

At the Annual Meeting of Breaston Parish Council held on Monday the 11th of May 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, Dale, Beeching & Buckthorpe

Cllr Mills Erewash Borough Council

5 members of the public

Police Session

No report had been received this month. The Clerk gave the following report of crimes taken from the Derbyshire Constabulary website for March.

Crime Statistics	March		Key	
Long Eaton Rural Area		58	Violent & Sexual Offences	VSO
Risley	2		Drugs	D
Breaston	28		Public Order	PO
Draycott	19		Possession of a weapon	POW
Stanton by Dale	1		Vehicle Crime	VC
Dale Abbey	0		Anti-Social Behaviour	ASB
Stanton Ironworks	8		Criminal Damage & Arson	CDA
Church Wilne	0		Shoplifting	SL
	58		Burglary	B
Breaston			Other Theft	OT
Stevenson Avenue	VC	1	Other Crime	OC
Hills Road	VC	1		
Gregory Avenue	VC	1		
Festival Avenue	VC	3		
Festival Avenue	CDA	1		
Draycott Road	ASB	2		
Co-Op	SL	6		
Co-Op	B	1		
Burlington Close	ASB	1		
Kirkfield Drive	ASB	2		
Kirkfield Drive	CDA	1		
Perks Park	CDA	1		
Perks Park	OT	1		
Beech Avenue	VC	1		
Maple Grove	B	1		
Wilsthorpe Road	OT	2		
Wilsthorpe Road	OC	1		
Richmond Avenue	CDA	1		
		28		

Reports from outside bodies:

Derbyshire County Council – Cllr Lawson

Cllr Lawson had confirmed attendance at tonight's meeting but hadn't arrived. He had sent the following annual report.

Report from Derbyshire County Council – Review of the Year.

Following the historic County Council election in May 2025, I was very honoured to be the first Reform UK County Councillor to be elected to represent the Breaston Division, which encompasses Breaston, Draycott & Wilne and Borrowash. I, along with 41 other new Reform UK County Councillors formed the majority group in Derbyshire (42 of 64), and we consequently took control of the Council. This was obviously a very steep learning curve for all of us, none of whom had been County Councillors before. As well as being the local Councillor for our area, I was chosen to be part of the new Cabinet that makes many of the key decisions at the Council, with the portfolio responsible for Finance and Resources, which we renamed 'Council Efficiency (DOGE)'. After his retirement following 55 years of service, I also had the impossible task of stepping into Cllr Parkinson's shoes! I was however, delighted that the Council were able to recognise Cllr Parkinson's unstinting, durable commitment to our area and Derbyshire generally, by conferring him with the title of Honorary Alderman.

As you can imagine, this first year has been an incredibly busy one for the new administration! As well as 'learning the ropes' of how the Council functions, we're expecting to deliver a financial outturn that balances revenue expenditure with income – something we're legally required to do, but which many councils have failed to do in recent years – including Derbyshire. During three of four preceding years, the previous administration of Derbyshire CC had to plunder a cumulative £132m from the reserves to balance the books. This was clearly unsustainable, and so we needed to ensure that in our first year, the priority was to 'steady the ship', which we have done, while maintaining and in some respects, improving services.

The budget we inherited at the beginning of the financial year ended March 2026, included planned savings of £37.5m, which we have largely delivered. In addition to these though, we have also realised approx. £20m pounds of additional savings which have off-set the exceptionally high increase in demand for services, particularly Children's Social Care.

Another priority of the new Reform UK administration was to start to recover the lost years of under-investment in road maintenance. We've all been plagued by the potholes that are a clear indication of this, and we repaired the backlog of 17,000 potholes within our first six months.

Another wet winter though brought many new potholes, although we began the Spring in the best position the Council has been in for many years. Although this is a problem that will take years and many hundreds of millions to permanently resolve, we doubled the spend in our first year to £60m, on permanent repairs, and increased the workforce who carry out temporary repairs. The next two years will see even greater investment in permanent resurfacing repairs.

The new financial year is likely to see even greater demands for Children's Social Care services, along with the ever-increasing demands on Adult Social Care services, due to our ageing population. These continue to place severe pressures on the Council's finances. This is in addition to the continuing inflationary pressures largely brought about by central Government policies, particularly around Employer's National Insurance increases and above inflation Minimum Wage increases.

