of order of business was necessary, and that item 16 should be dealt with first.

Mr Sarell explained that he was a member of the West Park Long Eaton Park Run and Long Eaton Running Club and that a number of refugees from the Novotel and Best Western Hotel had been attending the run and had expressed an interest in playing football. The group were currently using the car park at the Novotel which was less than ideal. They have little funds £9.50 a week to use for bus fares etc. Mr Sarell noted that the pitch at Perks Park was not used for most of the day during the week and requested that the group be allowed to use the pitch perhaps midweek early afternoon. Cllr Mills reported that she had attended a meeting organised by Sgt Carlile from the Long Eaton Beat Team and the local community engagement team were looking for meaningful ways for the refugees to spend their time to help alleviate issues with physical and mental health. The PCSO also involved Rob Cooper to try and attend the Monday evening meeting. Cllr Patrick reported that the reports from Drs that have been visiting the refugees were that mental health issues were a real problem. It was agreed that there was not any need for the pavilion to be used. Cllr Beeching raised concerns about the fact that many residents might not approve of the scheme. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk and Caretaker would make the necessary arrangements for the goal posts to be installed for the games to take place weekly, a suitable time and day to be arranged. No charges would be made. Clerk and Mr Sarell to liaise.

### **3. Present:**

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

### **Also Present:**

Cllrs Mills, Parkinson, Patrick, and Wells.

### **Apologies:**

none

### **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 final amendments are being organised to the plan and the Clerk will organise manufacture and installation in due course.



## **b) Johnson's Meadow –**

it was RESOLVED to note that a resident of Hills Road who lives adjacent to the field has raised concerns regarding the hedge line damaging his fence. Clerk and Cllr Beeching to inspect.

## **7. Perks Sub-Committee – Feedback.**

It was RESOLVED to note that a further application for £10k was submitted to Awards for All by the Clerk on the 1.3.23 we should hear back mid-May on this one. E.on chased the lighting manufacturers for a progress report on the quote for the lighting proposals. The two members of the team who had attended site have now left the company he will continue to chase for a specification. Cllr Beeching submitted the application to the Vernon Bowmer Trust and was successful, the cheque was banked on the 6th of April. He also submitted an application to Sports England and awaits a response. Cllr Mills is liaising with the Asda Funding team and a letter of application was submitted on the 6th of April, we have missed the current funding deadline due to the lack of a communities officer for the area but hope to get some advice on the application. Cllr Beeching to contact the regional office and send a copy of the letter. Clerk to contact Sport England to see if there was any progress with the application.

## **8. Cemetery –**

### **a) Wildflower Lawn – burial plot**

It was RESOLVED to note that Cllrs Rowlinson, Mills, and the Caretaker undertook the weed spraying on the 4th of April. Cllrs Rowlinson and Mills are planning to rake off the site on the 23rd of April. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Cllr Mills to liaise with the team supporting the refugees to help with the seeding of the site once the ground was ready.

### **b) Memorial Testing 5 years**

It was RESOLVED to note that shortly it will be 5 years since the Memorial Testing programme started. Clerk to organise inspection of the memorials with the Caretaker through the summer all the necessary signage will be displayed in due course.

## **9. Chapel –**

It was RESOLVED to note that Lauren from Julian Owen Associates attended the chapel on the 6th of April to take measurements for the drawings. Cllr Rowlinson met with a representative of a septic tank supplier and a quote has been provided for 3 different sizes of tank – it is entirely feasible and should be included in the plans going forward. It was agreed that it would be good to get a copy of the plans for the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Rowlinson has contacted further contractors for quotes and info and awaits a response.

## **10. Memorial for those lost to Covid 19 – Cllr Elliott-**

It was RESOLVED to note that Cllr Rowlinson has spoken to the Shade Garden team and organised a spot for the plaque, the Clerk has made the necessary arrangements for the production of the plaque and will organise installation in due course. A dedication and “unveiling” of the garden to be organised for the 26th of April Cllr Rowlinson suggested that we plant the rose on the Queen Elizabeth II Garden at 10.15am and then come along to the Shade Garden for 10.30am. Everyone welcome.

## **11. Queen Elizabeth Commemoration – Cllr Beeching**

It was RESOLVED to note that the sign and plaque have been installed. See minute number 10 time and date for the planting of the rose and the unveiling of the garden.

