

**AT THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BREASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.15PM ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015 AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, BLIND LANE, BREASTON**

Present: Councillors Wiggins, Miller, Parkinson, Mounsey, McCaig, Toon, Luke, Cockle, Elliott, Wigglesworth and Pepios

Councillor Wiggins in the Chair

5 members of the public

Councillor Wiggins welcomed everyone to the meeting and commenced by pointing out the new start time for Parish Council Meetings of 7.15pm.

**POLICE SESSION**

PCSO Pykett sent a report as follows:

Recorded crimes for Breaston:

3/6 Poplar Road burglary

5/6 Co-Op theft

17/6 Draycott Road assault

25/6 Co-op theft

27/6 Co-op theft

28/6 Co-op theft

1/7 Co-op theft

3/7 Co-op theft

6/7 Poplar Road commit act of indecency

12/7 Co-op theft of 40 ambipure air fresheners.

PCSO Pykett reported that she has spoken to the manager of the Co-op about crime prevention but it appears that staff are minimal and items are on display in areas which are easy to target – most of the stolen goods were meat and since making the report the shoplifter responsible for the thefts 5/6 – 3/7 are in custody. The Air freshener thieves are yet to be traced.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Mrs Fearn reported that there were a large number of vehicles parked on the grass verges along Draycott Road.

Mr Derrick queried when a bin would be fitted at the Iron Bridge at Wilne and confirmed that a bin had been installed on Firfield Avenue – it was an open type that could be used for all types of litter which seemed a strange choice sited so close to a school where small children were likely to use the bin. Could a request also be made for a dog waste bin for Nooning Lane – Clerk to pass request to Draycott Parish Council.

**34/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Ronan and PCSO Pykett

**35/15 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS - none**

**36/15 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015.**

It was PROPOSED and SECONDED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2015.

**37/15 MATTERS ARISING - none**

## 38/15 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Correspondence from Harlow Brothers Timber Merchants.
- b) A letter from T.S. Indomitable Long Eaton Sea Scouts thanking the Parish Council for their kind donation for works carried out at the Gala Day.
- c) Leicestershire County Council is producing a new Minerals and Waste Local Plan,
- d) Correspondence from Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield and Mansfield highlighting their work.
- e) A letter from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission regarding a maintenance agreement.
- f) Correspondence from the University of the Third Age.

DALC Newsletters, EBC Agendas and Minutes available on request from the Clerk.

## 39/15 CLERK'S REPORT –

- a) The Banking signatories form had been returned and Mr Sharlot's signature had been successfully removed.

## 40/15 PARKS & CEMETERIES COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th JULY 2015 AT 9.15AM IN THE PCMR, BLIND LANE, BREASTON

**1. Present:** Cllr Toon, Ronan, Cockle, Pepios, and Wrigglesworth, **Apologies for absence:** Cllr McCaig, Mounsey, Wiggins, Parkinson and Miller

Councillor Mounsey was able to join the meeting at agenda item 22.

The Clerk pointed out to Cllr Pepios that he was now also a member of the Highways and Lighting Committee and as such was required to attend those meetings too.

**2. Risk Management.** Mrs Davis has completed weekly inspections and reported a large tree branch had fallen on the Centenary Garden she contacted M Chester and moved to branch to safety 17.6.15. Memorial Garden bench been damaged – Clerk contacted Redtree who are to collect and repair, Clerk viewed CCTV but unfortunately the damage was done before the hedge was cut so it's not clear on which day it happened. Loosening post to balance bar on Perks Recreation reported 24.6.15 Clerk contacted Streetscape to inspect and repair. 28/06/15 reported further branch down on Cherry Tree on Duffield Close Clerk and Mrs Davis agreed not posing an immediate danger to public. Clerk asked Grasstrack to deal with the branch as soon as possible.

### 3. Johnson's Meadow.

a) Still await news re lease.

b) Two prices received to make safe gate Grasstrack £130.00 Jet Designs £70.00 or £170.00 it was resolved to accept the £170 quote from Jet Designs.

d) Clerk contacted Mr Grammar to confirm works he plans to undertake. The Clerk has spoken to Mr Grammar and he is to walk the field to inspect for Ragwort and then report back to the Clerk – if there is Ragwort present then Clerk to organise alternative means of cutting the meadow. If no Ragwort Mr Grammar to continue to mow and remove hay for animal feed – he is also still more than happy to attend to cutting the hedges around the field.

