

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF BREASTON PARISH, HELD AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 10TH APRIL 2017 IN THE PCMR, BLIND LANE, BREASTON

Present: Councillors Miller, McCaig, Mounsey, Elliott, Cockle, Wrigglesworth, Pepios, Luke, Toon, Rowlinson & Ronan

Councillor Miller in the Chair

14 members of the Public as per attached sheet.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Parkinson & PCSO Pykett.

2. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 11TH APRIL 2016

It was RESOLVED to CONFIRM the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11th April 2016.

3. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

3.1 ENVIRONMENT REPORT GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR COCKLE

The committee meets on the morning of every full Parish Council meeting and the recommendations are presented at the meeting that night.

The following is a summary of the main business of the Committee carried out during the past 12 months:

Localism Act 2011

We continue to consider how the Localism Act 2011 may help the residents of Breaston although we have not yet attempted to secure any additional powers. The continuing problems of damage to verges, parking on the Green, A boards and removal of redundant signs and barriers in the village have not received any positive attention from DCC. It remains for us to consider how we could draw down from DCC, the appropriate authority, to make a difference here.

We will continue to review how the Act could be exploited for the benefit of the village.

Neighbourhood Planning

The development of Neighbourhood Plans continues and the systems are more developed. To date, this is not an initiative that we believe could benefit Breaston.

We can:

- Decide where and what type of development should happen in the neighbourhood.
- Promote more development than is set out in the EBC Core Strategy.
- Include policies, for example regarding design standards that take precedence over existing policies in the Core Strategy for the neighbourhood – provided the Neighbourhood Development Plan policies do not conflict with the strategic policies in the Core Strategy.

Role of the Environment Committee

The committee have discussed how the scope of the committee could be given greater clarity – should it just consider planning applications or should the committee have a wider remit to consider aspects of the village environment. The committee has discussed the prospect of a Village Design Statement which would consider how environmental aspects of the village are managed.

The purpose of a Village Design Statement would be to identify and conserve the character of Breaston village by considering and managing existing and future additions to the visual environment. This may include a design plan for the Green, number and placement of bins, redundant signs and village planting.

Tidying up the village or removing 'clutter'

We regularly look at what we consider to be very untidy or neglected areas of the village and contact the land or property owner and ask them if it would possible to improve matters. This has been very successful to date.

As part of this tidying up exercise we are examining the range of street furniture in the village to see if this can be rationalised.

Planning Applications

One of the key roles of the committee is reviewing EBC planning applications. We are a consultee but we have no power of veto. However, the EBC Planning Authority must consider the Parish view before they decide to grant or refuse permission for development.

During the past year, we have considered **62** applications. We have recommended all but **six** for approval. EBC have approved all but **six** but not the same six! A number of applications we consider are poorly drafted and considered also in a number of cases we believe applicants are advised to withdraw applications in order that proposals can be reconsidered.

In this role, we have and will continue to fight to protect the village and surrounding Green Belt from inappropriate development.

I would like to thank the committee members for their help and support and in particular Councillor Elliott who has done much of the detailed work. Nicala has been central to our attempts to contact property owners where we have felt that improvements could be made.

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3.2 PARK & CEMETERIES REPORT BY COUNCILLOR MRS McCAIG (GIVEN BY CLLR MOUNSEY)

Committee: Cllr McCaig (Chair) Mounsey, Pepios, Wrigglesworth & Rowlinson.

Again, the Committee has worked hard to maintain and improve the facilities and appearance of our village, meeting monthly plus site meetings.

Perks Park

The park is well used, and maintained. 2 Football clubs use the pitch, and we manage to keep the charge the same, to encourage healthy living. In the same vein, we allow the Nomad Running Club to use our facilities on an annual basis. The MUGA is also well used.

Again, the windmill has been problematic, but it now stands safe and proud over Breaston, having had safety repairs to the base area, and the compound cleared. It is no longer a working windmill, but is an identifiable part of our village, hopefully for many years to come.

All aspects of the Park are regularly checked, including the pavilion, and repairs carried out where necessary. Regular Legionella checks continue. We have been fortunate enough to obtain a Grant, enabling us to purchase additional equipment for the younger children.

Cemetery

The Cemetery is well tended and maintained. A New flower arrangement bench has been installed thanks to a generous donation from a parishioner, and the whole cemetery is smart and peaceful.