## **12. MUGA Lighting**

It was RESOLVED to note the information relating to the increase in cost for the contract from £1980 to £2100, the Clerk placed the official order and the team from E.on will commence as soon as possible once the materials are received.

## **13. Tree Inspection Report -**

It was RESOLVED to note the Low & Very Low Priority work. The details of the reports were considered, and it was agreed that the very low priority work would not be undertaken as it was not a safety concern. The Clerk to make enquiries in relation to the proposed felling of trees listed in the Low Priority list and seek advice from the inspector on the reasons for the

suggested works. Quotes to be procured for the epicormic growth removal and the pollarding of the Willow at the Cemetery.

#### **14. Memorial to Cllr Luke - Cllr Mounsey**

It was RESOLVED to note that following the discussions at the last meeting Cllr Mounsey saw Mrs Luke and explained the problem, the possibility of a bench on Perks Park as part of the regeneration work was discussed and thought a great solution. Clerk to contact Mrs Luke and confirm.

#### **15. Reclaiming VAT on Sports Fees – Clerk**

It was RESOLVED to note that HMRC have responded with a format to complete for the claim. Clerk to undertake in due course.

#### **16. Use of Football Pitch**

It was RESOLVED to note the request to use the pitch. See minute number 2 above.

#### **17. Councillors Reports**

##### **a) CCTV Perks – Clerk-**

To RESOLVE to note that work is due to commence on the 17th of April.

##### **b) Walking Path Quote Perks Park – Clerk**

To RESOLVE to note the revised quotation as circulated by the Clerk, funds were now sufficient to give the go ahead for the work to commence if Cllrs were happy. Any further funds secured would be added to the budget and the Parish Council element of the funding could be used for other proposed projects in the Perks Rejuvenation Schedule. Clerk to confirm the funding available against the quote. The representative from Atlow had suggested a possible start date of June.

The Meeting closed at 10.20am.

### **143/22 Environment Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Monday 17th April 2023 at 9.00am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.**

#### **1. Agenda Summons**

#### **2. Public Session – none**

#### **3. Present:**

Cllr Elliott (Chair) Cllrs Parkinson, Mills & Fisher

#### **Apologies:**

Cllrs Wells, Miller & Patrick

#### **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:

**Untidy Verge Sawley Road, Railway Crossing** – The clerk submitted an application for a cultivation licence on the 1.3.23. Cllr Elliott reported that a large pile of stones had been delivered to the area in advance of the next works to the crossing.

**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. No work has been undertaken yet; Clerk emailed the head to enquire on progress 21.3.23. Thanks to Esther from the In Bloom group who had recently repainted the old rear gates on Sawley Road.

**Old chip shop building** - Mr Pepios reports that work is due to start in March. Cllr Rowlinson reported to full council that the In Bloom group had resumed caring for the area of garden to the

rear of the building on Blind Lane. The Clerk emailed 5.4.23 for an update. Mr Pepios replied on the 13th of April that he hopes work will commence this month.

**Service cabinet Risley Lane Damage and Graffiti** – the cabinet remains in the same state with barriers around it, no maintenance or repair work has been undertaken, Clerk to continue to lobby Virgin Media to make the site safe. Cllr Elliott reported that there had been no change at the site. The Clerk emailed V Mehta 5.4.23 for an update. Clerk to continue to chase the issue up.

#### **Litho Factory Longmoor Lane.**

Cllr Mounsey enquired if the Litho building was still on the list, none of the promised activity appeared to have happened, Clerk emailed Mr Ledger on the 21.3.23. Clerk to chase for a response.

#### **Grit Bin Sawley Road – FS Case 499696770 22.3.23**

To RESOLVE to note that the Clerk reported the damaged grit bin on the 22.3.23. no repairs have been undertaken as yet.

#### **Petrol Forecourt – Office building –**

To RESOLVE to note that the structure had been painted.

### **7. Flood Issues–**

#### **a) Longmoor Lane Flooding/Risley Footpath**

Footpath and land to the North of Longmoor Lane-

Alex Back (DCC) has written to the landowners and has a meeting with the chairman of the Canal society on the 4.4.23 and will report back in due course. Clerk to chase for a response.