Complaint received 27.06.15 regarding the state of the meadow and the possibility of installing play equipment – Clerk to write to the resident and explain that whilst the least is still in question the Parish Council is unable to commit to any new equipment on the field. Once the lease is in place further investigation and consultation will be made

**4. Duffield Close** – Mr Thorpe to complete posts to rotten gates as soon as possible.

**5. Western Power sub-station.** Work to be completed 8.7.15-10.7.15 –

**6. Windmill** Clerk contacted 5 structural engineers for quotes:

Abacus £2250 plus vat  
Bayliss Consulting £700.00 plus vat  
GCA UK £1560.00 plus vat  
Construction Design Solutions £5000 - £10,000 plus vat  
Millward Partnership not within their remit.

The quotes are completely random and extremely varied; it seems that none of the quotes are actually going to provide us with what we need.

Following lengthy discussions it was resolved that Cllr Cockle would approach Mr Fowler to discuss the way forward and then report back to the Clerk.

## **7. Pavilion**

a) Improvements to drainage JRD to commence work on the 20.7.15.

b) Safety lighting Work complete.

**8. Farmers Market** – Clerk spoke to Spondon Bakery who would be interested in taking part if a market was organised await reply to consequent email. Also contacted Erewash Borough Council and received an excellent, comprehensive response advising how to proceed (as circulated). It was resolved that the Clerk would forward the information from S Powell at EBC to all Councillors to allow for further consideration.

**9. Duffield Close – Memorial Bench** – Bench installed.

**10. Dogs on Duffield Close** – New signs – quotes requested 19/5/15. Quotes received – artwork circulated. Still await further quote for comparison. No order to be placed until after the walk round with DCC Conservation Officer.

**11. Play Area Perks Recreation Ground Fencing** – Request for quotes sent 21.5.15.

Fensecure 6608.13 & 7282.13

Streetscape 9840.00

Wicksteed 15663.00 & 16856.00

It was resolved that the cost couldn't be justified.

**13. Picnic Table MUGA** – It was resolved to leave the current bench in situ.

## **14 Cemetery –**

a) How to move forward with the rules and regulations following issues with breakages etc on plots. – it was resolved that the Clerk would write to plot owners to remind them of the rules and regulations of the Churchyard and that particular attention would be drawn to the health and safety issues faced by the grounds maintenance team.

b) Ashes plots price for slabs between rows – should we continue as we are or look into the artificial surfacing as at Draycott. It was resolved to remain with the lawn type surface as currently and to go ahead with the R Smeeton quote.

c) The large memorial is to be removed with the family not living locally it's taking longer than anticipated but will be undertaken as soon as possible.

**15. AFC Westernmere - Clerk** contacted the League and asked for assistance with matter. Clerk to write to the League again.

**16. Tree Survey** – Clerk inspected the trees with Grasstrack found that most trees were ok - Grasstrack already carried out some of the work as part of their grounds maintenance programme. Agreed list of works required and Grasstrack to quote for new work list. Grasstrack quote for £1540.00 to be accepted.

**17. Holmes Road – fence** – On closer inspection the boundary appears to belong to the owners of the houses Mr Jay came into the office and the Clerk showed him a copy of the register. He hadn't had a

response from DCC to his previous email and the Clerk suggested he should chase them and ask for a definitive response on whether the fence was actually necessary – if it is a highway requirement then the Highways Authority should take responsibility. Mr Jay to let the Clerk know of any further developments.

**18. Windmill Compound Fencing** – two further quotes for works to fencing awaited from Sheetfabs and J Whiteman. Quote from J Thorpe received for £2750.00

The Clerk discussed the planting within the compound with Cllrs and Mrs Davis and it has been suggested that when the fence comes down a mini digger should be employed to remove the fast growing plants that are planted within the compound and replace with slower growing varieties to prevent the compound getting overgrown as at present. – See minute item 6 – Cllr Cockle to discuss all aspects of the Windmill and Windmill Compound with Mr Fowler.

**19. Free Dog bags** – we are coming to the end of the current supply Cllrs are asked to decide whether to continue with the scheme. This current batch of 60,000 bags was purchased in November 2014. In 2014-15 two batches of 60,000 were purchased costing a total of £842.00 Cllr Ronan to contact the Post Office to confirm what they had previously proposed. It was resolved that the scheme would continue as it was a positive proactive approach to deal with dog owners who don't clear up after their pets.

