

At the Ordinary Meeting of Breaston Parish Council held on Monday the 13th of April 2026, which commenced at 7.00pm at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

Present:

Councillors Fisher, Elliott, Mounsey, Wells, Miller, Parkinson, Salt, Crannage, Patrick, Dale, Beeching & Buckthorpe

Cllr Mills Erewash Borough Council

3 members of the public

Police Session

PCSO Doar sent the following report:

- New SNT quarterly priorities – April – June – Anti-social behaviour, Retail Crime, Acquisitive Crime
- New Rural Police Officer – PC Sheldon – Paul has joined SNT within the last couple of weeks however is still in the transfer period so getting all this previous work in order. Once he has completed this, I will bring him to a meeting to meet you all
- Criminal Damage (public toilets damage) – Crime sits with PCSO Doar, we have got possible IDs for all 3 males and will hopefully be able to get an outcome very soon
- 46 Incidents reported to Police in the last month (05/03/2026 – 04/04/2026)
- 27 Crimes recorded (7 of those are shop thefts from the Co-op)
- PCSO Doar attended the community speedwatch conference on the 14th of March, below are some of the takeaways from the morning –

Paul Cannon – CREST Department Manager - Paul provided an update on CREST and advised that the department will be undergoing a name change in the coming months. It will be known as the Safer Roads Unit, reflecting a shift toward a more educational and preventative role rather than purely enforcement.

He also discussed how CSW data is shared with Enforcement and Roads Policing Units to support targeted activity aimed at encouraging safer speeds.

PC Bennett & PC Harvey - They shared their experiences of delivering Letter 3s and discussed the extra work this generates—emphasising that it is worthwhile and valued. They also highlighted a case where a CSW report led to a targeted stop. The driver was pulled over, their car was searched, drugs were seized, and the individual was arrested. This outcome directly is a result by one of our CSW groups. They spoke about the impact of home visits on drivers, stating that it is very rare for individuals who receive a visit to reoffend.

- Engagements held in the last month

March

26th – Breaston Speedwatch

April

8th - Sports day West Park

10th – Op Gallop – The Lanes Garden Centre, Breaston

12th – Community Catch up – Breaston Co-op

- Upcoming Engagements

May

22nd - Crime Prevention Event, Stevens Lane, Breaston 16:00

June

6th - Community Catch up - Breaston Co-op - 12:00

27th - Long Eaton Emergency Services day - 14:00

July

13th - Breaston Parish Council Meeting - 19:00

- Derbyshire Alert – Anyone not on Derbyshire Alert, please contact PCSO Doar

Crime Statistics	February		Key	
Long Eaton Rural Area		31	Violent & Sexual Offences	VSO
Risley	0		Drugs	D
Breaston	16		Public Order	PO
Draycott	10		Possession of a weapon	POW
Stanton by Dale	1		Vehicle Crime	VC
Dale Abbey	2		Anti-Social Behaviour	ASB
Stanton Ironworks	2		Criminal Damage & Arson	CDA
Church Wilne	0			
	31			
Breaston				
Draycott Road	VSO	1		
Coop	SL	7		
Sawley Road	VSO	1		
Firfield Avenue	VSO	1		
Maxwell Street	PO	1		
Belmont Avenue	OC	1		
Beech Avenue	VSO	1		
Wilsthorne Rd near Petrol Station	VSO	2		
Wilsthorne Rd near Petrol Station	OT	1		
		16		

Reports from outside bodies:

Derbyshire County Council – Cllr Lawson No report or apologies

Erewash Borough Council – Cllr Mills

Cllr Mills reported that the National Food Waste Scheme had commenced on the 1st of April the Scheme in its early days would be monitored to see how it was progressing.

Cllr Mills had attended an East Midlands Council event relating to energy distribution in the UK. The generation and distribution of power is fractured with the infrastructure requiring much improvement.

The fund for parishes had been announced, and some claims had already been received. Cllr Wells queried how to apply as we still await the necessary forms etc. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mr Handley for an update.

Erewash Borough Council – Cllr Miller

Environmental Policy Land Management

At the last Full Council, a motion was put forward by Cllr Maginnis regarding a reversal of the rewinding programme, including restricted mowing and removal of flowers. The motion was not heard as neither Cllr Maginnis or Cllr Price were present.

However, there are clear signs that the controlling party are beginning to u-turn on this policy. In Kirk Hallam, Cllr Mark Alfrey (Lead Member for Environment) has agreed to:

- Increased mowing
- Restricting reduced mowing to localized areas of larger green spaces
- Allowing green spaces to return to multi-use
- Introducing areas of bulb planting

This programme has now been rebranded as “Land Management”, which appears to be an attempt to distance themselves from the previous rewilding approach.

A similar approach is now being followed in Cotmanhay and Shipley View.

They are also intended to re-open the glasshouses but not to grow flowers but to grow saplings for new trees, which they also intend to sell to neighbouring boroughs. Although they would not admit it, they are moving closer to bringing back our flower beds so we must keep up the pressure.

Local Governance Review (Parish Councils)

The Local Governance Review is continuing to move towards the full consultation stage.

Following legal advice, it now appears that in areas where Parish Councils are being considered, at least 5% of the electorate across all polling districts within that proposed parish area will need to take part in the consultation and support the formation of a Parish Council. This represents a significant threshold of engagement, and we believe this could become a stumbling block, particularly in areas where turnout during the initial pre-consultation stage was low.

Council Transparency

A group of Councillors, including myself are continuing to increase pressure on the council to reintroduce the recording and/or live streaming of council meetings. At present there seems to be a reluctance to support this.

Cllr Mills reported that recording had been reintroduced following a request made by Cllr Mills and Cllr Mascallick. Search for Erewash Borough Council on YouTube.