A significant, although diminishing, proportion of County Council funding comes as a 'Revenue Support Grant' (RSG) from central Government. The settlement for Derbyshire was recently determined for the coming 3 years, and unfortunately, due to the Governments policy of directing more funding to urban councils, the Derbyshire RSG funding level will increase at a level below expected inflation, meaning a 'real-terms' reduction. This meant that despite more significant saving planned for the next two years amounting to close to £100m, we were still faced with a funding gap that required a Council tax increase of 4.9% in April 2026.

Although this was much higher than we would've liked, it was, marginally, the lowest over the last 4 years, and although it's little consolation, Derbyshire residents still enjoy lower than average council tax bills when compared to similar councils.

We ended our first year, we believe, with a more financially sustainable Council and although there remain significant challenges, we believe it's already starting to improve its performance.

We are also making significant changes to the way the Council operates, including the staff 'culture' and hopefully over the coming months and years you will see the benefits of these changes in further improvements to the services.

I realise that I'm now starting to sound like a politician, promising 'jam tomorrow', so I'll close here. Finally, I'd like to thank you for your support in my introduction to public life.

Cllr John Lawson

Erewash Borough Council – Cllr Mills

Cllr Mills reported that Stanley & Stanley Common are holding a Home Energy Efficiency supported by the Nottingham Energy Partnership on Saturday the 16th of May between 10 – 12 at Stanley Village Hall and they are keen for everyone to attend.

Erewash Borough Council – Cllr Miller

- I attended a meeting regarding the Core Strategy, Power point, the first slide was a picture of a coffin, the brass plate said, the Core Strategy is dead, do not resuscitate!
- The food waste collections are being accepted by the residents, EBC have purchased six vehicles, one has been named, Bandicoot? There is a competition to name the other five, please submit your idea to me to pass on, or look at the web site, in the first two weeks, they collected the equivalent of the weight of 50 family cars in waste food.
- It was the anniversary of VE day on the 8th of May, you can visit a display at the Ilkeston museum, to mark the occasion.
- Transformation of Long Eaton high street will commence in June, you can visit a display in the Town hall on the 13 May 2 to 4pm, where you can learn all about it.
- EBC have been awarded 4.5 million pounds for future development and civic improvements.
- EBC have put out an order for run down property owners to refurbish buildings or EBC will do the work and send the owners the bill, a good example of refurbishment of an iconic building is Burton's Tailoring on Long Eaton High street, it is being worked on at this moment, attached is an artist's impression of the finished result.
- Pasture land in Sawley which is owned by EBC, has been leased to a farmer for the last thirty years, EBC have decided to turn it in to a nature reserve, to the consternation of some residents of Sawley, as it looks good as it is, it has history as it has ponds, which were used in medieval times to breed fish for the gentry and of course poachers, this is opposite the Nags Head, near the church. EBC have already spent £17k on fencing etc, money some residents feel could have been spent better elsewhere.

Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Miller reported that the Emergency Services Day at West Park 27th June 2pm will be attended by the team who will have a Neighbourhood Watch Stall, all other services will be represented including the police and fire brigade.

Risley Educational Foundation

No meeting.

Public Session

Mr Howells and Mrs Edgar had come along on behalf of the In Bloom Tree Team to outline a proposal for tree planting on Perks Park that they hoped the Parish Council would consider. They hope to plant ornamental trees, possibly 24 in agreed positions around the circular path. To give interest and shade to park users similar to planting at Derby Arboretum. Some native and foreign species would be proposed, and the team would offer support with planting, purchasing and maintaining the trees until they were established. Cllrs raised concerns about the position and roosting pigeons causing additional work for the maintenance officer cleaning bird guano from structures beneath the trees, possible root damage for the path, play equipment, gym equipment buildings and neighbouring properties, access for maintenance vehicles must be maintained around the perimeter hedges and of course for grass cutting and any ongoing maintenance

implications. Once plans are completed a site visit with Cllrs could be arranged for further discussion and explanation. The Clerk suggested that the team put together their plans following Cllrs' comments and then return them to the office for further investigation and discussion by the Parish Council.

