At the Meeting of Breaston Parish Council held on Monday the 10th of June 2024 which commenced at 7.15pm at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

Present:

Councillors Fisher, Elliott, Salt, Mills, Crannage, Mounsey, Patrick, Wells, & Miller
2 members of the public
Cllr Fisher in the Chair.
Cllr Fisher welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

Police Session

PCSO Coggins had sent a crime report for May.

Crime Report May: Breaston

39 recorded incidents resulting in 14 recorded crimes and 5 Non-crime related incidents
3– Violence related
5- Stalking/Harassment
2– Theft
1- Burglary
2- Criminal Damage
1- Public Disorder
Incidents of note:
1 x Theft from Person
27/04 Derby Road
1 x Burglary
22/05 Main Street
1 x Criminal Damage
08/05 Longmoor Lane
1 x Public Disorder
04/05 The Crescent

Notes from PCSO

I hope everyone got a chance to take advantage of the nice weather while we had it, especially since the rain came back in full force not long after. The good weather did unfortunately bring with it the usual ASB and nuisance kids causing trouble. We have been attending the cemetery and old school site due to the increase in calls about youths hanging about which is trespassing. While trespassing is not a criminal matter we will still attend if it is reported to us. In good news however we have identified some of the youths involved and are in the process of dealing with them and their parents with ASB letters and such, I understand it is not much, but it is at least a start. Fingers crossed that this will at least discourage some of them from reoffending and if not we will be taking it further.

Public Session:

none

Reports from outside bodies:

none

15/24 Apologies for Absence –

Cllrs Parkinson & Beeching and PCSO Coggins.

16/24 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 – **none.**

17/24 Dispensations –

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

18/24 Approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 13th May.

It was PROPOSED and SECONDED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 13th of May.

19/24 Correspondence

none

20/24 Clerk's Report

None.

21/24 Finance Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 5th of June 2024 at 8.45am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

1. Summons

2. Public Session: none

3. Present:

Cllr Mills (Chair) Cllrs Mounsey, Elliott, Fisher(arrived 8.50), & Parkinson

Also Present:

Cllrs Wells, & Salt

Apologies:

Cllrs Miller, Beeching, 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. Staff Appraisals

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk will organise with Cllrs Fisher and Mills.

7. Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2023-4

It was RESOLVED to note that the return was submitted to PKF Littlejohn on the 21.5.24.

8. Bank Balances as at 31.05.2024

Current Account	£ 84,760.73
Nationwide Reserve Account	£ 85,295.05
Unity Trust Reserve Account	£ 85,000.00
Gala Account	£ 5,728.39
Total	£260,784.17

9. Councillor's Reports

a) Financial Regulations 2024 – Cllr Mills

To RESOLVE to note that following on from the updates to the regulations Cllr Mills suggested that a member who is not an authorised signatory was needed to sign off on the reconciliations and bank statements every quarter. Cllr Wells volunteered.

The meeting closed at 8.55am

22/24 General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday the 5th of June at 8.55am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

1. Agenda Summons

2. Public Session: none

3. Present:

Cllr Mounsey (Chair) Cllrs Wells, Mills, Fisher, Parkinson, Salt & Elliott.

Apologies:

Cllrs Beeching, Crannage, 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. Community Assets – Breaston

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk chased the team for a response on the 24.05.24 cc'd EBC Cllrs Mills and Miller. No response as yet. During the meeting, an acknowledgment was received to the application.

7. Lamp post Poppy Display 2024

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk collected some donated fabric from Exclusive by Design on the 29.5.24 they are happy to donate more should it be required. Maintenance Officer to continue to liaise with the Yarn bombers. Clerk to republicise the call for poppies in light of the current D Day commemorations.

8. Summer Band Concert 2024 – 4th August 2024

It was RESOLVED to note that plans are in hand for the event. Clerk to contact Mr Sheldrick regarding the erection of the marquee.

9. Car Boot/Tabletop Sale – Community Forum 20.7.24

The event has been advertised locally and the clerk reported positive feedback from residents.

10. Annual Parish Meeting 21st May 2024

It was RESOLVED to note that the event was a real success in terms of the number of groups and organisations who came along and provided stalls and information. However, the turnout of residents was very poor, out of a population of 4400 only about 8 people not involved in a stall came along. The Clerk has been investigating the rules relating to the holding of the Parish Meeting and they are archaic and haven't been changed since the 1970's. Advice was sought from the SLCC, and it would seem that there are little if any sanctions if the meeting goes ahead or not. Options including holding the event during the gala or band concert or on a Saturday morning were all discussed and finally it was RESOLVED that the meeting would not be organised for the usual slot in 2025 and then if there was an enormous outcry of despair it would be arranged to take place as part of the summer band concert.

11. Dementia Information Session

The event was a success. Cllrs Salt & Patrick proposed holding a monthly/bi-monthly carers session at the PCMR – we have lots of leaflets and information that can be shared, but more importantly somewhere to just come for a chat and support and a cuppa for an hour or two would be a positive offering. It could be trialled for 6 months and see what interest it creates. Costs would be minimal – we get the biscuits free from Simon, we always have tea and coffee in the PCMR, and the cost of publicising would be minimal also.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would seek advice from the Erewash Volunteer Group and feedback on email, then a date could be set for the first trial session.

12. Meeting Room Water Boiler

It was RESOLVED to note that the boiler was installed on the 22.5.24 and the Clerk will monitor the water and electricity usage to see if there is any reduction.