**20. Benches** – Mrs Davis reports that a number of benches are beyond the point of just a light sanding and require stripping and starting from scratch. The benches on the Centenary Garden, Jubilee Garden and the older bench on the Memorial Garden all need attention. Cllrs are asked to resolve on what action to take. Options strip and re treat current old benches. Replace with new recycled material benches that don't require any maintenance. It was resolved that the Clerk would ask M Chester to inspect the benches and advise on what action to take.

**21. DCC Payback letter** – to resolve on what areas should be applied for on the payback scheme. It was resolved to request that the following works be carried out –  
Johnsons Meadow – clearance of ditch and mowing of field and removal of Ragwort.  
The area at the Rectory Road entrance to the Perks Recreation Ground to be cleared.  
Clerk to ascertain whether the ditch at Heath Gardens is adopted highway and then proceed accordingly.

**22. Centenary Garden Fence** – the resident who lives adjacent to the Centenary Garden has asked that the fence on the boundary of the Centenary Garden and his house is replaced as it is old and rotten and falling down. Clerk to draft letter to resident to report that the Parish Council intends to remove the fence as it presents a health and safety danger to the public.

### **23. AOB**

a) **NOMAD Running Event** – the Clerk reported that the running event on the previous weekend had been a great success and that the park had been left without a trace of the event. A request had been made to run the event again in 2016 and Cllrs were asked to resolve on a response. It was agreed that the event could take place in 2016.

The meeting closed at 11.00am

### **41/15 HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015 AT 8.30AM IN THE PCMR, BLIND LANE, BREASTON**

**1. Present:** Cllr Toon (chair) Ronan, Wrigglesworth and Cockle. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Elliott, Miller, Parkinson and Wiggins.

**2. Pot-holes.** –Potholes have been reported and chased again at:

The junction of Stevens Lane and Blind Lane, (8158304)

The Green and Main Street. (no ref given)

The Crescent. (no ref given)

Sawley Road. (no ref given)

They are all on a list and will be done when there is available labour.

The Clerk had reported the surface on the whole of the Hills Road estate and an inspector will visit shortly (8161576)

**3. Footpaths** – An all purpose bin has been fitted on Firfield Avenue. However no bin as yet at the Iron Bridge at Wiine. Cllr Wrigglesworth asked about a bin for Earlswood Close the clerk reports that it is on the list (had been requested in 2013!) Clerk to chase EBC again. D Jenkinson investigated the footpath between the old canal path and Hills Road and to ask landowner to repair ditches and drainage – still ongoing.

**4. Blind Lane lorry damage** – The Co-op's Store Risk Assessor visited the Parish Rooms and reported back to our letters regarding delivery vehicles to the store. They have a robust system in place to try and ensure that deliveries are made as early in the morning as possible to avoid congestion on the Green – they also request that lorries drive onto the Green and out of the Green using the horseshoe rather than Blind Lane – All drivers are also asked not to park on the pavements whenever possible. He had asked the team that plans deliveries to try and plan routes with all of the above in mind. He planned to reiterate all of the regulations to all of their drivers and hopefully we'll see a marked improvement. Cost Cutter also responded and they have forwarded our comments to their distributor Palmer and Harvey – they have requested that their drivers don't park on the pavement but don't appear to have mentioned the issues with lorries on Blind Lane. The Clerk reports that the only lorries that she has noticed passing the office since receipt of the letters are Kingsmill bakery lorries. Clerk to write to Palmer and Harvey to request that lorries don't use Blind Lane. Also to write and inform Mr and Mrs Allison

**5. New pavement – Market Place** – See above item.

**6. Community Forum Letter - Quotes** requested for signage requested 19.05.15. One company has responded and sent artwork as circulated. Further to this subject please note that Cllr Cockle has organised a walk round of the Conservation area with the idea of removing clutter and streamlining street furniture etc! Mrs Williams still looking into which entrances to parks and jitties are affected. It was resolved to wait until after the Conservation Area walk round before making any final decision on new signs.

**7. Longmoor Lane Verges** – Letter sent to residents 29.6.15/30.6.15 – two contacts made both positive. Clerk contacted DCC and received a cultivation license form to be completed for Draycott Road.