The clerk asked Mrs Edgar if she was aware of the proposal for the old school site in relation to the rock garden on Draycott Road and she confirmed that she had been in conversation with the developer following their original consultation.

1/26 Election of the Chairman of the Council

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that Cllr Patrick would be elected Chairman of the Parish Council when she returns from her holiday at the June meeting.

2/26 Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of the Office by the Chairman

It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and AGREED that Cllr Patrick would sign the declaration when she returns from her holiday at the June meeting.

3/26 Election of the Vice Chairman of the Council

It was proposed seconded and agreed that Cllr Mounsey be the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the ensuing year.

4/26 Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of the Office by the Vice Chairman

Cllr Mounsey signed the acceptance of office witnessed by the Clerk.

5/26 Election of the Committees of the Council

It was RESOLVED to approve and adopt the proposed changes to the committees of the council.

6/26 Confirmation of the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Management Plan.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to continue to adopt the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Management Plan.

7/26 Adoption of the Policies as circulated by the Clerk.

8/26 It was proposed, seconded and agreed to continue to adopt the policies with minor amendments as described by the clerk.

9/26 Annual Governance & Accountability

a) Annual Governance Statement

it was RESOLVED to adopt the Annual Governance Statement as signed by the Chair and witnessed by the Clerk.

b) Annual Accounting Statement

it was RESOLVED to adopt the Accounting Statement as signed by the chair and witnessed by the Clerk.

c) Year End Accounts

it was RESOLVED to adopt the Year End Accounts as signed by the Chair and witnessed by the Clerk.

10/26 Apologies for Absence –

Cllr Patrick

11/26 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**.

12/26 Dispensations –

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

13/26 Approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 13th April

It was PROPOSED & SECONDED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 13th of April.

14/26 Correspondence

The correspondence relating to the May Day Gala previously circulated by the Clerk was acknowledged. Following discussion, it was agreed that a statement be issued in response to the concerns raised. The statement will reaffirm the original purpose of the event as a community-focused occasion intended to bring residents together and support local groups and organisations, whose participation and success continue to be greatly valued by the community.

The statement will also outline the measures proposed by the Council to mitigate issues where possible for the 2027 event and explain the reasons for continuing to hold the event at its current location rather than relocating to an alternative venue.

15/26 Clerk's Report

Minor Maintenance Agreement 2026-7

It was RESOLVED to accept the invitation to participate in the scheme for this financial year.

16/26 Environment Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th May 2026 at 9.00am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

- 1. Agenda Summons**
- 2. Public Session: none**
- 3. Present:**

Cllr Salt (Chair) Cllrs Parkinson, Elliott, Patrick, Fisher, Miller, Mounsey, Wells, Beeching, Crannage & Dale

Apologies:

Cllr 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 note the delay in issuing the letter following the disappointing response from Peveril Securities and the subsequent further investigation undertaken by the Clerk. Councillors RESOLVED to send out the letter to the remaining property owners with riparian responsibility.

Goldenbrook – No update.

Riparian Owners Letter

Following the last meeting the clerk made enquiries with the team at DCC and has a raft of information to use for the information leaflet, and it was RESOLVED to send it out with the next hard copy newsletter.

7. Applications –

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

PA/2026/0178 - 3 The Crescent, Risley Lane - Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension - The Parish Council had no objections to the application, but reminded the applicants of their responsibilities under the Party Wall etc. Act 1996.

PA/2026/0163 - The Hollies, Risley Lane - Remodelling of existing bungalow, to include erection of two storey part pitched and part flat roof extension, single storey rear extension, single storey front extension with bay window, window and door alterations, addition of rooflights, addition of external render, replacement roof tiles, removal of chimney. Removal of existing lean-to porch and

erection of open porch to side. Demolition of existing outbuilding and replacement with new detached garage outbuilding. - The Parish Council had no objections to the application.