13. Scout HQ Access –

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk has spoken to Mrs Redfern about the set of keys we hold and offered to give them back, as without an alarm fob they are useless. The issue of accessing the meter and then the subsequent correspondence with Mrs Truman was discussed. The Clerk had requested a copy of the invoice for the column. Following the meeting the clerk had received a further response which threw the whole problem into further confusion as it would appear that the bills don't separate out the two meters. Clerk to investigate further with the Scout Group.

14. PCMR Land Offer –

It was RESOLVED to note the correspondence between the Clerk and the Estates Team at Erewash Borough Council. Currently the area of land between the Parish Council Building and the marked parking bays on Blind Lane is owned by EBC and they have offered to sell it to the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk seek a separate valuation of the land and to feedback to cllrs accordingly.

15. Walks – Offer from Rachel Scott

Rachel Scott has offered to help promote the search for a new leader for the walks in the village, she can design and provide posters and leaflets, she also offered to include a walk in Breaston in next year's Erewash Walking Week event when we can promote the need for a leader further if necessary, it was RESOLVED to proceed with the proposal.

16. Councillor's Reports

None.

The meeting closed at 9.35am

23/24 Parks & Cemeteries Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 5th of June at 9.35am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

1. Agenda Summons

2. Public Session – none

3. Present:

Cllr Mounsey (Chair) Cllrs Wells, Mills, Fisher, Parkinson, Salt & Elliott.

Apologies:

Cllrs Miller, Beeching, Patrick & Crannage.

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) Football Pitch Centre Circle –

It was RESOLVED to note the information as circulated by the clerk regarding the fees, work undertaken to the centre circle and Mr Cox's impending retirement as manager at Athletica. Some temporary work has been undertaken on the centre circle and it will be completed in due course.

The increase in the fees was discussed along with the lack of playing time due to the weather. It was RESOLVED that the increase of 5% would go ahead.

b) Cemetery Boundary – Holly Avenue Gardens

It was RESOLVED to note the new correspondence from the representative of the residents at no. 9 Holly Avenue. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should write and confirm that the fence is not the responsibility of the Parish Council nor are the squirrels and that the residents were welcome to complete the application forms for work to be undertaken to the trees and submit it to Erewash Borough Council. The Parish Council can only correspond with the residents of no.9 Holly Avenue going forward.

c) Fencing Centenary Garden

It was RESOLVED to note the photos and information circulated by the Clerk. In line with H & S the clerk asked Mr Fisher to make the necessary repairs as soon as possible. (approx £300.00)

7. Perks Sub-Committee – Feedback.

It was RESOLVED to note the information:

- Improved Lighting –
  Clerk confirmed with TCS that the work will be started as soon as possible after the path on the eastern side of the site is completed.
- The Clerk confirmed that the team at Shacklock's report that our application will be considered at their meeting on the 26th of June.
- Walking Path – the Clerk met with Mr Wheatley on the 9th May and he was pleased that the ground was drying up nicely. He hopes that they can commence on the week of the 10.06.24 and will liaise accordingly. Following the meeting a further site visit was organised 9am 6.6.24.
- Memorial Benches – it was RESOLVED to note that Mr Fisher commenced the work on the bases on the 5th of June. The three benches were ordered on the 15.5.24. All three families have returned signed agreement forms along with the fees and inscriptions.

8. Chapel –

a) Cemetery Drains –

The clerk emailed the Highways Maintenance Manager on the 4.4.24 to get further clarification on what the "regular cycle" entails, emphasizing the need to protect the chapel and houses on Holly Avenue and the fact that the neglect of the ditch was the cause of the flooding in the area. Clerk chased for a response on the 18.4.24 and the officer is out of the office until early May. Clerk emailed again and received a response from the office of Charlotte Cupit 28.5.24 reporting that the officer had been requested to give feedback. We really are stuck until they give us an answer.

The application for the flood resilience grant to Derbyshire County Council was successful and the clerk circulated the information received to cllrs on the 15.05.2024. Clerk to complete the forms and choose option 1 and also return the amended form relating to the Subsidy Control Act. Cllr Parkinson reported that as part of a tour around the parish with Emma Alexander (DCC) he had shown her the chapel site and explained the problems caused by the lack of maintenance to the ditch.

b) Ceiling

B1st Scaffolding are installing the scaffolding on Monday the 3rd of June.
BM Plastering hope to commence work on the 6th of June and shouldn't take longer than a week.

c) Replacement Floor

The clerk spoke to Mr Fisher, and he asked if decoration would be undertaken to the new plastering it was RESOLVED that the Clerk organise quotes for decoration as soon as possible in order to benefit from the use of the scaffolding.

d) Electrical Work

The electricians are booked in for the 2nd of July.

9. Annual Tree Inspection Report

a) Tornado Damage

i) Duffield Close Tree

Following the advice received from both Jon Simpson and Jaimey Lim it was agreed that the replacement tree would be a Liriodendron Tulipifera, Clerk to liaise with the In Bloom team to get a price to plant in the Autumn.

ii) Johnson's Meadow Oak to the rear of number 33 Gregory Avenue.

It was RESOLVED to note that the application to Erewash Borough Council for a Tree Protection Order was rejected because the tree was so irreparably damaged by the tornado that it does not meet the requirements of a Tree Protection Order.

b) Low & Very Low Priority Work.