### **8. Applications –**

The following applications were considered by the committee and the recommendations are as follows:

ERE/0323/0017 - 40 Wilsthorpe Road - Proposed single storey front porch and single storey rear extension – No objections.

ERE/0323/0025 - The Old Manor House, 39 Main Street - Listed building consent for internal and external alterations. - No Objections

ERE/0323/0039 - 2 Meadow Close - Certificate of lawfulness for a single storey rear extension and part garage conversion - No consultation not a planning application

ERE/0323/0027 - 10 Stevens Lane - Single storey extension to the rear of the property - No objections in principle although there may be some loss of outlook to number 8 Stevens Lane, with a reminder to the applicant of their responsibilities under the Party Wall Act.

ERE/0323/0051 - 1 Grosvenor Avenue - First floor side extension, single storey rear extension, front porch extension and hip to gable loft conversion including the installation of 1 rear dormer - No objections with a reminder to the applicant of their responsibilities under the Party Wall Act.

### **9. Decisions –**

The following decisions had been made by Erewash Borough Council.

ERE/0421/0056 - 50 Stevens Lane - REVISED DESIGN - RESPONSE SENT 29.11.22. - No objections in principle to the proposals for the site, however concerns have been raised regarding the following details:

- The loss of the historic old smithy building to make room for a parking space/garage is in poor judgment, an alternative access point and car parking spaces could be found instead of a Garage and incorporation of the garage smithy into unit 3 would be preferable.
- There may be overshadowing to number 39 Wards Lane.
- The plans showing the street scene onto Stevens Lane are cluttered and confusing. More details are required relating to the boundary detail.
- The plans currently don't appear to enhance the Conservation Area and we would refuse on this basis.
- The access from plots 1 & 2 onto the footpath to Duffield Close must have inward opening gates for public safety.

- There is no detailed specification of materials to be used in the application, particularly any rendering.
- The foundations of Plot 3 appear to be over the root protection zone of the T1 Sycamore tree (with a TPO).
- Insufficient amenity space (recreation/garden area) for new builds of this size. - Approved with conditions on 21.03.23

ERE/0223/0009 - 20 Meadow Close - Certificate of lawfulness for conversion of integral garage into habitable space - No Consultation not a planning application - Approved 28.03.23

ERE/0123/0047 - 37 Wards Lane - Proposed single storey rear and side extensions -No objections - Approved with conditions 22.03.23

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

### **a) PCMR - Solar Panels –**

It was RESOLVED to note that the panels have already made a significant difference to the amount of energy being used at the Parish Rooms. The first invoice has been received and compared with the same month period last year the cost was reduced by £60.00! Clerk to publicise on Facebook and Website.

### **b) Energy Efficient MUGA Floodlights –**

It was RESOLVED to note that the materials have been ordered by Eon and will be installed in due course.

## **11. Appeals/Enforcement Issues:**

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

It was RESOLVED to note that there had not been any progress with the case it was agreed to remove the item from the agenda.

## **12. Councillor’s Reports Feedback -**

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

It was RESOLVED to note that no further responses have been received. Cllr Mills gave feedback relating to the Parish & Town Council Liaison meeting at DCC: DCC are carrying out a consultation relating to the installation and needs relating to electric vehicle charging, they hope to have 500 in the county. Concerns were raised regarding the weight of electric vehicles due to the size of the battery packs, bridges, and buildings such as multi storey car parks did not have sufficient weight bearing limits for the weight of electric cars. Recent reports from Germany suggest that new fuels that can be used by combustion engines were being developed and that could be an alternative to electric vehicles. Clerk to complete the DCC Electric Vehicle Charging Network form and return it to DCC. It was agreed to remove the item from the agenda.

### **b) Garage Forecourt Drainage – Cllr Elliott –**

It was RESOLVED to note that DCC report that further investigative work will be undertaken in the new financial year. Work had been ongoing on the forecourt over recent weeks, Cllr Elliott reported that unfortunately the work was only related to the pumps not working properly. Clerk to investigate a timescale with DCC.

### **c) Vehicle Activated Signs – Cllr Elliott - FS Case 499686830 22.3.23**

It was RESOLVED to note the suggestion to convert the current vehicle activated speed warning signs sited in Breaston to greener methods of power and the subsequent response from Derbyshire County Council received 22.3.23.