PA/2026/0243 - 31 Firfield Avenue - Proposed flat roof single storey side extension - The Parish Council had no objections to the application

PA/2026/0251 - 8 Manor Court - Single storey extension with partial garage conversion, bay window front extension and associated external alterations - The Parish Council had no objections to the application

8. The Decisions –

The following decisions have been made by Erewash Borough Council:

PA/2026/0116 - 50 The Crescent - External wall insulation to all facades with rendered finish- The Parish Council had no objections, and it was approved with conditions by Erewash Borough Council on the 23.4.26

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, and it was approved with conditions by Erewash Borough Council on the 30.4.26

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 weren't consulted on the application but submitted the following comments: 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. The decision on the notification was that it was not required – Erewash Borough Council resolved not to protect the tree, nor did they recommend the replacement of the tree.

9. Additional Planning & Enforcement Issues:

Field Close unauthorised dwelling.

It was RESOLVED to note the update from the Erewash Borough Planning Enforcement team – the landowners have been sent a cease-and-desist letter and given a 3-month deadline to act.

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

It was RESOLVED to note that the enforcement team have lost staff again & there is currently no new information. New officers have been employed so things will progress soon.

Cherry Tree Stevens Lane – ENF/2026/0018

It was RESOLVED to note that the team confirm no progress with the case.

10. Westernmere School Site

It was RESOLVED to note that there has been no movement on the proposal since the last meeting.

It was RESOLVED to note that a consultation document had been received from Erewash Borough Council on Friday the 8th of May for this application, concerns about the size and number of documents were raised, Cllr Dale volunteered to investigate a way to precis the information to make it more user friendly to be shared with the community. The clerk reported that she had requested an extension to the deadline to allow the Parish Council to respond in full following closer scrutiny of the application. It was agreed that a public meeting should be organised to enable residents to raise their concerns with the Parish Council. Clerk to book the Methodist Church Hall for Tuesday the 2nd of June 7pm. Clerk to publicise the application consultation.

11. Biodiversity Action Plan – Cllr Salt

Water Butt Cemetery Chapel.

It was RESOLVED to note that water butt was installed and completed on the 23rd of April.

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

The clerk provided photographs to the team at Historic England on the 29.4.26. They suggest that the Parish Council propose the building to EBC for their listed buildings local list. Cllrs RESOLVED not to proceed.

13. Councillor's Reports

a) Core Strategy? Cllr Elliott

It was RESOLVED to note that there had been no update regarding progress with the strategy. Cllr Miller reported that he had attended a meeting for an update and that he would share the presentation slides in due course.

The meeting closed at 9.40am

17/26 Finance Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th of May 2026 at 9.40am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

1. Summons

2. Public Session: none.

3. Present:

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

Also Present:

Cllrs Elliott, Crannage, Dale & Parkinson

Apologies:

Cllr 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. Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2025-6

a) Annual Governance Statement –

it was RESOLVED that the Annual Governance Statement would be circulated ready for the full council meeting on the 11th of May.

b) Accounting Statement –

it was RESOLVED that the Accounting Statement would be circulated ready for the full council meeting on the 11th of May.

c) Year End Accounts –

it was RESOLVED that the Year End Accounts would be circulated ready for the full council meeting on the 11th of May.

7. Internal Audit

It was RESOLVED to note the Audit report as circulated by the Clerk 30.04.2026

8. Bank Balances as at 30.4.2026.

Current Account	£ 12,949.43
Nat West Reserve Account	£ 20,056.16
Hampshire Trust Bank	£120,000.00
Unity Trust Reserve Account	£ 84,493.16
Hinckley & Rugby Reserve A/C	£ 5,302.43
Gala Account	<u>£ 1,813.15</u>
Total	£244,614.33

9. Reconciliation Sign Off

It was RESOLVED to note that Cllr Wells will sign off the reconciliation documents and bank statements for April at full council on the 11th.

10. Budget 2026-7

It was RESOLVED to note that Cllr Beeching and the Clerk met on the 29.4.26 and finalised the documents ready for approval. Cllr Beeching reported on some minor alterations to the communication budget and that contingency funds had been set aside for the electricity at the pavilion in light of the lack of any invoicing by EDF. Further adjustments would be made to the earmarked reserved following decisions in the Parks & Cemeteries Committee.

11. IConnect Additional Contact

It was RESOLVED to note the recommendation for a second contact/officer able to submit monthly reconciliations and upload data onto the IConnect Pensions system and the proposal that the Clerk would train the Maintenance Officer in coming months was approved.