It was RESOLVED to arrange for the Low & Very Low Priority work identified at the site meeting to be carried out. Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

c) Bartlett Training Session – 19.6.24

It was RESOLVED to note that the Bartlett team asked if they could use one of the Parish trees for a H&S training including aerial tree rescue practice training session on the 19.6.24. Following agreement on email the Clerk approved the session on Duffield Close

10. Illegal Interment of Ashes – New Cemetery

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk continues to liaise with the family and awaits a response in relation to grave ownership.

11. Box Hedging Cemetery –

It was RESOLVED to note the state of the hedge and the information from Mrs Hayward circulated by the Clerk 29.5.24. Clerk to ask Fox Grounds Maintenance to quote for the following options:

- To cut back to the ground leaving the roots in place.
- To remove entirely and replace with a) Yew (taxus Hicksii) OR a mixed native hedge.

12. Tree Preservation Order/Biodiversity Training

It was RESOLVED to note the information. Cllr Miller & Mills attended a training session at EBC. Unfortunately, Cllr Miller was unable to attend today, and the item will be postponed until the July meeting.

13. Cllr Luke Memorial

It was RESOLVED to note proposal for a memorial by Cllr Miller. After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for a plaque similar to the one for Cllr Toon to be installed when the Tulip tree is planted in the autumn.

14. Tree Number 1 Duffield Close

It was RESOLVED to note concerns of residents at no. 26 Stevens Lane regarding tree number 1 on Duffield Close at the bottom of his garden, they are willing to pay for any work undertaken. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should send the appropriate forms to the residents so that they could submit the application for work to Erewash Borough Council and make the necessary arrangements for the work to be completed.

15. Councillor's Reports

a) Rewilding – Cllr Mills

Cllr Mills confirmed that following last month's Environment meeting she had spoken to the lead Cllr and Mr Bramwell at EBC regarding seeking advice on rewilding, so that the Parish Council could decide on any areas of Parish Land that would be suitable for a project. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Mills should invite them and the In Bloom team to the July meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.30am

24/24 Environment Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Monday 10th June 2024 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 Salt, Parkinson, Fisher & Mills

Apologies:

Cllrs Wells, Patrick & Miller

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 that the clerk has checked through the remaining outstanding issues on the report, the findings were reviewed, and the report will be updated accordingly leaving only four items outstanding. Clerk to contact those responsible in due course.

7. Flood Issues–

a) Longmoor Lane Flooding/Risley Footpath

- The Flood Alleviation Team at DCC have been asked to clarify what they require landowners north of the lane to do. No response as yet. Clerk chased A Back 30.4.24. chased again on the 24.5.24. Cllr Parkinson reported that he had alerted Emma Alexander to the issues on Longmoor Lane on their site visits around the Parish last week.
- The work which has been requested to the ditch and culvert on Longmoor Lane is listed for completion on the DCC system, the clerk enquired via J Vilas what the planned work entailed, a response is still awaited from M Cooke, Cllr Cupit is investigating 24.5.24. J Vilas is also seeking information on our behalf.

  It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should inform the Parish Council's insurers of the lack of action regarding flood risk at the cemetery by the County Council so that they were fully aware of the situation. Cllrs Mills to speak to a lady from the Geological Survey at Keyworth to seek advice on what can be done and what we should expect from the various responsible authorities.

b) Flood – Storm Babet/Henk

it was RESOLVED to note that there are still some areas which are of concern following the wet winter.

- Old Westernmere School Site – The Clerk chased the relevant parties on the 24.5.24 and the landowner's agents have reported that the work is being undertaken in phases and that the gathered materials will be removed in due course.
- Goldenbrook – the Environment Agency are attending to hot spot areas (west of Holmes Rd estate and watercourses from Draycott Road through to Gregory Ave) the Clerk emailed Komal Bukhari on the 24.5.24 for an update. A response is awaited.
- Marlborough Road through to Belvoir Close – the tree blocking the watercourse was reported to EBC who are the landowners. The clerk reported that correspondence had been received from the team at Bartlett stating that the removal of the root ball was not included in the original contract. The Clerk contacted the team at EBC for clarification and a further inspection had been carried out and advice sought. The root ball was scheduled for removal and the bank to be repaired with clay as soon as practicable. Since this correspondence, a further email from S Buxton was received stating that the root ball in his opinion was not presenting an issue and that the work would not be undertaken. The Clerk emailed Mr Buxton and queried the change of heart and asked for confirmation that the risk was removed. He confirmed that the site would be monitored. Clerk asked Cllrs Mills and Miller to step in and Cllr Mills emailed and asked why the engineer's advice was now being ignored. A response is awaited. Cllr Mills to liaise with Cllr Miller.

  Cllr Elliott reported that he had a lengthy conversation with John Vilas from the Flood Alleviation Team regarding the culverts/ditch between Longmoor Lane and the Lagoon at Fearn Close. He also requested further information about the maintenance cycle for street gullies and culverts and needs to gather further information together regarding problem areas for Mr Vilas to investigate further. Clerk to send a copy of the problem areas map to Mr Vilas on behalf of Cllr Elliott. The Clerk has been corresponding with Mr Vilas regarding problem areas on Longmoor Lane, Blind Lane, Poplar Road Estate, Rectory Road and Risley Lane and Mr Vilas will liaise with the highways maintenance team to try to expedite the reports.