The chapel is very well used, and appreciated, as an alternative to other venues. Maintenance work has been carried out on the building to keep it in good order.

Duffield Close is used increasingly for our many Village Functions and is much enjoyed by our residents, with a good supply of seats to relax on, and enjoy the surroundings, especially the wonderful Sensory Garden, for which we are so indebted to Mrs Harvey ably assisted by Mrs Davis.

Johnson's Meadow

Now we have secured the future of this, at least for a few years, it has become a lovely open space for relaxation and walks, with a kick about area for the children.

St Michael's

The Churchyard is also part of our remit now that it is closed for burials. Again, it is well maintained, tree work is undertaken, and as per the Quinquennial Report recommendation, the wall will be repaired.

The Jubilee, Memorial & Centenary Gardens

The gardens continue to look very attractive, with wonderful displays of daffodils.

Huge credit goes to the Community Forum for their fantastic effort in the Centenary Garden, creating a different themed flower bed we do appreciate their efforts.

Let us hope they can achieve an award in this year's venture into "Breaston in Bloom".

My sincere thanks go to my colleagues on the Parks and Cemeteries Committee, to Jean Davis for her exceptional work "in the field", and to Nicala, our Clerk for her unstinting help.

3.3 HIGHWAYS & LIGHTING REPORT GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MRS TOON

The Highways and Lighting Committee comprises of myself, Councillor Toon as Chairman, Cllr Ronan as Vice Chairman and Cllrs Elliott, Pepios and Rowlinson.

The problems facing the Committee have changed very little over the past year, the state of the roads remains a major issue and as each pothole is repaired, a new one appears, often one which has already been repaired. The problem is not confined to Breaston, however, and looks set to run and run.

We have continued to plant bulbs on the verges, extending it this year to Longmoor Lane. The displays have been lovely but inconsiderate parking on Longmoor Lane has really spoilt the effect there. Utilities working in the village have been very co-operative and are prepared to restore any damaged verges and planting.

M1 noise has continued to bother many parishioners and we have been in discussions with Maggie Throup, our MP and with Highways England. Sadly, Highways England maintain the actions we would like, namely higher and extended barriers, would be ineffective for most people and would be far too expensive. They maintain a new road surface that will be installed will reduce noise levels but they admit the effect will decline with time. They have cut down many mature trees and say their effect on the noise is only in our minds and makes no difference to sound readings. Their readings suggest Breaston is just below the level at which action would be taken and they tell us many other areas have similar or worse noise problems.

Cllr Elliott has been very busy trying to improve eyesores in the village and especially at the Western Gateway. Redundant post boxes have been removed and we hope that old railings will be removed or repainted. We had hoped to have a new bus shelter at Hills Road installed during the year but we are still waiting. This is due mainly to the lack of support from the firm whose land fronts the pavement on the Derby bound side.

The Clerk's continued efforts to prevent damage by heavy lorries in the Green and Blind Lane have had some success.

A number of drainage problems are being investigated by Severn Trent and we hope they will soon be resolved.

Car parking in the village is still an ongoing problem with discussion about possible solutions taking up much of our time. More visits from enforcement officers have taken place recently and a number of fines have been issued.

I would like to conclude my report by thanking my colleagues for their hard work and support and the Parish Clerk Nicala O'Leary, for her hard work, help and advice which have been invaluable. I would like to say thank you to Jean Davis for all her efforts keeping the streets and planters of Breaston so attractive

3.4 FINANCE REPORT SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR LUKE

The Finance Committee consists of the Parish Council Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chairmen of the various Committees, the Chairman of the Finance Committee; Councillor J Luke and Councillor Parkinson.

The Committee has met regularly during the past year; in January, the current year's budgets were reviewed and we were able to forecast spend for the remaining 3 months of the 2016/2017 financial year. I am pleased to report the Council achieved a balanced budget at year end once again.

For a number of years, the Concurrent Functions grant has decreased. The Parish Council was informed in January that the Concurrent Functions grant was to be cut by a further 5% for 2016/17 from £53,624.00 to £50,943.00.

Therefore, when looking at budgets for the new financial year we had to make decisions on how the decrease could be managed within the budget or whether to cut services. It was resolved to retain the precept budget at the current level and to balance the decrease against income, allowing us to keep services at the current levels.