Cllr Elliott enquired if there was any news on progress with the Core Strategy – they confirmed that budget had been set aside but as yet they had no further details to report

Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Miller reported that the invitations to police events have been increasing recently and he had attended them all where possible. Disappointingly at the events he is often the only attendee. The Emergency Services Day at West Park 27th June 2pm will be attended by the team who will have a Neighbourhood Watch Stall.

Risley Educational Foundation

No meeting.

Public Session

None.

160/25 Apologies for Absence –

PCSO Doar

161/25 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**.

162/25 Dispensations –

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

163/25 Approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 9th March

It was PROPOSED & SECONDED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 9th of March.

164/25 Correspondence

The Clerk reported on a letter from Rachel Scott Community Health & Wellbeing Development Officer at Erewash Borough Council. She is publicising the upcoming Erewash Walking Month which is the whole of May. **One particular walk of interest locally is the Breaston Coffin Walk & Shardlow Circular run by Erewash Ramblers 10.30am – 3.45pm, behind Draycott Fish Bar, Draycott.**

165/25 Clerk's Report

CCTV Access Requests

The Clerk reported on an increase in requests for footage in recent weeks, the task can be time consuming but when successful it is worthwhile.

166/25 Environment Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th April 2026 at 9.00am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

1. Agenda Summons

2. Public Session:

Mr Turner attended to raise concerns about PA/2026/0129. Traffic and road safety between Mill Hill Lane and the Navigation Crossroads. He pointed out that the plans state that there will be provision for 23 children at each session, which will lead to serious congestion and highway danger at the beginning and end of each session. Vehicles already travel at above the speed limit, not slowing down to the 30mph limit until they are at the flashing sign. 80+ additional vehicles, stopping, turning, queuing to access the site. A recipe for accidents, already been several near misses with horse riders crossing on the National Cycle Route 6 and a number of car crashes very recently on the junction.

3. Present:

Cllr Salt (Chair) Cllrs Elliott, Patrick, Miller, Mounsey, Wells, Beeching & Dale.

Apologies:

Cllr Fisher (Drs Appt), Cllrs Crannage, Parkinson and Buckthorpe.

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. Flood Issues–

a) Flood Action Plan Document

it was RESOLVED to note the following updates:

Land north of the Hills Road Estate

It was RESOLVED to send out letters to the residents and landowners affected.

Goldenbrook – No update.

Longmoor Lane Ditch DCC have confirmed that the ditch has been added to their annual maintenance schedule.

Riparian Owners Letter

Cllr Salt has been investigating riparian owners, the clerk shared maps and plans provided by the principal authorities and it is not 100% clear where all culverts/ditches/watercourses are located. The proposal to provide an information sheet relating to Riparian Ownership to be circulated to every household with the next Parish Council Newsletter. Cllr Elliott to share documents he had produced following Storm Babet.

7. Applications –

The following applications have been considered by the committee who made the following recommendations:

PA/2026/0028 - 33 Grange Avenue - Erection of 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension – The Parish Council had no objection in principle however the applicant is reminded of their obligations in relation to the Party Wall Act.

PA/2026/0014 - 9 Beech Avenue - Extension to existing garage – The Parish Council had no Objections to the proposal.

PA/2026/0129 - The Hidden Ivy, Mill Hill Lane - Proposed change of use from Garden Centre to coffee shop (Sui Generis and mixed-use Class E(b) and Pre-School Nursery Use Class E(f), with continued plant sales and associated new external works, including the provision of on-site parking for children's drop off and pick-ups. - Having carefully considered all submitted documents, the Parish Council recommends refusal of this application.

The principal concern relates to highway safety. The site is located in an area where numerous road traffic accidents have already been reported. Data from the nearby Speed Indicator Device indicates that there have been in excess of 500,000 vehicle movements along this stretch of Risley Lane since the equipment was installed in February 2025.

The proposed development would introduce additional vehicle movements, including all-day staff parking (9+ vehicles) and multiple drop-off and pick-up periods for the expected 20+ children per session. This would result in traffic peaks in the morning (drop-off), late morning (pick-up of morning attendees), lunchtime (drop-off of afternoon attendees), and late afternoon/teatime (pick-up of afternoon attendees). When combined with existing traffic associated with the coffee shop and plant sales, this would create a significant hazard at an already dangerous junction. The parking and drop-off provision included is insufficient, likely resulting in vehicles reversing onto the highway and creating additional risk.

The Parish Council also notes that sight lines from the Navigation junction are likely to be impeded by inevitable on-site and overspill parking associated with the proposal, further reducing visibility for drivers and exacerbating the risk of collisions.

In addition, the site lies adjacent to National Cycle Route 6, where pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders are required to cross the highway. The Council considers that the safety of all users is paramount, particularly given the presence of children being dropped off and collected. The proposed increase in traffic movements would further exacerbate the risks at this crossing point. The Parish Council also raises concerns regarding the longstanding proposal to restore the canal. It is understood that the proposed site access arrangements could jeopardise the future reopening of the canal, which is safeguarded by Policy R4 of the Local Plan Saved Policies.

PA/2026/0126 - 102 Stevens Lane - Erect single storey extensions to existing bungalow and provide additional car parking spaces – The Parish Council had no objections to the application.

PA/2026/0116 - 50 The Crescent - External wall insulation to all facades with rendered finish – The Parish Council had no objections.

PA/2026/0169 - Rose Cottage, Blind Lane - Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area (appn form details: Willow - Fell This tree has now outgrown its position in this small garden and has also been planted close to the garden wall and will cause damage in the future – the Parish Council were not consulted however the Parish Council requests that the willow tree be pollarded rather than felled. This approach would allow for the management of the tree's growth while preserving its contribution to the street scene and character of the Conservation Area, in accordance with good arboricultural and conservation practice.