**8. ROW Minor Maintenance Agreement 2015/16** – Clerk agreed with DCC to take up the agreement for 2015/16 – Further suggestions made regarding cutting back undergrowth along footpaths 13, 21 and the Coffin Walk – Clerk to speak to Grasstrack about organising this work. The Clerk also reports that a report is being done at DCC proposing changes to the Minor Maintenance Agreement that look very positive.

**9. Bus Shelter Hills Road (Derby Bound)** Agreement has been given by EBC to replace the bus stop at the end of Hills Road (Derby Bound) Await confirmation of work from DCC.

**10. Sustrans Footpath** – DCC and EBC are still negotiating on who is responsible for the maintenance of the Sustrans footpath – Some keep on the path and control dog notices have been delivered to the office not sure by whom? Clerk chased both EBC and DCC re a bin 1.7.15. No one seems to want to take responsibility for the clearing of the path – Clerk to keep chasing both authorities for a bin at the bench site.

**11. M1 Noise** – Clerk contacted Highways England to ascertain progress on Smart Motorway – response received below:

Haven't appointed the design team yet, appointment due early next month. No progress on design until design team are in place and even then it will be a few months before they have completed any environmental assessments. Noise assessment is a by-product of the traffic modelling and the traffic model for this area is well progressed so it should not be too long after appointment but will be a few months.

It was resolved to continue to periodically chase Highways England regarding the planned work. Concerns were raised regarding a crossover between a separate M1 noise action group and the Parish Council – all correspondence from the Parish Council must go through the Clerk.

**12. HS2 Group** – An announcement has been made by HS2 saying that they commend the work done by the East Midlands Councils to draw attention to Toton and a decision on the appropriate site will be made in the Autumn. The HS2 Action Group will continue to work against the Breaston/Wilne proposals.

**13. Sawley Lane Footpath** – Clerk unable to find any trace of previous paperwork regarding attempts to install a footpath at the site, on looking at an online petition – there were only 28 signatures which is unlikely to back up the request for a footpath. Clerk to write to DCC to request that a footpath be installed on Sawley Lane.

**14. Electronic RTI bus stop signs** – Clerk contacted DCC again regarding the RTI signs – a comprehensive response was received and circulated to Councillors detailing alternative solutions but it doesn't look good for us getting them in Breaston in the near future. Funding is required which is not available – there are many other ways of getting the information that the RTI signs supply.

**15. Western Gateway Rejuvenation Project – Cllr Elliott had made proposals for improvements to the area at Breaston/Draycott boundary –**

- a) new bus shelter
- b) Install Litter bin
- c) Cut down overgrown trees and shrubs
- d) Extend/repair fences
- e) Tidy up advertising boards
- f) Install a planter on the entrance to Hills Road
- g) Flower bed on large grass verge
- h) Repairs to railings on bridge and near to Surgery
- i) Refurbish PC notice board
- j) New Street Signs

It was resolved that the Parish Council support the idea that this area needs tidying up a joined up approach is required and with the planned walk round of the village with the DCC Conservation Officer it would make sense to approach this matter once we have a clear view of what is required by EBC/DCC – a number of the issues are not the responsibility of the Parish Council and careful liaison with the responsible authorities is required as offering funding for works that are the responsibility of another authority can set a dangerous precedent which would be difficult to reverse.

The bus stop is already in the pipeline and once installed a litter bin can be requested. The boundary fence and hedges are the responsibility of the land owners and we could write to ask them to assist us in our attempts to spruce up the area. Spring bulbs have already been planted in the large grass verge. A decision had already been made to continue the planting of the grass verges along Draycott Road in line with the previous planting on Wilsthorpe Road. A planter would need to be costed and put before the finance committee and also a cultivation license must be granted which is a lengthy process with all utilities having to be consulted before we can go ahead with any construction. The issue of notice boards is included on the General Purposes agenda. – Street signs are the responsibility of EBC.

**16. Thorntree Close pavement surfacing** – Mr Wood visited the office and asked the Clerk's advice on the state of the pavement outside his home following recent surfacing work. Clerk contacted DCC to report issues await response.

**17. Street Lighting letter DCC** – PCSO Pykett reported that the only areas where complaints had been received would not have crime stats or asb figures to support new lighting being fitted, therefore it was resolved that no requests would be made.