8. Applications –

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

ERE/0524/0011 - 14 Stevenson Avenue - Erect single storey rear extension, raise roof adjoining store, apply new render finish, erect new dormer to rear elevation and other associated external alterations - No objections (4/1 vote) with a note to the applicant of their responsibilities under the Party Wall Act.
ERE/0424/0044 - 10 Beech Avenue - Erection of detached double garage with first floor room above - No objections
ERE/0524/0022 - 95 Risley Lane - Demolish existing conservatory and garage, erect new two storey side extension and single storey rear extension - No objections with a note to the applicant of their responsibilities under the Party Wall Act
ERE/0524/0026 - 7 Wards Lane - Removal of existing porch and bay window, replacement with new bay window, replacement of all windows and doors, demolition of front wall to allow extension of driveway. Installation of render to forward extension. Other external alterations. - No objections.
ERE/0524/0043 - The Hollies Blind Lane - Notification of Tree Works: T1 (Sycamore) – Remove - No Consultation.

9. Decisions –

The following decisions have been made by Erewash Borough Council:
ERE/0324/0045 - 64 Holly Avenue - Proposed 2 storey side and rear extension, single storey rear extension enclosed porch and other associated external alterations - No objections - Approved with conditions 17.5.24

10. Councillor's Reports Feedback -

a) Garage Forecourt Drainage – Cllr Elliott –FS Case 50181754

It was RESOLVED to note that Cllr C Cupit, DCC confirmed that she will update as soon as she gets a response from the team. Clerk contacted Cllr Cupit to seek an update on the 30.04.24. and again, on the 4.6.24.

b) Field Close unauthorised dwelling.

It was RESOLVED to note: That the clerk continues to chase for an update from both Building Control and Planning emails sent 30.4.24 and again 4.6.24. R Snow reports that Andy Ward is looking into this case.

11. Biodiversity Net Gain

It was RESOLVED to note that the whole document has now been reviewed, it was agreed to include on the Parish Council Website. A number of items on the report are ongoing as follows:

- 2.2 Install bird and bat boxes on Parish Land a further review of the information provided by the In-bloom team is needed in order to make an informed decision.
- 3.5 The installation of water butts at the Chapel – the issues recently raised relating to legionella were discussed and it was agreed that notices would be procured to inform members of the public that the water wasn't fit for human or animal consumption. It was also agreed that similar notices would be applied to the taps on the Breaston Cemetery site.
- 3.7 Installation of 2nd water butt at the Parish Rooms – similar signs to be displayed.
- 4.1 Review the chemicals used on all Parish Council premises. A further review of the details provided by the Clerk and Erewash Borough Council was required. Clerk to investigate products available on M Douglas Website.
- 4.3 Ensure that the design of artificial light minimises the effect on nature – Clerk to investigate with contractor. Ref. the new ROW lighting project on Perks Park.
- 6.2 Review waste management and recycling processes. It was agreed that the Parish Council are limited to the processes provided by the borough council.

12. The Crescent/Belvoir Close Ditch Ownership – Cllr Mills

It was RESOLVED to note EBC have been asked to clear the ditch on land in their ownership on the 16.2.24. They report that no date has been set for the works as yet. Cllrs Mills to chase S Buxton.

13. Village Map.

The resident was extremely pleased when he was provided with a means of acquiring a copy of the map. John E Wrights at Derby to sell him a copy. Thank you, Cllr Miller.

14. Launderette – Petrol Service Station, Wilsthorpe Road

It was RESOLVED to note the clerk emailed R Snow for an update 4.6.24. Val Leigh is investigating.

15. Rewilding Possibilities

It was RESOLVED to note the Parish Council would investigate the suitability of Erewash Borough Council's Rewilding for areas of our own green spaces. Cllr Mills to invite Mr Bramwell and the relevant Lead Cllr at EBC to the July meeting, Clerk to invite the In Bloom group.

16. Lithium-Ion Batteries

It was RESOLVED to support the campaign to ensure greater safety in the use and disposal of lithium batteries. Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

17. Councillor's Reports

a) Land Adjacent to 10 Holly Avenue, Breaston – Cllr Mills

To RESOLVE to note that the plot of land which was granted planning permission on which to build a house, is now being used as a dumping ground, local residents report that a local landscaping contractor has leased the land. Clerk to make enquiries with Planning and the alleged contractor.

b) Severn Trent Water Drop In – Witches Oak – Cllr Elliott

To RESOLVE to note that Cllr Elliott attended the session in Sawley on the 4th of June. Full details of the information available at the session can be found on the STW website. Green recovery | Wonderful on Tap | Severn Trent Water (stwater.co.uk)

More information also available at:
https://waterprojectsonline.com/case-studies/green-recovery-witches-oak-2023/
https://waterprojectsonline.com/case-studies/church-wilne-wtw-2020/

The meeting closed at 11.15am.

25/24 Highways & Lighting Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 5th June at 10.30am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

1. Agenda Summons –

2. Public Session –

Mr Turner resident of Mill Hill Lane attended to raise concerns about the issues being faced by motorists trying to exit Mill Hill Lane onto Risley Lane. Rewilding of verges, events at local venue; Hidden Ivy and inconsiderate parking by visitors to the venue were all described and discussed.