PA/2026/0137 - Ryehill Farm Mill Hill Lane - Conversion and Change Of Use of an agricultural building to form a single dwellinghouse. Ancillary works, including addition of new driveway – The Parish Council has no objection.

8. The Decisions –

The following decisions have been made by Erewash Borough Council:

ERE/038743 - 65 Poplar Road - Proposed works to protected tree Poplar Tree: The removal of two broken branches and pruning of a maximum of 3 metres from all remaining branches.- The Parish Council were not consulted - Approved by Erewash Borough Council with conditions 4.3.26

PA/2026/0035 - 8 Hills Road - Proposed single storey rear extension with exterior alterations to existing dwelling – The Parish Council had no Objections – Erewash Borough Council approved with conditions 13.3.26

PA/2026/0049 - Breaston Cemetery, Longmoor Lane - T1 Horse Chestnut - Fell and treat stump with eco-plugs T2 Lime (Silver Pendant) - Fell and treat stump with eco-plugs T3 Lime (Silver Pendant) - Fell and treat stump with eco-plugs T4 Lime (Silver Pendant) - Fell and treat stump with

eco-plugs T5 Lime (Silver Pendant) - Fell and treat stump with eco-plugs - The Parish Council was not consulted regarding this issue and, given the ongoing insurance claim, is placing full responsibility on its insurance provider to manage and resolve the matter - Erewash Borough Council approved with conditions 13.03.26. It was RESOLVED to seek more clarity from the insurers in relation to the current position in regard to the felling of the trees.

9. Additional Planning & Enforcement Issues:

a) Field Close unauthorised dwelling.

It was RESOLVED to note the email to the enforcement team seeking an update on progress with their case file still awaits a response. It was understood that the Enforcement Officer has left the authority.

b) Breach of Conditions – Fence, 5 Holt Croft Close - ERE/1019/0023

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had sent a further chasing email to the enforcement team seeking an update on progress with their case file. Herinder Kundi has been investigating, and officers Laura Beth and Steven Cuthbert will respond in due course.

c) Cherry Tree Stevens Lane – ENF/2026/0018

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk reported the concerns to the Enforcement team who provided a case reference.

10. Westernmere School Site

It was RESOLVED to note the correspondence with Matthew Detzler regarding the consultation.

“We were pleased with the response to our consultation, receiving feedback from 26 members of the community via the website. Over a third of residents (10) expressed support for the proposals, with more providing valuable feedback on their issues of interest, namely:

1. *Flooding*
2. *Healthcare provision*
3. *Support for more school places*

On the question of affordable housing provision, there was clear support for bungalows and homes set aside for people with existing links to the area. Although the final form of affordable housing in the development will be decided in tandem with Erewash’s planning department, this data is very helpful.

Further responses to feedback were suggestions for:

1. *Reinstatement of the nearby canal and maintenance of Golden Brook*
2. *Funding youth sport in Breaston*
3. *A play area within the development*
4. *Funding for a new train station*
5. *Funding for school and GP places*
6. *A green space within the development, such as a playing field for the local school*
7. *A new shop for the village*
8. *Support for community-led projects*
9. *Safe walking and cycling initiatives*

One respondent even asked for the opportunity to purchase a home on the site.

The above suggestions may form part of the expected Reserved Matters application, which may follow in the event of approval of the Outline application.

Our full report will be submitted to the council soon, in support of the Outline Planning Proposal.”

The Clerk had enquired on a timeline for the submission of the application and will be kept in the loop.

11. Biodiversity Action Plan – Cllr Salt

a) Water Butt Cemetery Chapel.

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk continues to liaise with Mr Fisher relating to the type and position for the water butt.

12. Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust- Erewash 'Buildings at Risk' Project

It was RESOLVED to note that the clerk will complete the required documents in due course. Reports from neighbouring residents confirm that some remedial work has been underway at the factory site.

13. Councillor's Reports

None.

The meeting closed at 10.30am

167/25 Finance Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th of April 2026 at 10.30am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

1. Summons

2. Public Session: none.

3. Present:

Cllrs Beeching (Chair) Wells, Mounsey, Miller, Fisher, Patrick, & Salt

Also Present:

Cllrs Buckthorpe & Elliott.

Apologies:

Cllrs Crannage, Parkinson & Dale.

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. Bank Balances as at 31.3.2026.

Current Account	£ 1,852.95
Nat West Reserve Account	£ 10,042.62
Hampshire Trust Bank	£ 90,000.00
Unity Trust Reserve Account	£ 4,493.16
Hinckley & Rugby Reserve A/C	£ 5,302.43
Gala Account	<u>£ 1,393.15</u>
Total	£113,084.31

7. Reconciliation Sign Off

It was RESOLVED to note that Cllr Wells will sign off the reconciliation documents and bank statements for March at full council on the 13th.

8. Budget 2026-7

It was RESOLVED to note that Cllr Beeching, and the Clerk met on the 11.3.26 and were satisfied that the budget would balance with a small underspend possible for 2025/6. Cllr Beeching reported on the recent correspondence relating to the business rates which had resulted in a saving in the region of £1,100.00. The Clerk reported that a further saving had been possible due to the tri-annual review by the Local Government Pension Scheme which had resulted in a reduction from 20.8% contributions to 17.8% for the coming three years. The Clerk had circulated the reports for the end of March and continues to work on the year end documents in preparation for the internal auditor who is booked for the 20th of April.

9. Councillor's Reports

None.

The meeting closed at 10.45am.

168/25 General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday the 8th of April at 10.45am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

1. Agenda Summons

2. Public Session: none.

3. Present:

Cllr Mounsey (Chair) Cllrs Beeching, Wells, Miller, Fisher, Patrick, Elliott, Salt & Buckthorpe.