12. Councillor's Reports

None

The meeting closed at 9.55am

18/26 General Purposes Committee held on Wednesday the 6th of May at 9.55am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

1. Agenda Summons

2. Public Session: none

3. Present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr 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. Dementia Friends Session

It was RESOLVED to note that the date of the event has been amended to enable Kirsty Hague from Alzheimer's Association to attend and will be held on Thursday June 4th 12 noon.

Confirmation of the booking at the church is awaited. Cllr Salt has invited other organisations to attend and awaits a response..

7. Gala Update

Cllr Patrick reported that the event was extremely well attended and the vast majority of the feedback had been extremely positive, some issues with setting up on the day were disappointing. A perennial village issue is the lack of space for parking – it was agreed that the landowners at the charity shop would be approached next year for access to allow parking on the site. Cllr Miller proposed asking Mr Ledger for use of the Litho car park. There had also been a call for the event to be moved to Perks Park to give more space but it was agreed that the site wasn't suitable – the eastern side being unlevel and the western side given over to the football pitch would cause issues for the teams who pay to use the site, equally the site entrance is also narrow and with parking already tricky on Longmoor Lane it would be even more problematic. The performances on the day were excellent, although it was agreed that the venue didn't suit the magic act which really required an indoor location. Congratulations and thank you to Lisa, Peter, Lyn and Nicala for all of their hard work.

8. Annual Parish Meeting Format

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk continues to make the necessary arrangements. Chairs of committees to provide their annual reports by the 11th of May.

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

It was RESOLVED to note that Mr Cliff (solicitor) had forwarded the completed land registry form.

10. Hrutar Reenactment Group – training sessions

It was RESOLVED to note that the clerk had further invited the team and given dates and times for committees along with May evening meeting.

11. Play Scheme

It was RESOLVED to go ahead with the summer play scheme again this year Clerk to make enquiries with the team at Acclimatize and Giac Romano, Cllr Patrick to speak to Brett Bishton.

12. Committees and Chairs

Following a number of requests to stand down as chair of committees it was RESOLVED on the following changes, Cllr Buckthorpe confirmed he would be able to take on a chair or vice chair following his retirement later in the year:

Committees				
9.00 WEDS	9.45am WEDS	10.15am WEDS	10.45am WEDS	11.30AM WEDS
Environment	Finance	General Purposes	Parks & Cemeteries	Highways & Lighting
C Salt C	P Wells C	Lisa Patrick C	Jay Dale C	R Beeching C
Kevin Miller VC	L Patrick VC	George Mounsey VC	Russell Beeching VC	C Salt VC
	J Dale			
	R Beeching			
	C Salt			
	George Mounsey			
	Kevin Miller (EBC)			
As and When Called				
Gala				
Lisa Patrick				
Paul Wells				
George Mounsey				
Graham Fisher				
c- Chairman				
vc- Vice Chairman				
Parish Council Chair Cllr Lisa Patrick & Vice Chair George Mounsey are ex officio members of all committees and can attend them all.				

13. Councillor's Reports

None.

At the meeting of full council Cllr Mounsey reported that he regularly reviews the website and had found that the parish plan was last reviewed in 2021 and needed attention – it was RESOLVED to add it to the Environment Committee agenda for June.

The meeting closed at 10.25am

19/26 Parks & Cemeteries Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th of May at 9.55am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

1. **Agenda Summons**
2. **Public Session – none.**

3. Present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr Buckthorpe (arrived at 10.45am)

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) Perks Public Conveniences Criminal Damage

It was RESOLVED to note that the clerk continues to liaise with the PCSO on the case.

b) Holly Tree Risley Lane Boundary

It was RESOLVED to note the residents intend to carry out any work following the nesting season.

c) Ashes Plots Slabs

It was RESOLVED to note that the clerk has asked Mr Fisher to attend to the broken slab and arrange replacement.

d) Solar Panel Inverter-

It was RESOLVED to note that Mr Kincade installed the replacement inverter on the 5th of May.

e) Bench Base New Cemetery

The clerk reported that Mr Fisher had commenced work on the replacement base.