The projected spend for 2017/18 on Concurrent Functions and Precept budgets is £77,175.72, with the known income from Erewash Borough Council at £72,783.00 this leaves a shortfall of £4,392.72 which will be met by income.

The Parish remains the lowest across the borough.

As you have heard from my colleagues the Parish Council has carried out further improvements across the parish throughout the year despite these financial restraints.

The Parish Council continues to operate a strict budgetary control with monthly reports from the Clerk and analyses of all spend.

To conclude, I should like to thank my Committee Members for their support and good prudence with regards to spending. I thank our Clerk Nicala O'Leary for her work throughout the year as Responsible Financial Officer.

3.5 General Purposes Committee Given by Councillor G Mounsey

The General-Purpose Committee comprises of Cllr Mr G R Mounsey (Chairman) Cllrs Ronan, Wigglesworth, Rowlinson & Miller. However, most Councillors contribute to this meeting which is usually the last item on the agenda.

The aim of this meeting is to cover any items not part of the other committees. Over the past year many subjects have been brought to the committee for discussion and recommendations made. These include the regular events. Christmas Carol Concert, Band concert, Remembrance Sunday. We discuss the Christmas lights and improvements thereof. Purchase of equipment for the parish. This included the refurbishment of the Council room following the closure of the Police Office. We are presently discussing how the village can commemorate the end of The Great War 1914-18.

A map of the village is being prepared and will be displayed in one of the public gardens. This will have drawings of places of interest to residents and visitors.

Thanks go to all councillors and the Parish Clerk for their participation in this committee.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR K MILLER

I would firstly like to give my thanks to Julie Rowlinson, Julie is proving to be an excellent councillor.

The Council is producing a map of the village to go in the memorial garden. We intend to have a mass litter pick in the summer to which all residents will be invited to partake, one resident is waging a personal war on litter, he enjoys picking up litter, we are very grateful to him.

The defibrillator installed in the Co-op last year, I am thankful to say has not been used.

During the year we have improved the CC TV system.

The Parish Council continues to attend to day to day running of Parish facilities, services and open spaces, with improvements carried out in the last twelve months to the Pavilion, Parish Council Meeting Rooms, Public conveniences on the park and the cemetery chapel.

The Parish Council still continues to lobby against M1 noise and speeding motorists through the village and the particular menace of the motorist "the pothole".

We've had excellent feedback regarding the planting of bulbs along the verges in the village and if it is financially viable we would like to extend the scheme even further.

The May Day Gala is fast approaching and preparations are well under way and hopefully the recent weather will hold and we can enjoy a lovely sunny day.

Yet again the Christmas Carol Concert was a great success and there will also be a brass band concert on Duffield Close in August for everyone to enjoy.

My thanks to all fellow Parish Councillors and to Nicala and Jean for all their hard work on our behalf and thanks to all the residents who give up their time and come along to the Council meetings on a regular

5. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR PARKINSON

We are approaching the end of the 4-year term of the County Council which was elected on in 2013 with 43 Labour, 18 Conservative and 3 Liberal members, an overall Labour majority of 22.

Council Chairman is Cllr. Steve Freeborn (Ripley East & Codnor); Vice-Chairman is Cllr. Janet Hill (Dronfield). The Leader is Cllr. Anne Western (Barlborough & Clowne) with Cllr. Paul Smith (Alfreton & Somercotes) as her Deputy.

I serve as a member of the Licensing & Appeals Committee, the Planning Committee and the Pensions Committee.

DCC Budget proposals for 2017-2018

Austerity continues at Derbyshire County Council which has continued make savings in front-line services for which the Government is usually blamed. The county's share of the Council Tax is increasing this year from £1165.11 to £1211.66 or £46 a year (Band "D") which is 3.99%. This comprises 1.99% (the maximum allowed without holding a referendum) plus 2% adult social care precept.

A number of spending reductions is proposed including:

- adult care and children's services and centres;
- local bus services and community transport;
- mobile libraries;
- highway maintenance (including road gritting and repairs to street lights, potholes, pavements and roads: it seems likely that potholes will take longer to be repaired and street lighting outages will increase: there are only five electricians to cover the whole county;
- the countryside service;
- a charge for domestic construction and demolition waste;
- trading standards;
- property repairs and maintenance.