- the verges to the right of the lane were completely blocking sightlines up Risley Lane and the Clerk agreed to write to the team at EBC to ask for the advisory 1m swathes to be cut into the verge at this site. **Mr Turner reported that he had, had a further near miss when trying to exit the lane since the meeting and had cut back the over grown verges himself to enable a clear view up and down Risley Lane.**
- The parking enforcement team had been advised of the issues and reported that they were unable to take any action as there were no regulations in place in the surrounding area and that the local police should be alerted to the issues. The Clerk has already written to the Safer Neighbourhood Team and asked them to keep an eye on the area. It was agreed that there were disabled access dropped kerbs along the road in the area to allow pedestrians and cyclists who were using the cycle path and right of way and it was an offence to park over these dropped kerbs. Cllr Parkinson reported that he had spoken to the team at the Hidden Ivy about the issues and he hoped that would help alleviate the issues.
- Clerk to alert the Hidden Ivy to the erroneous listing on Bing Maps
- Clerk to contact the Sustrans team to ask for their support in lobbying for a pedestrian crossing at the site so that pedestrians using the path can safely get to the other side of the road. Clerk to write to Derbyshire County Council to request investigation into the possibility of a formal crossing.
- Clerk to pass DCC contact details to Mr Turner.

3. Present:

Cllr Wells (Chair) Cllrs Elliott, Salt, Parkinson, Fisher, & Mills. Public: Mr Turner

Apologies –

Cllrs Mounsey, Patrick, Miller, Crannage, & Beeching.

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: Potholes on the Highway

It was RESOLVED to note the information – see attached report. Cllr Mills reported that the drains on Holly Avenue had been inspected. Cllr Fisher reported that he had been contacted by three residents in relation to the hedge at no. 90 Longmoor Lane and the Clerk reported that Cadent were now investigating the problem outside 109 Longmoor Lane. Cllr Parkinson reported that he had taken a tour of his ward with Emma Alexander (DCC) and highlighted all of the issues that we were currently concerned about she took copious notes and it is hoped that some progress might be made.

b) Road Signs

A request for no cycling signs for the jitties on Wards Lane/Shirley Cres/Dale Close was submitted on the 26.05.23 FS-Case- 519209720– Work has been issued for completion on the DCC system. The clerk chase the Highways team for an update 29.5.24.

7. Firfield Avenue – School problems - Clerk

it was RESOLVED to note that the consultation was publicised, and residents and the Parish Council responded to DCC. The Parish Council were broadly in favour of the proposed scheme but highlighted that there was a need for more policing of the regulation by the parking enforcement team. No further update from the school regarding the parking buddies, Clerk to continue to liaise with DCC & the school team.

8. Christmas Lights Damage

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk forwarded the updated quotation to the Insurers on the 18.3.24 and chased for a response on the 27.3.24 and again on the 18.4.24. The ombudsman's form was completed and returned on the 14.05.24. A request from the insurers for the invoice was received on the 14.5.24 (minutes after the complaint was lodged) the information was sent back to them on the 17.5.24. we still await payment. Clerk chased again on the 5.6.24.

9. Longmoor Lane SIDS

- The application for funding from the OPCC has been successful for two devices, additional information has been provided to the team and the payment is awaited.
- We are awaiting the Object in the Highway licences following the applications for five sites, The Clerk passed the information relating to the supplier to the OITH officer on the 8th of May. A further enquiry was received on the 10.5.24 relating to the devices being fixed to street lighting columns. The clerk confirmed that poles were to be installed by the DCC maintenance team. The licences are still awaited. The team at the OPCC continue to touch base with the Clerk and it is hoped that progress will be made soon.
- As soon as the licences are received the Clerk will place the order with Elan City.

It was RESOLVED to note that Derbyshire County Council are holding up proceedings and that the Clerk would continue to lobby for progress with the licences.

10. Breaston in Bloom Planting on Longmoor Lane

a) Cemetery Entrance

It was RESOLVED to note that the team from Breaston In Bloom are liaising with D Bramwell regarding the possibility of planting the two garden areas at the entrance to the Cemetery. Mr Bramwell has confirmed that the land is part of the highway curtilage and so therefore the responsibility of the Highways authority. The Clerk reported to the In Bloom group that the Parish Council could not take on the responsibility for trees on the site and perhaps they should stick to the proposed wildflowers 9.5.24. A response from Bloom is awaited.

b) Wildflower Planting – Breaston in Bloom

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk completed and submitted the application for a cultivation licence for the planting of a wildflower verge opposite the cemetery on the 30.4.24. no response as yet.

11. Overgrown Hedges Wilsthorpe Road/Carlin Close – Cllr Salt

It was RESOLVED to note that letters were sent out to:
111 Wilsthorpe Road – Hedge – this hedge has now been cut back.
59 Wilsthorpe Road – Hedge – no change.
19 Carlin Close – Overgrown front garden. No change.
The Clerk also spoke to Mrs McCaig regarding the conifer at 97 Wilsthorpe Road and she will organise for it to be pruned back.
Cllrs Elliott & Salt reported that hedges at the following properties needed to be cut back:
113, 145, 149,151,153, & 161 Wilsthorpe Road.
The issues previously raised with the Highways team about the imbalance between the footpath and cycle path were even more pertinent now that the verges weren't being cut the width of the footway is reduced even further by the loss of the grass verge to walk on. Clerk to write highlighting the issue to the Highways Authority.

12. Hanging Baskets – Clerk/Cllr Wells

It was RESOLVED to note that Cllr Wells agreed to pursue new sponsorship and will liaise with the clerk over details.
Current sponsors: Andersons, Towns & Crawford, Mark Darling and Evans Pharmacy, & InK Financial Management. Cllr Wells confirmed that he had written out to 10 companies and will report back in due course.