7. Perks Park

It was RESOLVED to note the information:

New Entrance – Rectory Road –

The application to the Vernon Bowmer Trust was submitted on 12.2.26. Clerk emailed for feedback 21.4.26 and awaits a response. The clerk reported that confirmation of approval for the funding had been received and that she had passed bank details onto the team. Cllrs congratulated Cllr Beeching on the application's success.

The application for the dropped kerb was submitted on the 21.4.26.

8. Chapel –

• Windows

The leaded glass expert has been constructing the windows, and they are currently installing reinforcement bars, and it is hoped that they will be ready for installation by the end of May. The Clerk reported that the team were due to attend on the 12th of May.

• Leaflet

The leaflet has been shared with the funeral directors and masons who requested hard copies. An electronic version of the document was circulated to all funeral directors, stone masons and burials team at EBC/Broxtowe.

9. Play Area Inspection

a) Replacement of Wicksteed Climbing Frame

The overwhelming winner of the consultation was the Eibe – option 1 which is not a surprise. Information gathered was really good and particularly useful from the schools and wraparound care groups. One of the wishes highlighted by the consultation was for accessible equipment for children with disabilities including blindness. Clerk to investigate accessible equipment options. It was RESOLVED to go ahead with an Awards for All application and for the clerk to press EBC for information on applying for the promised Parish Funds. At full council the clerk reported that the information had now been received.

10. Box Hedge

a) Cemetery

The clerk has confirmed acceptance of the quotation from Fox Grounds Maintenance and set aside a small contingency for any increase in cost for the saplings come the Autumn planting season.

11. Cemetery Sign

The Clerk continues to liaise with Mr Fisher who is extremely busy.

12. Pavilion Mural

The artist has been confirmed and has a flora and fauna theme. Licence arrangements will be organised and shared in due course. Further information will be provided once the scheme has been publicised. Cllr Beeching and Wells requested that the Clerk ensure that the Parish Council has the final say on the scheme. The Clerk reported that Erewash had shared details of the artist on social media this week and that we will hopefully get an update soon.

13. Borough & Parish Forum – Cllr Wells

• Erewash Funding

Following some discussion regarding the merits/disadvantages of fencing off the play area it was RESOLVED that improving the equipment was the best way forward and most likely to secure funding. Clerk to make investigations of sensory items and a possible nature trail.

14. Cemetery CCTV - Cllr Patrick

Following considerable discussion of the issues faced at the cemetery it was RESOLVED to approve the installation in principle and that Cllr Beeching would investigate any funding available with the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner and the Clerk would inform the team at EBC and investigate the possibility of shared provision of the equipment.

15. Grave Digging

It was RESOLVED to note that the clerk has completed the amendments to the risk assessment and shared it on the document library on the website.

16. Duffield Close Paths and Gates

Cllrs had visited the site and inspected the gates and paths prior to the meeting. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would seek quotes for the following work:

Gates

- **Wards Lane East Gate** – ask Fox to trim the front of the hedge to allow for more space for the field gate to be opened. Arrange for the kissing gate to be treated with wood preservative.
- **Wards Lane West Gate** - Arrange for the maintenance officer to remove the ivy from the structure and for the whole structure to be treated with wood preservative.
- **Stevens Lane Gate** – Arrange for a quote for the whole structure to be removed and replaced with a simple V access gate across the north to south gap.
- **Blind Lane Gate** – The V access gate is rotten on one side to arrange replacement and for the whole structure to be treated with wood preservative.

Paths The paths were found to be worn quite badly in places and when the weather is poor there are a number of large puddles.

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would seek advice and a quote from Mr Wheatley and then secure comparative quotes for the work needed.

17. Tree Work – Cemetery

It was RESOLVED to note the quotations:

Bartlett Tree Services	£3,000 + VAT
Tom Richards Tree Services	£3,600 + VAT
Chapman & Marriott Tree Specialists	£7,800 + VAT

Following some discussion it was agreed to accept the Tom Richards Quotation. Clerk to make the necessary arrangements and clarify with the team the necessity for extreme caution in relation to the surrounding memorials and neighbouring property.