I can see from checking our asset inventory that we do have the two signs (permanent) installs below on the A6005 on each directional approach into Breaston. To the best of my knowledge these signs are still in a very good working order with no issues in terms of their functionality and operation. Therefore, I don't have the justification to be having their associated electrical supply disconnected, the purchase/expenditure of procuring the solar operated type signs and then reinstalling them at these two locations below, when the current arrangements at the present time are effectively in good working order.

I suspect the change request is based around the attempt to reduce the electrical supply costs and the greener based initiatives of having solar based operational signs, which I can fully appreciate and as with the SIDS project is something that the County Council is fully supportive of promoting and supporting with the respective Town and Parish Councils which have engaged with this project to date. The signs are procured in either solar or battery-based operation as it makes the process for their mobile relocation around the parishes a more effective and affordable scheme and offers the reduction in electrical supply and installation and maintenance in this regard.

However, I am sure you can appreciate we would not be justified in replacing signs which at present are in full working order.

### **13. NALC Climate Change Report**

#### **a) Footpath map –**

It was RESOLVED to note that the map was delivered to the Printers to be digitised on the 22.3.23. Clerk to liaise with the printers and it was hoped that the hard copy map could be displayed at the Annual Parish Meeting and that some printed A4 copies would be available for residents.

### **14. Councillor's Reports**

#### **a) Cllr Mills – Green Entrepreneurs Grants – DCC –**

It was RESOLVED to note the information and a link would be shared on the Facebook page and website.

#### **b) Cllr Elliott – Scam Emails –**

It was RESOLVED to note the number of scam emails being sent to Cllrs emails. The Clerk reported that there was little that could be done and as long as Cllrs marked them as junk in their email systems and deleted them they shouldn't cause a problem.

#### **c) Car Park Rectory Road Flats – Cllr Fisher**

It was RESOLVED to note the reports received by Cllr Fisher in relation to ball games being played on the car park, Clerk to contact EMH and ask for the no ball games signs to be reinstated.

#### **d) Rock & Bike Festival – Cllr Mills**

It was RESOLVED to note that the organisers have been advertising extra land has been secured for the event. Does this affect the licensing decision Cllr Parkinson reported that there was a limit of 3000 attendees on the licensing decision. Clerk to enquire with the organisers which land and whether it will make any difference to the numbers attending.

The meeting closed at 10.50am

### **144/22 Highways & Lighting Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th April at 10.20am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.**

#### **1. Agenda Summons –**

#### **2. Public Session – none**

#### **3. Present:**

Cllr Fisher (Chair) Cllrs Beeching, Parkinson, Miller & Wrigglesworth

#### **Also Present:**

Cllrs Mounsey, Rowlinson, Wells, Patrick, & McCaig

#### **Apologies:**

Cllr Elliott

#### **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 County Council are happy that the path does not require any work and that signage is sufficient. The Clerk posted notices on Facebook regarding horses using the footpaths and contacted a local horse owner who has passed the information onto a local horse group on Facebook. This issue can now be removed from the agenda.

### 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 DCC report that the matter is ongoing, and they will deal with this issue until it is resolved.

### New Reports:

Blind Lane	Large Pothole	NO 21.3.23	FS-Case-499398499
Stevens Lane between junction with Draycott Rd/ Main Street & Blind Lane	Potholes & surface deterioration	NO 21.3.23	FS-Case-499400723
Stevens lane	Near to no 72	NO 21.3.23	FS-Case-499402852
Repairs complete			
Harrimans Drive	Large potholes	GD/NO 27.3.23	FS-Case-501598838
11 Holly Avenue	Large pothole	AM/NO 27.3.23	FS-Case-501601096
107 Longmoor Lane	Large pothole	AM/NO 27.3.23	FS-Case-501602108
Field Close	Large pothole	GD/NO 11.4.23	FS-Case-506661753

### 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. A date cannot be given for completion but is expected before the end of the financial year. Cllr Parkinson reports that the fingerpost has been replaced with a new modern sign.

A further faded sign was reported on the 1.3.23 Holme Road/Plackett Close Jitty FS Case 492097989

### b) Street Lighting –

none currently reported!