Apologies:

Cllrs Crannage, Parkinson & Dale.

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. Dementia Friends Session

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk has booked the church for the session following on from the Renew Café on the 14th of May 12 noon. Officers from Derbyshire Alzheimer's and Derbyshire Carers Association have been invited to attend.

7. Gala Update

Cllr Patrick gave an update on preparations for the event; a meeting had been held with Mr Hampshire and the Clerk on the 7th to finalise plans had gone well. We are still short of volunteers to help on the gates and Cllr Patrick awaits feedback from Erewash CVS.

8. Annual Parish Meeting Format

It was RESOLVED to note the hall has been booked for the Annual Parish Meeting 19th May 7pm Methodist Church Hall. Invites will be sent out to the village groups and organisations shortly. Cllrs are asked to start putting together their reports for display at the event.

9. Work Placement Enquiry

Despite emailing no response has been received so the Clerk proposes to remove the item from the agenda.

10. PCMR Land Offer - Resolution Authorising Execution of a Deed

It was RESOLVED to note that Mr Cliff (solicitor) has received a request from the Land Registry for a formal minute in relation to the signing of the deeds for the purchase of the land at Blind Lane:

1. The Council hereby authorises Cllr Fisher ("the Officer") to execute on behalf of the Council the deed entitled Title DY397681 Property at Blind Lane.
2. The Council confirms that the Officer:
 - is authorised to sign the Deed for and on behalf of Breaston Parish Council in accordance with section 14 of the Local Government Act 1972; and
 - may take all necessary and ancillary steps to give effect to the Deed, including signing any additional documents and completing any formalities required for its proper execution.
3. Where required, the Deed shall be:
 - signed by the Officer, and
 - witnessed by the Clerk.
4. This authority shall take effect immediately and remain valid solely for the purpose of completing and implementing the Deed referred to above.

11. Hrutar Reenactment Group – training sessions

It was RESOLVED to note the request to use Parish Council land for training sessions by the group on either Perks Park or Duffield Close. Cllrs have no objection in principle and await more information from the group at full council on Monday evening.

12. County Archive

The offer from the County Archivist to archive documents was noted. The Clerk currently does not have the resources to undertake this work and, in light of the ongoing proposals for local government reorganisation, it was RESOLVED to defer this task until there is greater clarity regarding the future location and responsibility for the archives following reorganisation.

13. Councillor's Reports

None

The meeting closed at 10.50am.

169/25 Parks & Cemeteries Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th of April at 10.50am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

1. Agenda Summons

2. Public Session – none.

3. Present:

Cllrs Miller (Chair) Mounsey, Wells, Beeching, Buckthorpe, Salt, Elliott, Patrick, & Fisher.

Apologies:

Cllrs Crannage, Parkinson & Dale.

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) Defib Cabinet Woodland Avenue

It was RESOLVED to note that the cabinet was found to not be functioning as expected on the 26.3.26. Mr Kincade had attended and found that a trip had been flicked inside the shop.

b) Perks Public Conveniences Criminal Damage

It was RESOLVED to note the information as circulated by the Clerk. Damage sustained 15th March 3.30pm onwards. Footage saved and shared with PCSO Doar, who has identified two of the suspects and is awaiting a response from local schools about the third. The damage was repaired and the facilities reopened within the week.

c) Holly Tree Risley Lane Boundary

It was RESOLVED to note the request from residents to prune the Holly Tree in the hedge line of Perks Park, Cllrs agreed to allow the work to be undertaken.

d) Ashes Plots Slabs

It was RESOLVED to note that one of the slabs has been cracked in three – the Clerk has enquired with John Osborne landscaping and awaits a response. Cllrs agreed to ask Mr Fisher to make the repairs.

e) Solar Panel Inverter-

It was RESOLVED to note that Mr Kincade had reported an issue with the inverter on the solar panel system – he had contacted the manufacturer, and they have agreed to replace the faulty equipment.

f) Blind Lane WC Lock

It was RESOLVED to note that the lock had failed completely, and Mr Fisher had fitted a new lock on the 7th of April – a key was provided to the EBC team and spares were cut for the PC.

7. Perks Park

It was RESOLVED to note the information:

New Entrance – Rectory Road –

The application to the Vernon Bowmer Trust was submitted 12.2.26. Clerk emailed for feedback 27.3.26 and awaits a response.

Work continues on the arch, and the Clerk will submit the application for the dropped kerb shortly.

MUGA -

The work was completed and the repairs to the squashed grass were undertaken on the 27.3.26. Cllr Beeching reported that the MUGA looks much improved.

Green Space Signage –

It was RESOLVED to put the signage on hold until suitable content could be found.

8. Chapel –

• Windows

The leaded glass expert has been constructing the windows, and it is hoped that they will be ready for installation during April.

• Leaflet

The proof of leaflet was circulated to Cllrs, and the final choice was for the green background, the order was placed and the Clerk will collect the order when ready.

9. Play Area Inspection

a) Replacement of Wicksteed Climbing Frame

The consultation went live on the Facebook and Website pages on the 18.3.26 and posters were displayed on the noticeboards, and on Perks Park on the 19th of March. To date (27.3.26) 58 comments on Facebook and 3 emails. The Clerk emailed Firfield Primary School, the Preschool and Spring Valley and to date no response from any. The deadline for responses to the consultation is the 18.04.2026.

10. Box Hedge

a) Cemetery

Quotes have been received as follows:

Horizon	Bare Root	£6,237.50 + vat
Horizon	2 ltr pots	£7,857.88 + vat
Fox Grounds Maintenance	Bare Root	£5,660.00 + vat

Cllrs RESOLVED to accept the Fox quotation. Clerk to make the necessary arrangements for the work to be undertaken in the autumn.