18. Councillor's Reports

a) Shade Garden

Cllr Patrick reported that a resident had contacted her in relation to reports on social media regarding an incident in the Shade Garden on Duffield Close. Children from Firfield Primary School had damaged the garden and been disrespectful to the team that maintains the area. The Clerk had already been apprised of the situation and had made a note to contact Firfield Primary School and to put a post on Facebook.

The meeting closed at 11.30am

20/26 Highways & Lighting Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th May at 11.30am at the Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Blind Lane, Breaston.

1. Agenda Summons –

2. Public Session – none.

3. Present:

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

Apologies –

none

4. Declaration of Members Interests:

To enable any Councillors to indicate any items on the agenda in which they have a personal or pecuniary interest in accordance with the Parish Council's Code of Conduct – none.

5. Dispensations:

To report on and consider any requests for dispensation in accordance with s31 of the Localism Act 2011- none.

6. Potholes/Street Lights/Overhanging Vegetation –

a) Highways Report: Potholes on the Highway

It was RESOLVED to note the updated and considerably shortened report which includes a number of new issues which have recently been added by the Clerk following reports from a resident.

7. Christmas Lights

a) Electricity

It was RESOLVED to note that the clerk chased the liquidators once more on the 29.04.26 a response is awaited.

b) Pavilion Electricity

It was RESOLVED to note that despite the lack of invoices from EDF – the budget has been retained at the previous level and also a contingency set aside in case they finally solve their problems and come back with a large bill.

8. Councillor's Reports

None.

The meeting closed at 11.35am

21/26 Highways & Lighting DCC Reports Update

Highways Report May 26 Update			
Location	Problem	Reported	Case Number
<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>
Wilsthorpe Rd	Obscured sign 1 Poplar Road	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</p> <p>Any update?</p> <p>A letter was sent to resident September 2025</p>
Junction of Draycott Road and The Crescent	Overhanging hedge resident report	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 cut has been requested</p> <p>Any Update?</p> <p>A letter was sent to resident September 2025</p>

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 and that a works order has been submitted. A job has been raised for completion
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	18.8.25 A Wood NO	FS-Case-742048131 Any Update? No response as yet. CH – Update requested

	often livestock in an adjacent field which adds to the problem.		
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	FS-Case-742056276. Any Update? No response as yet. CH – Update requested
Footpath 10 between bridleway 11 and 31 and Bridleway 3	During previous floods, a fence was brought down and is now badly overgrown with vegetation , making the wire fence a trip hazard. Also Bridleway 3 badly overgrown with gorse.		FS-Case-744521545 Any Update? No response as yet 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
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	<p>Mrs Pat Slack called to report that she'd been in correspondence with the highways team for some 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>Mrs slack called again 19.06.25 still not done. 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>No ref available 753321547</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	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>
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</p>

			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
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	FS-Case-785756499. Any Update? Job number 968593 in proposed status
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.
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 opp junction with Marlborough Rd	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 Response from DCC refusing to implement any further speed reduction measures in the area. The clerk responded with detailed SID information reports (created by Cllr Salt) and photographs of recent road traffic accidents in the area. A response is awaited.
Wards Lane between the junction with	Very badly deteriorated surface and a number of potholes.	LBrewin/NO 31.3.26	FS-Case-820462152

Stevens Lane and the first bend at no.28			
Rectory Road/Perks Park	Dropped Kerb Application	NO 21.4.26	FS Case 830370560 Application submitted, and acknowledgement received along with email including details on how to make payment. Clerk paid the fee on the 23.04.26
Risley Lane Navigation junction	Brown Sign Lanes Farm has been pulled down, and the sign is at a dangerous level for pedestrians	Paul Wards Lane NO 22.4.26	FS-Case-830694250
59 Wilsthorpe Road	Report relating to overgrown hedge received from resident	JO NO 28.4.26	FS Case 832970826
111 Wilsthorpe Road	Report relating to overgrown hedge received from resident	JO NO 28.4.26	FS Case 832971572
112 Wilsthorpe Road	Report relating to overgrown hedge received from resident	JO NO 28.4.26	FS Case 832971980
14 Willoughby Close	Report relating to overgrown hedge received from resident	JO NO 28.4.26	FS Case 832972608
21 Grosvenor Avenue	Report relating to the lack of dropped kerb and overhanging vehicles	Mr K NO 5.5.26	FS-Case-834844752
173 Longmoor Lane	No dropped kerb using front as driveway	Mr K NO 11.5.26	FS-Case-836719271