13. Wards Lane – Traffic Issues

It was RESOLVED to note that a resident had raised concerns regarding the use of Wards Lane during events being held on Duffield Close and around the village. During the recent yard sale a number of vehicles had travelled through Wards Lane at inappropriate speed and without due care. Would it be possible to have One Way signs, or No Access signs installed? It was agreed that Duffield Close was only used for a small number of days in the year, however the problems with vehicles and the short central part of the lane was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to DCC to ask for them to investigate a solution to the problem.

14. Councillor's Reports

None

The meeting closed at 11.20am

Highways Report June Update

Location	Problem	Reported	Case Number	Completed/outstanding
65 Poplar Road	Overhanging hedge blocking pavement reported by a number of residents	01.06.23	FS Case 520547468	The system still states that it is awaiting status update - an email was sent to the Highways Hub on the 26.10.23 asking for an update - still no reply on the 30.11.23.Clerk chased 21.12.23 Inspector continues to chase. Chased CC 26.3.24 Still can't access on the system chased email 29.4.24 Chased 29.5.24
Risley Lane	Bollards Damaged	04.07.23	FS Case 528895435	Added to the Planned Work Programme – NO change Stet Chased 29.5.24
Church View Footpath 1	Faded sign	11.7.23	FS Case 530764658	Added to planned work programme – stet chased 29.5.24
90 Longmoor Lane footpath 15	Overhanging Vegetation	11.7.23	FS Case 530780760	The inspector is to confirm our next step with the highway manager, which should be legal enforcement action, and we will serve Notice on the property. Further response from DCC 23.11.23 Further to my previous email, the inspector advised that some works have been carried out by the landowner however more work is required to ensure it is cut back to their boundary and the full width of footway is available. We will therefore serve the enforcement Notice on the landowner which instructs works within 28 days. If the requested works are not undertaken, the County Council will then carry out the works and recharge all associated costs. Chased email 21.2.24 Further chasing email 26.3.24 stet chased for an update 29.5.24
Brick Built Planter The Green	Corner brick fallen off	14.7.23	FS Case 531603022	This case has been awaiting status update since July - the Clerk sent an email to the Highways Hub requesting an update on the 26.10.23 and we still await a response. Chased on system 21.12.23 Further chase on system 21.2.24 Chased again on the system 26.3.24 Still awaiting update chased on system 29.4.24

				chased for an update 29.5.24 The inspector attended site on the 02.04.2024 and found minor deterioration to brickwork with no perceived impact on traffic safety. To be monitored by area inspector for any future deterioration.
Willoughby Close/Wilsthorpe Road	Overhanging hedge	17.7.23	Cllr Parkinson Reported to DCC Case no 533346699	The hedge has been cut back by the residents but still overhangs the boundary line onto the pavement narrowing the space for pedestrians to pass. Cllr Parkinson reported that he'd had no response from the team. Still waiting on the 9.10.23! Cllr Parkinson chased 26.10.23. Clerk chased 30.11.23 C Cupit reports that Cllr P will feedback on progress. Some work has been done but still not back to the boundary. Emailed RP for update 21.2.24 Chased RP for an update 26.3.24 Cllr Parkinson was given the following response: I inspected the location again on 25/01/2024 and observed the following: "We can acknowledge the householders concerns that the hedge might not survive further cutting back. However, they have allowed the hedge to significantly encroach onto the footway, forcing pedestrians onto the grass verge. A further letter will be required." The enquiry is currently with Highways Admin, for a letter to be sent. As this enquiry is currently ongoing, and involves a private landowner, we are unable to comment any further and are unable to provide a timescale at this juncture. Bearing in mind the last response will leave until next month before chasing again Emailed RP 29.5.24 to seek update

Rectory Road	Possible blocked Drain	29.9.23	FS-Case-550663197 26.3.24	Following conversations with the residents of 2c Rectory Road. Being investigated on the DCC system. Following the storms 20.10 the road and park were badly flooded. Work has been issued for completion. Added chase note to system 21.2.24 Residents continue to raise concerns about the drainage on Rectory Road, could you let us know whether the investigation has been carried out yet please?Still can't access on the system chased for response 29.4.24 also mentioned in email to J Vilas 29.4.24 John said that he will map all the locations and send to the area team to add to their list to reactively check these gullies and clean as needed. John will see if he can organise a more rigorous investigation although, as you may be aware, there are just a lot of problem areas like this scattered around and sometimes just figuring out what the problem is can take quite a bit of time, much less organising a remedy. With that said he will do what he can to push this along.
Poplar Road	Cycle route knocked over	2.10.23	FS-Case-551547553	Work has been issued for completion on the DCC system. Added chase note on the system 21.2.24 Chased on system 26.03.24 Still no response Chasing email 29.5.24
Holly Avenue	Blocked Drain	30.10.23	FS Case 558353995	Reported by Cllr Mills No action as yet 21.2.24 Emailed AM 26.3.24 for update Emailed AM for update 29.4.24 & 29.5.24
Longmoor Lane	Sunken road previously reported still not repaired causes large puddle which drowns pedestrians when vehicles unavoidably drive through it	21.11.23	FS Case 563622017 FS Case 460130607 Cadent Ref No: 10727156	According to the resident who reported it DCC have passed this onto Cadent when it was reported previously, and they have not been back to repair. Clerk reported to DCC again and will chase them to get the utility company to carry out the work. Can't load on the system. Still not repaired