11. Cemetery Sign

Mr Fisher has been particularly busy and not been able to start the investigative work as yet.

12. Pavilion Mural

No further information has been received as yet. The Clerk will continue to liaise with the team at Erewash Borough Council.

13. Borough & Parish Forum – Cllr Wells

• Erewash Funding

At the Erewash Council Meeting 24th March the details of the Parish funding were discussed, you can see more details in the agenda/minutes here

<https://erewash.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=104&MId=2556&Ver=4>

More information on the Village Investment Programme can also be found here.

<https://erewash.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s41990/Appendix%201%20-%20Village%20Investment%20Fund%20-%20Supporting%20Information%20-%20final.pdf>

It is hoped the details of how to apply will be circulated early in the new financial year.

14. Cemetery CCTV - Cllr Patrick

The project will be discussed at the May meeting.

15. Grave Digging

To note that the clerk is updating the risk assessment for the cemetery and will circulate it in due course. The gravedigger has ordered a set of specially designed steel shoring principally to be

used at Breaston, but he will also use it elsewhere. He hopes that it will be complete in the next week or two.

16. Duffield Close Paths and Gates

It was RESOLVED to note that a site meeting is required to inspect the paths and gates. The Clerk will arrange a date for a meeting and circulate following the meeting.

17. Councillor's Reports

None.

The meeting closed at 11.15am

170/25 Highways & Lighting Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th April at 11.15am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

1. Agenda Summons –

2. Public Session – none.

3. Present:

Cllr Wells (Chair) Cllrs Beeching, Mounsey, Miller, Fisher, Patrick, Elliott, Salt & Buckthorpe.

Apologies –

Cllrs Crannage, Parkinson & Dale

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 updated report following the numerous reports received from DCC.

7. Christmas Lights

a) Electricity

It was RESOLVED to note that the issue remains a concern, the clerk chased the liquidators for a response on the 24.3.26 a response is awaited.

b) Pavilion Electricity

To RESOLVE to note that the team at EDF have confirmed that they are unable to invoice due to an internal issue relating to the tariff. Clarification from Clear Utilities confirms that As a microbusiness Ofgem states you cannot be billed for consumption and standing charges over 12 months old if it's the supplier's fault. I think it's safe to say you have done everything right in this instance so I would sit tight but continue to provide readings if they ask for them. The clerk confirmed that EDF had not asked for meter readings at any point.

8. Dropped Kerb Request

It was RESOLVED to note that Openreach were unwilling to carry out the work, it seems the moving of the chamber would be a considerable task and would be extremely costly. The clerk had written to the residents concerned and suggested that they write to Cllr Lawson to see if he could encourage the Highways Team at DCC to come up with a sensible solution for the issue.

9. Sawley Road

The Clerk reported that the issue had been added to the Highways Report for monthly follow up.

10. Councillor's Reports

None.

The meeting closed at 11.25am.

171/25 Highways & Lighting DCC Reports Update

April 26 Update			
Location	Problem	Reported	Case Number
<p>o/s 109 Longmoor Lane</p> <p>considered STW damaged some drainage connections, and we are continuing work with them for these to be repaired. The streetworks inspector is still acting on this, and will do so until it's resolved.</p>	<p>Sunken road previously reported still not repaired causes large puddle which drowns pedestrians when vehicles unavoidably drive through it</p> <p>With Cadent for resolution if not resolved (I can't see the streetworks system as it's a government utilities system) Sent Email to CC 6.1.25 & 28.1.25 querying who is responsible. (9.2.25) So sorry for the delay in replying. This is back with Severn Trent, and I spoke to my contact there on it, and they'd accidentally closed the case. So, they've reopened it and are liaising with the local NRSWA inspector on our side – so hoping that's progress to getting it finally sorted! Sadly still sinking!</p>	21.11.23	<p>FS Case 563622017 FS Case 460130607</p> <p>Cadent Ref No: 10727156 Stern email to Cadent 28.8.25 -NO FS-Case-751498375 given this number 24.9.25 forwarded Cadent's response email to DCC 19.9.25 and again on the 24.9.25. Being investigated. Inspected and photographed by DCC officers 7.10.25 shortly after a bumpy road surface warning sign appeared on the verge. The Bumpy Road sign has disappeared but the sinking ground remains and has now been joined by a pothole at the eastern edge. Small pothole fixed – sinking ground continues to sink and causes a huge puddle in wet weather. A resident appears to be unhappy with the bumpy road sign, when we moved it back out onto the verge they have removed it again! <i>Job number 905484 Longmoor Lane Breaston was raised as a reduced risk job, reactive attended and placed signs out, a follow up job has now been raised and issued to a skid steer team to complete (job number 1018704) I have asked operations to try and bring the repair forward in their program for completion.</i> WORK COMPLETED!!!</p>