## 18. AOB –

**a) Parking issues on Wards Lane** – the Clerk had reported the issue to PCSO Pykett who was to visit Mr Fowler to discuss the matter. Reports had been made that dustbins hadn't been emptied because the Erewash Vehicle couldn't access the lane due to inconsiderate parking. This had not been reported to the Parish Council.

**b) Cllr Pepios asked if a zebra crossing could be installed near Firfield School** - Cllr Toon reported that a request had previously been made to DCC and refused. The Clerk stated that there wasn't an all day need for a crossing at the site and that at the busy times of school opening and closing two crossing patrol operatives were in place already.

**c) Cllr Cockle suggested that the Environment and Highways and Lighting Committees could merge.** – much of the two committees work have much crossover and it was resolved that a possible trial merging of the two committee will be discussed again at the Environment meeting on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of July – once a decision is reached the Clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

The meeting closed at 9.35am.

## 42/15 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF BREASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 9.00AM ON MONDAY 13th JULY 2015 IN THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, BLIND LANE, BREASTON

**1. Present:** Cllr Cockle (Chair), Luke, Parkinson, Elliott, Miller, and Wiggins **Apologies:** none

**2. Declarations of Interests** - none

**3. Erewash Core Strategy** Cllr Cockle presented information to the committee relating to the Core Strategy and discussed how it affected Breaston. It was noted that the Core Strategy housing target for the rural settlements of which Breaston forms a part for the period 2012-28 was 300 of which 100 has been achieved to date.

**4. Neighbourhood Planning update** – Cllr Cockle explained what a Neighbourhood Plan 'can' and 'cannot' do with a view to the future possibility of such a plan being considered for Breaston. It was resolved that Cllrs Cockle and Elliott would review the 2003 Breaston Parish Plan with a view to updating the document for the purposes of a possible future Neighbourhood Plan.

**5. Conservation Area Appraisal Review** Cllr Cockle detailed discussions he had had with officers from Erewash Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council and the resulting village walkabout (see point)

**6. Village Walkabout** - a walk round of the Conservation Area is to take place on Friday and a more detailed report will be made at the next meeting.

## 7. Applications

The Committee considered the following planning applications and the recommendations are as follows:-

ERE/0615/0035 – Second storey extension – 2 Poplar Road – Recommend Approval

ERE/0615/0036 – Front and side extension – 59 Holly Avenue – Recommend Approval

ERE/0615/0042 – Construct a two storey side extension – 39 Holmes Road – Recommend Approval with the following note to the Planners; the large gable wall presents an unattractive elevation to the end of the group of houses and could be treated to provide more visual interest to the street on what is a very conspicuous corner. We would urge the LAPA to encourage the applicant to give this further consideration.

ERE/0615/0047 – Erection of first floor side and front extensions, alterations to the roof formation and alterations to the front elevation – 30 Wilsthorpe Road – Recommend Approval  
ERE/0615/0014 – Single Storey rear extension – 36 Grosvenor Avenue – Recommend Approval.

## 8. Decisions

The following decisions had been made by Erewash Borough Council:-

ERE/0415/0017 – Loft conversion with roof alterations consisting of a side gable and rear dormer, new pitched roof to existing rear extensions and front bay window at 139 Longmoor Lane – approved with conditions 10.06.15

ERE/0415/0007 Part two storey, part single storey rear extension – 24 Maxwell Street – approved with conditions 16.06.15.

ERE/0615/2060 – Prior notification of proposed single storey extension – 110 Wilsthorpe Road – Prior approval not required 8/7/15.

## 9. AOB

- a) Cllr Parkinson thanked Cllr Cockle for his efforts on behalf of the Parish Council.
- b) Cllr Cockle proposed a General Forum to be held by all Councillors 3 times a year where big issues and ideas could be discussed.