				21.12.23 Needs to be checked again not clear if some work has been undertaken. Clerk contacted Cadent direct on the 28.2.24 Emailed Resident on 26.3.24 for update on any progress. No change Clerk to chase Cadent. Chased contact Ben Green at Cadent 29.4.24 Emailed wecare@cadentgas.com 29.5.24
Longmoor Lane	Japanese Knotweed	22.8.23 & 7.11.23	FS Case 541080328 FS Case 560204871	Residents report the plants have not been removed. Another case that won't load on the system No change. Chased HH 30.4.24
Longmoor Lane	NO 13.12.13 Additional note added 18.12.23 On investigation we think that it would be a good idea to use the material dug out of the ditch to build up the banks at the west end of the ditch near to the garages, this end of the ditch is lower and the water overspills here first - if the banks were built up higher it would hold the water in the ditch longer allowing it to flow away through the culvert as intended. Additionally, the culvert under the road needs to be increased in size because currently it can't deal with the amount of water needing to go through.	NO 13.12.13 Additional note added 18.12.23	**FS-Case-569098178** **FS Case 587950484**	DCC report that this will be added to the programme for attention in the new financial year. Request to increase the size of the culvert submitted 19.2.24 Further email sent outlining the Parish Councils proposal to install a flood gate and drain on the chapel forecourt sent 21.3.24. EBC requested hydrology report stating volumes of water, capacity of drainage system 25.3.24 Emailed DCC 26.3.24 asking if they could help with this and stating that it could all be resolved with the ditch clearance work and increased size culvert. See Parks and Cemeteries minute number 8a) Clerk contacted the highways maintenance team for clarification 4.4.24. once a response is received if not satisfactory a further letter to be sent suggesting putting it in the hands of the Insurers. Chased the maintenance team 18.4.24 on leave until early May Chased again on the 24.5.24 response received 28.5.24Thank you for your email. I have forwarded this onto the relevant department and Cllr

				Cupit will be back in touch with a response.
Poplar Road Estate	Street Gullies blocked	NO 2.1.24	FS Case 573529779	Await a reply from DCC. Awaiting status update Emailed John Vilas on the 23.2.24 with details of the problems photos etc – no response as yet. Emailed J Vilas 29.4.24 also mentioned Blind Lane, Risley Lane, Rectory Road John said that he will map all the locations and send to the area team to add to their list to reactively check these gullies and clean as needed. John will see if he can organise a more rigorous investigation although, as you may be aware, there are just a lot of problem areas like this scattered around and sometimes just figuring out what the problem is can take quite a bit of time, much less organising a remedy. With that said he will do what he can to push this along.
Blind Lane	Street Gullies inadequate and blocked	NO 2.1.24	FS Case 573640744	Email from HH stating that the work would be undertaken in 9-12 months Emailed John Vilas on the 23.2.24 with details of the problems photos etc – no response as yet. Emailed J Vilas 29.4.24 also mentioned Blind Lane, Risley Lane, Rectory Road John said that he will map all the locations and send to the area team to add to their list to reactively check these gullies and clean as needed. John will see if he can organise a more rigorous investigation although, as you may be aware, there are just a lot of problem areas like this scattered around and sometimes just figuring out what the problem is can take quite a bit of time, much less organising a remedy. With that said he will do what he can to push this along.
Risley Lane	Drainage Issues	NO 26.10.2022	FS Case - 461199401	This old report was included in an email chasing for

				reactive treatment for gullies, residents regularly report issues on Risley Lane. John said that he will map all the locations and send to the area team to add to their list to reactively check these gullies and clean as needed. John will see if he can organise a more rigorous investigation although, as you may be aware, there are just a lot of problem areas like this scattered around and sometimes just figuring out what the problem is can take quite a bit of time, much less organising a remedy. With that said he will do what he can to push this along.
Firfield Avenue	Potholes worse see previous report FS Case 562257065	RC/NO 4.1.24	FS-Case-574251092	Not repaired. Your report or request is being processed still the same status 26.3.24 Stet 29.4.24 still no change 29.5.24
Sawley Road	Damaged Road Sign	GE/NO 25.1.24	**FS-Case-580361705**	Still not done. Work has been issued for completion Still the same. Stet 29.4.24 No longer able to view on the system chasing email sent 29.5.24
The Green	Faded No Entry Sign	LB/NO 1.2.24	FS-Case-582463813	No response yet. Work has been issued for completion. No change on the system. Stet No longer able to view on the system chasing email sent 29.5.24
Maxwell Street	Large Pothole	NO 21.2.24	FS Case 588693143	Your report or request is being processed Stet 29.4.24 asked residents for update on pothole situation 29.5.24 This pothole has been patched!!!
Main Street	Pothole trip hazard on pedestrian crossing	NO 21.2.24	FS-Case-588774972	Status on system: Your report or request is being processed Stet 29.4.24. Email sent 29.5.24 The pothole is getting worse and presents a real risk to pedestrians using the crossing – anyone with limited mobility is at particular risk.
Risley Lane Nr Lanes	Large pothole with degrading repair	NO 28.2.24	FS Case 590949498	Work has been issued for completion. Your report or request is being processed. STET