22/26 Payments & Receipts May 2026

Payee	Description	Amount
Screwfix	White line marking paint	12.38
Daisy Communication	Correction from last month	4.52
Various	Staff Costs May	5,653.74
Erewash Borough Council	Business Rates Cancellation of Previous entry	-1,807.63
Erewash Borough Council	Business Rates PCMR	707.33
EverGreener	Slimline Water Butt for Cemetery Chapel	159.99
Everflow	Water Parish Land 12.5.26-11.6.26	175.36
Amazon	First Aid Kit for Cemetery Chapel	21.49
Screwfix	Magnusson Hole Punch	10.99
Post Office	Postage Cemetery Leaflets	13.30
Derbyshire County Council	Dropped Kerb Application	145.00
Nat West	Bank Charges 28.2.26-2.4.26	12.40
Just Cable Ties	500 Black Cable Ties 4.8mm x 370mm	23.44
Excel Office Supplies	Laminating Pouches Dividers	50.82
ICCM	Renewal 2026-7	110.00
Sterilizing Services	Legionella Testing April	57.60
East Midlands Audit Services	2025-6 Internal Audit	148.55
Cubit Ultrasonic	Lighting Column Testing 2026	168.00
Ilkeston Brass	Charge for Summer Band Concert & Carol Concert 2025 (funds from 25-6 cfwd)	530.00
Fox Grounds Maintenance	Grounds Maintenance April	1,562.18

Shelter Maintenance	Bus shelter Maintenance April 26-March 27	133.63
S Fisher	Sundry Works at Chapel/PCMR WCS/Bench DC/ Flagpole/Perks Swings/WCS Perks Vandalism/PCMR WCS hooks/ new lock to wc door blind land/ Installation of new water butt	571.00
Erewash Borough Council	Public Convenience Service Opening Closing & Cleaning Perks Park/Blind Lane Bin Emptying service 26-7 Bin Bag Provision 6 boxes 25-26	9,757.68
EDF	Electricity Chapel April	61.91
EDF	Electricity Parish Rooms April	279.13
Information Commissioners Office	Data Protection Fee 2026-7	52.00
O2 Business	Broadband Phone PCMR May	70.15
EE	Office Mobile Phone 28.4.26	22.73
Valda Energy	Electricity MUGA Christmas Lights	58.10
Total		18,765.79
Gala Expenditure		
The Office Way	Printing Gala	149.20
The Office Way	Printing Gala	105.00
Nat West	Bank Charges 28.2.26-2.4.26	3.85
270 Adventure	Balance of Caving Unit	810.00
David Sims	Sound PA System May Day Gala	150.00
Total		1,218.05
Grand Total Expenditure		19,983.84
Income		
Payer	Description	
Nat West	Interest Reserve Account	13.54
HMRC	VAT Return	4,271.69
A W Lymn	Inv 1015 Bird D26 Interment	115.00
Parallel Parents	Gate Licence 2026- 2031	750.00
Co Op Funerals	Tatham AG3 Memorial Inv 1018a	64.00
Central Co-op Funerals Ilkeston	Gregg Interment, Chapel	1,652.00
Total		6,866.23
Gala Income		
Utility Warehouse	Gala Stall	40.00
Elizabeth Wilson LETC	Gala Stall Charity	30.00
D Sims	FP Return Incorrect account on payment	95.00
Brett Bishton	Gala Stalls	300.00
Mortimer's Morris	Reimbursement following no show	80.00
Breaston Park FC	Gala Stall	30.00
Dynamic Motif	Sponsorship of leaflets	100.00
Angela Proctor	Gala Stall	40.00
D Hill	Dog Show Income	176.00
Various	Cash Takings on day	2,690.79
L & I Patrick	Donation to Gala	33.21
Total		3,615.00
Grand Total Income		10,481.23

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

23/26 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.

24/26 Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council is the June Parish Council Meeting and is scheduled for 7pm on Monday June the 8th.

The Meeting Closed at 8.25pm

.....Chair
8.06.26