The meeting Closed at 10.15am

### **43/15 GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015 AT 10.00AM IN THE PCMR, BLIND LANE, BREASTON**

**1. Present:** Cllr Mounsey (in the chair), Toon, Ronan, Cockle, Pepios, and Wrigglesworth,  
**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Wiggins, Parkinson and Miller

**2. Notice-boards** – it was resolved that the 3 notice boards at Hills Road, Holly Avenue and Wilsthorpe Road would be removed. The notice board on the Green would be inspected and discussed at the next meeting. Issues of misuse of the notice boards were discussed and it was resolved that no changes would be made and that the Caretaker and Clerk would continue to monitor the usage. ***At the Ordinary meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July the decision to remove the notice boards was challenged by Councillors Parkinson and Luke and a further discussion was held and following a vote it was resolved that the Wilsthorpe Road board would be removed but the Holly Avenue and Hills Road boards would be retained. Maintenance of all three boards would be discussed at the next General Purposes Committee meeting.***

**3. Riparian Responsibility – Golden Brook** – Cllr Miller had reported to the Clerk that the school had carried out work in April on the bank of the brook – it was concluded that once a year was not sufficient to keep the watercourse running clear. The residents at the Eco House also were not keeping their riparian responsibilities. Clerk to write to the Environment Agency regarding the issues being faced by the riparian owners and to ask them to use their powers to assure that all riparian owners were complying.

**4. PCMR WC/Police Office** – the Clerk has written to the Police Commissioner regarding the future of the Police office and also invoiced for the current year – the payment has been received but no reply to the letter. Plans to install a w.c were made and at last quotes have been received but with the uncertainty over the police office it is difficult to continue. The loss of the Police office and the planned w.c and store space were discussed and it was resolved that the Clerk should write to the Police and Crime Commissioner and request that the police office not be closed as the need for the PCSO's presence in the area was very important.



**5. Defibrillator** – Councillor Miller looking for sponsor for defib machine to make a decision on whether to go ahead and purchase the machine prior to sponsorship being in place. It was resolved that the Clerk should go ahead and make the necessary arrangement to order the defibrillator.

**6. Website** – The supplier of the new website had been on holiday and not able to complete the hand over as yet – Clerk to contact to ascertain the current position.

**7. Letterhead, staff/Cllrs passes** – to resolve on how to proceed with a new letterhead and staff passes etc. It was resolved that they should all fit in with the appearance of the new website Clerk to organise accordingly.

**8. Resident Newsletter?** – Whether to look into the possibility of a Breaston Parish newsletter along the lines of the Draycott version. It was resolved that the Clerk should set about the commencement of a Breaston Parish Council Newsletter and this also should be linked to the website and new “Corporate” image. Drafts to be circulated as soon as complete.

**9. Ancient Map** – the Clerk had spoken to Mr Stanyon who has been liaising with the records office regarding a better copy of the map he will report back as soon as he has further news.

**10. Anonymous Letters** – it was resolved that anonymous letters were impossible to deal with – they would be ignored in all cases unless they included serious issues that required attention.

**11. PA system** – the current system was not holding battery power and had failed on three occasions. Cllr Mounsey reported that Costco had a similar system on offer at the moment he would investigate and if suitable organise purchase.

#### **44/15 FINANCE COMMITTEE OF BREASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 10.30AM ON MONDAY 13th JULY 2015 IN THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, BLIND LANE, BREASTON**

**1. Present:** Cllr Luke (chair) Cockle, Miller, Mounsey, Wiggins, McCaig, Toon, Parkinson, and Elliott  
**Apologies for absence.** - none

**2. Declarations of Interests.** None.

**3. Parish Council Pension Scheme.** It was resolved that the Parish Council would designate both the Clerk’s role and that of the Caretaker to be offered membership of the Derbyshire Local Government Pension Scheme. Clerk to request details of cost of Caretakers membership and make the offer to Mrs Davis. Any pension contributions would be back dated to the beginning of the current financial year. Cllr Luke raised the issue of the budgetary requirement and resolved that in the current financial year it would be covered by the under spend budget and for future years would be dealt with at the Budget meeting in the autumn.

**4. Protection of Parish Funds.** To resolve on what course of action to take regarding the CCLA presentation (6.7.15). It was resolved that following the news that the Parish Council is now covered by the FSCS (Financial Services Compensation Scheme) as of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 2015 This scheme currently protects up to £85,000 which reduces to £75,000 in January 2016. The urgent need to move funds was no longer an issue. It was resolved that the Council would not take up the CCLA scheme but would investigate moving money into a different bank or mutual to protect the safety of the Parish funds. Cllrs Luke and Cockle and the Clerk to investigate options. Clerk to seek advice from Ian Sankey at Erewash Borough Council.