Risley Lane by the Cedars opposite side to the Crescent	Pothole around gulley appears to be collapsing	NO 28.2.24	FS Case 590950669	Road Condition - Pothole/Trip Hazard you reported on the 28/02/2024 15:16 has been investigated and works have been issued. We will notify you when they are complete Stet 29.4.24 STET
Main Street	Potholes at the centre of the road in the line with wheels leaving the Green	NO 1.3.24	FS-Case-591510074	Case status: in progress Your report or request is being processed STET
Longmoor Lane	Pothole trip hazard pavement in the crossover	NO 13.03.24	FS Case 595150935	Case Status: in progress Your report or request is being processed STET
Emergency Vehicle Cut Through between Grosvenor Avenue and Thorntree Close	The cut through is being regularly misused by delivery drivers and horse riders	Mr Anthony Wood/NO 9.4.24	FS-Case-604042375	Being Investigated STET
Poplar Road	Overgrown Hedges	Andrew Kay/ NO 18.4.24	FS-Case-606925307	Your report or request is being processed STET
16 the Crescent	Residents asked for the dropped kerb to be raised a little (not to full kerb height) to prevent surface water run off causing internal flooding.	AM/ T Thraves/ NO 18.4.24	FS-Case-606960760	Your report or request is being processed STET
The Crescent	Blocked Gullies	NO 18.4.24	FS-Case-606974393	Awaiting Status Update STET
Footpath 22 Back of Longmoor Lane	Gateway and fencing damaged	CC/NO 22.4.24	FS-Case-607895502	Awaiting Status Update STET
Stevens Lane just south of the Farm Shop	Blocked gulley	RB/NO 23.4.24	FS-Case-608242136	Awaiting Status Update STET
Stevens Lane at the junction with Blind Lane	Potholes…..	NO 23.4.24	FS-Case-608243034	Your report or request is being processed Following on from correspondence with residents on Stevens Lane DCC Cllr Cupit reports that: I've looked into this this morning and spoken to the relevant local inspector too. Works and a job have been raised so repairs will be carried out to the road by a reactive team. It appears that there was a system error by the inspector in that in raising the job they accidentally closed the public report below which came through to you as non-actionable. They've apologised for this and for any upset caused.

M1 Bridge	Tree fallen during tornado and partially blocked the path	BW/NO 30.4.24	FS-Case-610298477	Your report or request is being processed
Blind Lane	Pothole causing serious trip hazard for pedestrians	NO 30.4.24	FS-Case-610300909 New FS case - 614956282	Two small unreported potholes were filled by the maintenance team, the trip hazard that was actually reported was not attended to. A further report was submitted, and the team reported that the issue was not sufficiently bad – it was much worse than what they filled in!!!!
Maxwell Street	Sinkhole reported on Facebook by various residents	NO/ST 20.05.2024	FS Case 615897524	Your report or request is being processed. Sinkhole surrounded by barriers and cones…..
Maxwell Street	A further pothole opposite no.12 in line with the sinkhole	NO/ST 29.5.2024	FS-Case-618356014	

26/24Payments & Receipts June 2024

Payee	Description	Amount
Nat West	Bank Charges April	18.90
Various	Staff Costs June	5,008.46
Amazon	2 x tyres and inner tubes for wheelbarrows	16.03
Amazon	Water Butt	79.99
Amazon	Water butt connecting kit PCMR	5.99
Seton	Toilet Roll Holder Blind Lane WC	22.73
Fox Grounds Maintenance	Grounds Maintenance May	1,472.51
A Kincade Electrical	PCMR Water Boiler replacement and installation	401.89
Excel Office Equipment	Cartridges, Paper, Batteries, Staples	157.92
Acclimbatize	Deposit for Climbing Wall Hire Summer Playscheme	250.00
British Gas Lite	Chapel Electricity 24.4.24-24.5.24	11.13
British Gas Lite	PCMR Electricity 24.4.24-24.5.24	54.99
British Gas Lite	Pavilion Electricity 22.4.24-22.5.24	36.84
Sue Hayward Garden Design	Trees Centenary Garden and Wilsthorpe Road	546.00
Methodist Church	Church Hall Hire Annual Parish Meeting	36.00
A Kincade Electrical	Replacement and installation of floodlight PCMR Parking Spaces	107.98
Fox Grounds Maintenance	Lift trees to allow mower access Duffield Close	192.00
Yu Energy	MUGA Floodlights May	15.50
Yu Energy	MUGA Floodlights May	24.73
B1st Scaffolding	Installation of scaffolding at Cemetery Chapel	1,800.00
Total		**10,259.59**
Payee	**Description**	**Amount**
St John Ambulance	First Aid Gala	240.24
Nat West	Bank Charges Gala April	6.30
Gala Total		**246.54**
Total		**10,506.13**

Payer	Description	
INK Financial	Hanging Baskets 2024-2025 x 3	144.00
A W Lymn	Memorial Cutts NX14	115.00
Mrs Harvey	Memorial Bench	1,145.00
Mr Fisher	Memorial Bench	1,145.00
Mr Nichols	Memorial Bench	1,145.00
M Darling	Hanging Basket Sponsorship 2023-24	48.00
Nationwide	Interest	159.07
Co-op Funerals	Interment Fee Porter P32	110.00
Total		**4,011.07**
Payer	**Description**	**Amount**
D Hill	Dog Show Gala Income	170.00
Gala Total		**170.00**
Grand Total		**4,181.07**

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

27/24 Public Questions

none

28/24 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for Monday June 8th 7.15pm

The Meeting Closed at 8.15pm

……Chair

8.07.24