### c) Bridle Path 2 (FS Case 30001669) & 11(FS Case 30001670)

A resident reported that two areas of the above paths required some stoning work. The Clerk reported to DCC 14.02.23.

## 7. Councillor's Reports Feedback:

### a) Noise Pollution Airport –

It was RESOLVED to note that the clerk had attended a recent Parish Council Forum with EMA information from the event was circulated to Cllrs and posted on the Facebook and Website pages. Remove item from the agenda.

### b) Safer Streets –

It was RESOLVED to note that the County Council have refused our request, 27 different ways –Cllr Mills reported that she had asked the question at DCC, and the reduction of energy use is a big part of the decision-making process. It was agreed that there was nothing else that could be done and that the item be removed from the agenda.

### c) Bourne Square Yellow Lines – Cllr Luke-

it was RESOLVED to note the new correspondence from Julian Gould, following on from our letter to Maggie Throup & Barry Lewis:

Following on from your recent correspondence with my officers and representations made by Maggie Throup MP. Councillor Barry Lewis has asked that I have a further look at the issues raised by Breaston Parish Council in respect of the re-lining of Bourne Square.

I have therefore asked Max Adams (Senior Project Engineer) to attend site within the next 2 weeks, to assess the remedial works required and put timescales in place for these works to be carried out. Once Max has had an opportunity to evaluate the site he will be in contact with you directly to provide further information of the extent of the work proposed and when this will be undertaken.

On behalf of the Highway Service, I would like to apologise for the delay in resolving this matter and thank you for your patience whilst the matter is brought to a conclusion.

Mr Fearn of Bourne Sq. reported that he had met with Max Adams on the 22.3.23 when he was inspecting the road. Clerk to chase in due course.

#### **d) Installation of Cable – Virgin Media Funding**

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had received confirmation that the team were going to purchase the new cups and saucers and equipment that the Renew Café were in need of, it is hoped that some photos will be shared of the handover in due course. The Clerk reported that there had been a delay and that she would continue to liaise with the Renew Café team regarding the funding. A date had been set for the handover of the 20th of April Clerk and Cllrs to attend.

#### **8. Bulbs Wilsthorpe Road/Draycott Road-**

It was RESOLVED to note that all of the bulbs have started to come up in the planting areas and an application for a cultivation licence for the verge at Sawley Road was submitted on the 1.3.23. Cllr Rowlinson reported that the bulbs had been planted on the verges on Wilsthorpe Road on the 11th of April. A massive thank you to the refugees who attended to help with the planting.

#### **9. Christmas Lights Damage**

It was RESOLVED to note that PC Jason Limb had managed to secure the driver's details and a letter was sent to Mr Byard his employer as requested on the 3.3.23. No response has been received as yet. The Clerk has passed all of the information onto the Insurance Company (23.3.23) for them to take action. A response from the Insurance Company suggested that the Parish Council could investigate taking the case to the Small Claims Court. Clerk to write to Mr Byard and his employee by recorded delivery and report this information.

#### **10. Smart Motorway POPE Report**

It was RESOLVED to note that the report was due to be published on the Highways Agency website however it still hasn't appeared on the page given by officers, Clerk chased again 21.3.23. Recent national news reports regarding the safety of Smart Motorways were discussed and it was agreed that the report was probably held back in light of the dire results.

#### **11. Tree Planting Longmoor Lane**

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had sent all of the relevant information to the team at DCC 14.3.23 and also created an electronic file holding all of the details for future reference. To be removed from the agenda.

#### **12. Councillor's Reports**

##### **a) Firfield Avenue – School problems - Clerk**

To RESOLVE to note the issues raised by a number of residents from Firfield Avenue. Clerk to contact the head and DCC to try and organise a meeting.

##### **b) Electric Scooters – Cllr Mills**

To RESOLVE to note the information shared by Cllr Mills relating to the dangerous use of electric scooters on the highway and pavement in the village. A number of residents have raised concerns about the problem. Clerk to contact PC Limb for advice.