<p>the jitty between Meadow Close and Bourne Square</p> <p>being dealt with by highways and local inspector. Tree report underway.</p>	<p>Trees overhanging the path and roof of 33 Bourne Square – thought to be on the highway</p> <p>being dealt with by highways and local inspector. Tree report underway. Will then be actioned as necessary.</p>	RS/NO 2.7.24	<p>FS-Case-627453357</p> <p>Officer update requested CH</p> <p>Any response yet?</p> <p>Any update? Still waiting for a response on this one.</p> <p>CH – Update requested</p>
<p>Wilsthorpe Road</p> <p>CC chasing update on this one</p>	<p>Damaged Bollard</p> <p>Job raised for replacement</p>	GE/NO 25.9.24	<p>FS-Case-649794000</p> <p>Officer update requested CH</p> <p>STILL NOT WORKING</p> <p>Any Update? Still waiting for an update.</p> <p>In relation to this specific job, the team anticipates that it will be undertaken within the 25/26 programme of works; however, they are unable to confirm a precise start date at this stage. I hope this helps clarify the current position, and I can only apologise for the delays experienced to date</p>
<p>Draycott Road</p> <p>Enforcement process underway with landowner</p>	<p>Overhanging Hedge</p> <p>As before – will be resolved through this process if not already cut.</p>	NO 26.9.24	<p>FS-Case-649941632</p> <p>Officer Update requested CH</p> <p>Any update? Still waiting for an update.</p> <p>DCC report that after visiting site 18.9.25 the hedges have been cut back.</p>
<p>Wilsthorpe Rd</p>	<p>Obscured sign 1 Poplar Road</p>	GE/NO 3.3.25	<p>FS-Case-692342267</p> <p>Letter has been sent to landowners asking them to cut back vegetation note on system</p> <p>Officer Update requested CH</p> <p>Letter sent to residents to ensure that the signage is kept clear and to cut back hedge to boundary line.22.9.25 Any update?</p> <p>A letter was sent to resident September 2025</p>
<p>Junction of Draycott Road and The Crescent</p>	<p>Overhanging hedge resident report</p>	NO 06.03.25	<p>FS-Case-693416465</p> <p>Being dealt with by local inspector</p> <p>Letter to the owners of the hedge requesting that it be</p>

			cut has been requested Any Update? A letter was sent to resident September 2025
Longmoor Lane opposite the junction with Poplar Road	Street Lighting Column 7220 light on during the day	NO 23.06.25	FS-Case-725273848 Cell replaced completed 11.7.2025
Main Street outside Co-op	Sunken maintenance cover on pavement bad trip hazard	AD/NO 1.7.25	FS-Case-727546231 marked as in progress – covered with a cone Cone has been removed but the hole remains Any Update? Section 81 Current Status Raised
42 Draycott Road	Overhanging hedge forcing pedestrians onto the highway.	CE/J/NO 16.7.25	FS-Case-731696681 marked as in progress Any Update? No response as yet Letter sent to resident under section 154
Highway Verge The Crescent, Risley Lane. Ditch/Brook overgrown	The ditch-brook is very badly overgrown and residents have raised concerns that blockages may exacerbate flood risk.	Rebecca Atkins/NO 6.8.25	FS-Case-737258519 Marked as Your report or request is being processed on the system. Residents confirm no work has been undertaken Chasing Email sent 27.1.26 Still no work undertaken, could we have an update please? Defect no: 290900 Job Number 875028
The Green outside the Dental Centre	Services cover has been damaged causing it to lift and present a trip hazard	LB/NO 7.8.25	FS-Case-737625959 The officer couldn't see the problem and an email was received by the clerk on the 11.8.25. A response with photos was sent on the 15/8/25 highlighting that the cover was actually a drain cover. Any Update? Still awaiting a response. Inspection number 961779
Longmoor Lane Show Field Hedge	Overhanging hedge causing pedestrians to have to walk in the road	Kelly Anne Wilson FB message NO 15.8.25	FS-Case-740735132 Marked as Your report or request is being processed on the system Report received that the hedge is the responsibility of DCC

			<p>and that a works order has been submitted.</p> <p>A job has been raised for completion</p>
o/s 104 Wilsthorpe Road	Raised service chamber cover	K Dove NO 13.08.25	<p>FS-Case-741464446</p> <p>Marked as Your report or request is being processed on the system</p> <p>Any Update? No response as yet</p> <p>This service cover was attended to by the relevant provider and reinstated back to surface level.</p>
DCC have created this report this is the Earlswood Bridge – they have a new system and have transferred some items from the previous list over?	Not sure what's happening with other old reports will continue to monitor	18.8.25 – renewal of previous cases FS-Case-725275312 and FS-Case-701839603	<p>FS-Case-741953885</p> <p>See cases above nos: FS-Case-725275312 & FS-Case-701839603</p> <p>Linked to grey highlighted item above a new number has been allocated as the job has been moved onto a new computer system.</p> <p>Residents report that the bridge continues to deteriorate with dangerous handrail and screws sticking out at foot level. Email sent to ROW team 21.1.26 Further photos added to the system The end of the platform is now non-existent 10.2.26</p> <p>Could we have a progress report please?</p> <p>CH – Update requested</p> <p>WORK COMPLETED!!!</p>
Bridlepath 11 between Sawley Road, Breaston and Wilne Road, Church Wilne	The path is extremely overgrown narrowing the width leaving it very difficult for riders to pass pedestrians safely. There are often livestock in an adjacent field which adds to the problem.	18.8.25 A Wood NO	<p>FS-Case-742048131</p> <p>Any Update? No response as yet.</p> <p>CH – Update requested</p>
Bridleway 26	The bridleway is very overgrown in the past concrete blocks were installed to prevent motorcycles, they now present a danger to riders and walkers	18.8.25 A Wood NO	<p>FS-Case-742056276.</p> <p>Any Update? No response as yet.</p> <p>CH – Update requested</p>
Footpath 10 between bridleway	During previous floods, a fence was brought down and is now badly overgrown with vegetation ,		<p>FS-Case-744521545</p> <p>Any Update? No response as yet</p>