## 5. A.O.B.

- a) Standing Orders were waived in order that Cllr Elliott could raise a question. He had been looking at the Draycott Parish Website and noted that they are in receipt of a considerable number of grants which substantially bolster their funds and yet Breaston Parish Council appears to have none. The Clerk explained that one of the items referred to was the Concurrent Functions Grant which Breaston Parish do receive from Erewash – funding had also been received from the Awards for All fund for the play scheme which is on the accounts. The Clerk explained that the job of a Clerk takes a year to get your feet under the table as it were and that she would be more than willing to apply for funding on behalf of the Parish Council – already having secured funding for both Breadsall Parish Council and the 1<sup>st</sup> Draycott and Wilne Scout Group from numerous sources including Awards for All, Derbyshire County Council and East Midlands Airport. It was resolved that the best way forward in such cases was to identify a project and then apply for funding.

Meeting closed at 11.15am

### 45/15 PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS – July 2015

Payments	£
Land Registry	6.00
Cllr A Wiggins	257.42
Smith of Derby Ltd	224.40
Excel Office Equipment	50.38
Mrs P Harvey	78.86
First Grade Coaching	1775.00
Sterilizing Services	44.38
O Heap and Son (Derby)	120.00
DALC	25.00
Staff Costs	2660.97
Grasstrack	1031.68
Redtree	132.00
Cllr G Mounsey	119.98
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,526.07</b>

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>
Breaston Farm Shop	24.00
Costcutter	9.00
Derbyshire Police	100.00
Co-Op Int LG2 Lock	60.00
Lymns Int F25 Stevenson	110.00
Lymns Chapel McGhee	120.00
Mr Marve	24.00
M1 Car Village	24.00
Co-Op interest	20.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>491.22</b>

It was proposed and seconded that the above accounts be accepted. Cllr Luke pointed out that there may be a further surplus at the end of the current financial year.

## 46/15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Cllr Mounsey queried the surplus and whether a meeting was required to think through how to deal with the issue – Cllr Luke reassured the Council that the main bulk of the surplus was allocated and that he was not unduly concerned at the present time.
- b) Cllr Elliott queried the issue he had raised in the Finance Committee meeting as Cllr Luke had missed it off his report. The Clerk confirmed that she had minuted the item.
- c) Cllr Cockle raised the issue of traffic problems around Firfield Primary School at school opening and closing times. He had attended a meeting at the school as a resident prior to his election with members of the school governors, James Adams from Derbyshire County Council, Cllrs Miller and Parkinson in attendance. The issues with traffic and parking were discussed as was the School's Traffic Plan and the Traffic Management System. An ambulance had not been able to attend one of Cllr Cockle's neighbours because the road was blocked with cars. The School traffic plan examines how children travel to school and details initiatives to encourage walking to school, safe crossing and the general safety of children on their way to and from school. Cllr Cockle has investigated school travel plans and in his opinion the current Firfield Plan is inadequate. He reported that the School are currently updating the plan and that he has been promised a copy on its completion. As in most situations it is a small minority who are causing the problems. Cllr Cockle requested that a regular meeting be held with the representatives of the school, the Parish Council, PCSO Pykett a resident representative and a parent governor to communicate and support the traffic plan. Cllr Luke volunteered to be involved. There are currently around 400 children in the school and 180-200 come by car. Cllr Miller reported that there was a need for education of drivers. Cllr Parkinson reported that it was difficult for DCC to enforce the traffic management system as there was an allowance for people to load and unload their cars. Cllr Wiggins confirmed that he would talk to Cllr Cockle about the issue.
- d) Cllr Luke raised the issue of the unpaid AFC Westernmere invoices and it was resolved that the Clerk should take immediate action via the Small Claims Court.
- e) Cllr Miller said that he was close to getting a sponsor for the defibrillator following discussion it was resolved that the Clerk should go ahead and organise the purchase of the machine as previously planned and that it would be acceptable to have two machines as one could be sited at the pavilion.
- f) Cllr Miller reported that Erewash Borough Council had been impressed by the Parish Council suggestion about Parish Councillors and Parish Council staff having passes and they were intending to roll it out to all EBC Parishes.

## 47/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the 14th of September 2015 at 7.15pm in the PCMR.

Cllr Wiggins reminded everyone that the Summer Brass Band Concert would take place on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August on Duffield Close weather permitting and that he would like all Council members to attend to lighten the workload.

Meeting closed at 8.39pm

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