The Meeting closed at 10.50am

**145/22 Payments & Receipts April 2023**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
People Safe	Man Down Equipment	129.60
Waterplus	Pavilion Water 05.02.23-05.03.23	46.67
Sterilizing Services	Legionella Checks March	81.58
Castle Design & Print	Councillors Posters Design & Print x 30	66.00
Castle Design & Print	Newsletters Design & Print 2200	345.00
A Kincade	Installation of Defib	78.00
Dimensions Designs	Shade Garden Plaque	47.00
Land Registry	Johnson's Meadow title register & plan	6.00
Nat West	Bank Charges March	9.10
Yu Energy	MUGA Electricity 01.03.23-31.03.23	42.12
Yu Energy	MUGA Electricity 01.03.23-31.03.23	15.72
Waterplus	Cemetery Water 23.02.23-23.03.23	24.20
Cubit Ultrasonic	Light column stress testing 2023	108.00
British Gas Lite	PCMR Electricity 24.02.23-27.03.23	138.66
British Gas Lite	Chapel Electricity 24.02.23-27.03.23	17.52
British Gas Lite	Pavilion Electricity 22.02.23-22.03.23	48.38
Fox Grounds Maintenance	Grounds Maintenance March	1,260.00
Canopy Tree Services	Medium Priority Tree Works	570.00
Eagle Security Systems	Electrical Condition Testing 20.3.23-21.3.23 & Connection of NVR to internet at PCMR	1,044.00
Various	Staff Costs April	4714.33
Erewash Borough Council	Business Rates PCMR	0.00
Erewash Borough Council	Business Rates Cemetery	1,493.26
Cloud Next	Home Hosting .gov.uk domain	59.98
DALC	Annual Subscription + Enhanced Training	1,146.71
Website Design Derby	Hosting & Support Website SSL Cert SEO review	429.48
Key Stage Circus	Gala Attendance	360.00
Dako Flying Angels	Gala Attendance	200.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>12,481.31</b>
<b>Payer</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Elephant Rooms	Stall Booking	50.00
J Lupton	Stall Booking	35.00
Derby & Sandiacre Canal Trust	Stall Booking	25.00
St Michael's	Stall Booking Renew Café	25.00
Breaston Park FC	Stall Booking	25.00
Romanos Catering	Stall Booking	60.00
Long Eaton Community Engagement	Stall Booking	25.00
Scouts	Stall Booking	35.00
Erewash VIPS	Stall Booking	25.00
C Salt	Stall Booking	50.00
Breaston Belles	Stall Booking	25.00
Nationwide	Interest March	87.65
Nottinghamshire Memorials	Memorial Additional Inscription Smith NI15	30.00
Erewash Voluntary Action	Grant Funding Application CCTV	1,500.00



S Daws	Exclusive Rights/Interment/Memorial Fees NM18	1,340.00
Breaston Community Forum	Wildflower Meadow Donation	250.00
Co-op Funerals	Scanlan Interment ND22	95.00
Various	Wildflower Meadow Donations	14.00
Donaldson	Ashes Plot 7I	10.00
Mrs Flahey	Ground Rent	395.81
Shacklocks	Vernon Bowmer Trust Grant Application	20,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>24,102.46</b>

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

**146/22 Public Questions**

none

**147/22 Date of the Next Meeting**

Due to the Coronation Bank Holiday the next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for Tuesday May 9th 7.15pm

The Meeting Closed at 20.55pm

**148/22 Thank You**

Cllrs McCaig and Rowlinson are sadly standing down from the Parish Council at the impending election, Cllr Fisher presented them both with flowers and a gift from Cllrs, the Caretaker and Clerk.

Cllr McCaig has been a Parish Councillor for 20 years serving as Chair of the Parish Council from 2007-2010 and Chair of the Parks and Cemeteries committee where she worked on various schemes to improve the open spaces, new pavilion included. The end of an era she will be greatly missed.

Cllr Rowlinson has been on the Parish Council since 2016 and also served as the Chair of the Parks and Cemeteries Committee and the Perks Sub Committee where she has worked tirelessly on the current proposals to rejuvenate the park, she has also played a key role in the plans for the Cemetery Chapel improvements and been a vital link to other village organisations and her enthusiasm for the job will be greatly missed. We hope that both Cllrs will enjoy their new found freedom and have a long and happy "retirement" although we're certain that they'll both be as busy as they always are! Thank you both.

.....Chairman  
09.05.23