11 and 31 and Bridleway 3	making the wire fence a trip hazard. Also Bridleway 3 badly overgrown with gorse.		Public ROW awaiting enforcement
Jitty between Festival Avenue and Draycott Road The hedgeline on the eastern side of the path as you walk from Festival Avenue out to Draycott Road	Seriously overgrown by some 3 feet according to residents reporting the problem	GR/NO 7.10.25	FS-Case-755179364 Residents report that the hedge is still badly overgrown is there any progress to report? No response as yet Enforcement Letter sent 18.2.2026
Hawthorn Ave	Light out 7147	GF/NO	FS-Case-757637112 Any Update? No response as yet Lantern Replaced
2 Stevenson Avenue	Overgrown hedge that extends along Albert Road too	DM/NO 17.10.25	FS-Case-757926978 Any Update? No response as yet Letter sent 25.02.2026
Junction of Firfield Avenue & Wilsthorpe Road	Overgrown hedge impeding sight lines	RC/NO 22.10.25	FS-Case-759005125 Any Update? No response as yet CH – Update requested I apologise for the time taken to respond to this matter, I was only made aware of this recently. I can confirm that the highways inspector visited this area and requested a letter in October, however, due to some sort of system error the ticket was closed and therefore, I was not aware of it. I can confirm that a letter has now been sent to the relevant property and this will be monitored by the highway inspector. FS-Case-769325453 - I can confirm that a letter has been sent on 26 February to the property for the hedge to be cut back.
98 Wilsthorpe Rd	Mrs Pat Slack called to report that she'd been in correspondence with the highways team for some	Mrs slack called again 19.06.25 still not done.	No ref available 753321547

	<p>considerable time about the road outside her house a job has been organised and is due to be undertaken April/May according to Charlotte Cupit.</p> <p>Further telephone call from Mrs Slack 19.3.26</p>	<p>Clerk emailed her back copying her into the email from Charlotte Cupit and copying in Charlotte Hill.</p> <p>Relating to shallow nature of the kerb the damage to the wall and that Cllr Lawson had promised to look into the issue on her behalf, no further contact.</p>	<p>After inspecting this location and discussing it with my line manager and senior technician although there are signs of ponding at the residents dropped kerb it doesn't currently meet actionable intervention levels. However this will be continued to be monitored through inspections.</p> <p>Clerk emailed Cllr Lawson and asked to investigate further and to contact Mrs Slack 19.3.26</p>
Poplar Road between the island and Longmoor Lane	Pavement condition generally deteriorating due to HGVs	JG/NO 28.11.25	<p>FS-Case-769321466 Any Update? No response as yet</p> <p>Reported complete by DCC Residents report the state of the pavement has not changed further inspection required</p>
Poplar Road	There are a number of problem hedges, but 65 Poplar Road has received recent complaints. The hedge is badly overgrowing the pavement forcing pedestrians to walk on the verge which is very muddy and covered in wet leaves that hide the raised Seven Trent Ironworks which are a serious trip hazard	JG/NO 28.11.25	<p>FS-Case-769325453 Any Update? Numerous residents have raised concerns about the pavements/hedges/verges along this stretch of the road. No response as yet</p> <p>At stage 1 Enforcement</p>
Poplar Road near to junction with Beech Avenue	Drains on road and verge possibly blocked/ damaged cause highway puddling	J Cox NO 18.12.25	<p>FS-Case-774859076 Any Update? No response as yet</p> <p>There are 180,000 road drainage gullies across Derbyshire. As we have a finite budget, we have to prioritise the work we carry out to deliver a value for money service for local Council Taxpayers. On average, we</p>

			<p>check and clean around 3,000 gullies across the county each week. Using the information you have provided and data from our own records, this particular gully will be checked and emptied on our next reactive cleansing cycle.</p> <p>Road gullies are checked and cleansed on a schedule, depending on a number of factors including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the type of road – A, B, C or unclassified residential road and the amount of traffic using it the road’s speed limit any previous history of blockages and surface water flooding. data from our survey of every drain across the county to ensure the level of cleansing is appropriate. <p>This means that the road gully you have reported will be emptied either twice a year, once a year or every other year.</p>
Poplar Road	Verges badly damaged by construction vehicles on both sides of the road despite the works being on the east side of the road.	J Cox NO 18.12.25	<p>FS-Case-774865133 Any Update? This report is marked as complete on the system – it has not been done.</p> <p>Inspector spoken to contractor on the 19.12.25 verges will be re-instated</p>
Junction of Poplar Road and Longmoor Lane	Residents report that a weight limit sign used to be sited on this junction and is no longer there could it be reinstated please?	J Cox NO 18.12.25	<p>FS-Case-774863097 Any Update? No response as yet</p> <p>I refer to your enquiry of December 2025, regarding a missing Weigh Limit sign. Poplar Road lies within the boundary of an established Area-Wide Environmental Weight Limit, which also encompasses Longmoor</p>

			<p>Lane and the surrounding local road network. The restriction is implemented under the relevant Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and prohibits the passage of vehicles exceeding the stated Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight (MGVW), except where exemptions apply (e.g., for access). For an area wide environmental weight limit, all regulatory signing is positioned at the legal extents of the restriction. In this instance, the point of entry for Poplar Road is signed at its junction with Wilsthorpe Road, denoting the commencement of the restricted area. Vehicles travelling beyond this point are considered to be within the controlled zone, and enforcement is applicable throughout without the need for repeat signs on internal roads.</p>
Church View	Drain blocked adj to side door of butchers	AD/NO 18.12.25	<p>FS-Case-774873055 Email sent to HH 27.1.26 to chase for update photos sent Nothing appears to have been done at this site – each time it rains the road is covered over with water. Job Number 956276 In proposed status</p>
Sawley Road near to the Goldenbrook	A report has been received that water was crossing the road from both sides near to this drain yesterday	NO 14.01.26	<p>FS-Case-785756499. Any Update? Job number 968593 in proposed status</p>
Street lighting column Poplar Road	Light out 007285	PC/NO 16.01.26	<p>FS-Case-786693166 Any Update? Replaced Cell and works as should</p>
Wilsthorpe Island	Flags on street lighting columns concern for road safety and damage to columns	NO 29.1.26	<p>FS-Case-792200034 A response was received from Cllr Hill – they will only remove flags if they</p>

			present a danger to motorists
Sawley Road from the M1 bridge to Firfield School	The number of additional HGV's that have been travelling through this route during the Water Treatment Centre Works have badly impacted the road surface leaving numerous potholes and badly deteriorated surface and repairs need to be undertaken and charged back to Severn Trent Water now that the work is drawing to a close.	RC/GE/NO 5.2.26	FS-Case-795128064 Some patching work has been undertaken 9.3.26. Cllr Lawson to chase up in relation to further correspondence from local residents. STW must be held to account for this work which is entirely down to the development at the water treatment works.
Risley Lane near old library	Residents report the water is over the pavement on one side of the road and vehicles are not slowing down and consequently the front of the old library is being sprayed with water.	CE/NO 6.2.26	FS-Case-795585715 Could we have an update please? On the 13th the drains were attended to and a cleanse was completed. Jetted, cleansed and running fine. Hopefully, this should resolve the issue residents had been facing.
Street Lighting Column 7095	A resident reports the light has been out for over 6 weeks. Concerns related to speeding traffic coming over the railway bridge not being able to see and ending up in their garden have been raised	Mrs Bird/NO 11.2.26	FS-Case-797554767 Could we have an update please? No update as yet
Bridgefield opposite drs surgery	Manhole discharging onto pavement	SG/NO 10.3.26	FS-Case-810133222 No update as yet
Draycott Road opposite junction with Marlborough Road	Blocked drain very large puddle 1030pm	NO 12.03.26	FS-Case-811563881 No update as yet
The Crescent, Risley Lane	During a Speed Watch session this morning we discussed ways that would help to get drivers to take more care in the area around the houses on the Crescent - we have previously requested a reduction in the speed limit, which was refused, is it possible for SLOW to be painted on the road either side of the dwellings? Currently the 40mph limit leads to vehicles travelling in a reckless manner past the houses.	NO/GD 26.3.26	FS-Case-818271191

Wards Lane between the junction with Stevens Lane and the first bend at no.28	Very badly deteriorated surface and a number of potholes.	LBrewin/NO 31.3.26	FS-Case-820462152
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172/25 Payments & Receipts April 2026

Payee	Description	Amount
Smith of Derby	St Michael's Clock Service	370.80
Everflow	Water Supply at Parish Land	193.84
Nat West	Bank Charges February Current Account	11.90
PeopleSafe	Man Down Equipment	129.60
Fox Grounds Maintenance	Flail Wildflower Meadow Cemetery	228.00
EE	Office Mobile 30.03.26 inv date	16.80
Various	Staff Costs April	5,409.17
EE	Office Mobile 02.03.26 Inv Date	16.80
Unity Bank	Cancellation of previous entry	-28.00
Tomato	Invoiced not charged cancellation of previous entry	-2.10
Accounts Correction	Unknown difference	0.50
G Fisher	Reimbursement for materials for signs	32.00
Streetscape	MUGA Refresh Welding/cleaning/new back boards	4,146.00
Sterilizing Services	Legionella Testing March (Pavilion/PCMR/Chapel)	108.00
D Sims	Skipper Barriers and Road Cones (6)	95.00
The Office Way	Cemetery Chapel Leaflet	148.00
A Kincade	Repairs and replacement of hand dryers at Perks Park WCs	216.00
Mark Douglas Industrial Supplies	Nitrile Gloves/hand towels	34.44
Play Inspection Co	Outdoor Annual Inspection Perks Park	199.20
Fox Grounds Maintenance	Grounds Maintenance March	1,516.68
Erewash Borough Council	Business Rates PCMR including SBRR	0.00
Erewash Borough Council	Business Rates Cemetery	1,807.63
Valda Energy	Christmas Lights Electricity standing charge	58.68
EDF	PCMR Electricity March	293.52
EDF	Chapel Electricity March	70.95
Daisy Communications	Broadband/Phone PCMR	65.63
Total		15,139.04
Gala Expenditure		
Nat West	Bank Charges February Gala	4.95
Total		4.95
Grand Total Expenditure		15,143.99
Income		
Payer	Description	
Horobin	Memorial Ball NM11	121.00
Co-op Funerals	Chapel Booking Watmough EBC inv 1016	250.00
A W Lymn	Chapel Booking Meller EBC inv 1017	250.00
Central England Coop Funerals (Ilkeston)	Chapel Booking Hubbard Inv 1014	250.00
Baileys Memorial Masons	Gregg Memorial NE12	475.00
Unity Trust Bank	Interest	23.05
Nat West Reserve Account	Interest	9.18

Mrs Flahey	Ground Rent	462.60
Erewash Borough Council	Precept 2026-7	139,310.32
Total		141,151.15
Gala Income		
Rowena Pearson	Gala Stall	40.00
Forever Stars	Gala Stall	30.00
James Dainty	Gala Stall	75.00
Breaston Community Forum	Gala Stall	30.00
L Owens Long Eaton Self Help	Gala Stall	30.00
The PCC St Michaels Renew	Gala Stall	30.00
S Usher Dog & Bean	Gala Stall	75.00
Francesca Remon	Gala Stall	40.00
Mickey Sash	Gala Stall	40.00
C Pelgrave/Tossed Dough Pizza	Gala Stall	75.00
Total		465.00
Grand Total Income		141,616.15

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

173/25 Public Questions

Cllr Mills asked if she could be added to the list of recipients for the chapel leaflets – to be supplied to local celebrants.

174/25 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is the May Annual Parish Council Meeting and is scheduled for 7pm on Monday May the 11th.

The Meeting Closed at 7.54pm

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11.05.26