Elvaston Castle

Derbyshire County Council continued discussions (initiated by the previous administration) with the National Trust about how the Trust could assist the Council in finding a way forward that achieves an acceptable solution for the Council, Elvaston Castle & Country Park and the community. The National

Trust provided advice and guidance whilst they and the Council worked with a range of other local stakeholders to develop a vision for the Estate.

An Advisory Development Board has been appointed from volunteers with expertise in business planning and finance, fundraising, built and cultural heritage, partnership working or other relevant areas. This Board then worked with the County Council to create the Elvaston Castle and Gardens Charitable Trust (still advised by the National Trust) to provide local management of the estate with the County Council retaining the freehold. The aim is to deliver the 10-year vision and plan, previously adopted following extensive community engagement.

Appreciation

Finally, but by no means least, I would like to extend my grateful thanks to the Clerks and Members of Breaston, Draycott and Ockbrook & Borrowash Parish Councils for their continued help and support in my work as a County Councillor.

6. REPORT OF THE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS GIVEN BY COUNCILLOR MILLER

- 2nd April 2017 Ilkeston railway station opened
- E.B.C. has received 97% compliance for hygiene standards over 950 registered food premises.
- Long Eaton received gold in East midlands in bloom
- Ilkeston received silver in East Midlands in bloom
- Ilkeston Victoria park restored to former glory
- EBC achieved 2.5 million of efficiency savings
- We need to reduce costs by a further 1.6 million
- HS2 has been approved, it will probably be high level through Long Eaton to the hub station in Toton
- New business rates came into effect 1st April, if your business rateable value is less than £12000 you may be eligible for small business rate relief of 100%
- You can now sign up on line for housing and benefit services
- Be on your guard for Council tax scams
- Erewash Museum have won three awards, best museum
- Inland waterways are working to protect 6.500 miles of inland waterways; an annual waterways festival is planned for August at gallows in
- EBC have been awarded Level 2 award for disability confident employer status
- Disability facility grants totalling £90k enabled 18 residents with disabilities to install essential equipment

- GOT YOUR BACK, is a service to help under 18s to receive support in needs, victims of crime etc.
- FEARLESS is a national service to empower young people to pass on information about crime
- EBC have published
- EBC gave Robert Lindsey Freedom of the Borough

- ❑ EBC are giving health MOT free at the leisure centres
- ❑ A masterplan setting out the council's vision for the Stanton regeneration has been approved
- ❑ EBC are giving free microchipping for dogs
- ❑ EBC continues to give 6K per year to Erewash community transport
- ❑ Dog owners can take their four legged friends for a free health check by the PDSA
- ❑ Grants up to 20k are available to support projects that help the armed services community
- ❑ In may we have the mayor making and changeover of mayor
- ❑ Last but not least, April sees the councillors grant scheme start again, each councillor has £500 to give to community projects in their ward, so get your requests in

7. REPORTS OF THE CHARITABLE TRUSTS GIVEN BY MRS O'LEARY

Mrs O'Leary presented the audited accounts for the Matilda and George Abbott Charity, and the Charlton and Jerram Charity, the trustees of both are Mr K Smedley, Mrs C Penny and Mrs R Wallace. The accounts are detailed on separate pages.

8. ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST TO PARISHIONERS

a) Breaston Flower Circle – Mrs Pat Baker

Breaston Flower Circle meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month in the Methodist Church Hall. We are a member of the National Association of Flower Arrangers.

This year we have celebrated our 20th anniversary. We have a membership of 84 ladies including a committee of 9.

We have National Demonstrators who visit the club to give demonstrations, at least 2 workshops and a social occasion each year for members.

In July and November, we hire the Duchess Theatre in Long Eaton for special demonstrations given by National and International Demonstrators, entry is by ticket only and open to the public.

We also organise trips to various places of interest.

We are very fortunate to have such a successful Club.

b) Breaston May Day Gala – given by Mrs Jean Lupton

Breaston May Day Gala began in 2002 to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Golden Jubilee. It was organised by the Parish Council, and was such a success that it was decided to repeat the event the following year – and every year thereafter. 2017 is our 18th Gala.

Held in Duffield Close in the centre of the village, the Gala hosts a wide variety of events. There are over 30 stalls, most of which showcase local societies and clubs. There is a very popular dog show. Children's

entertainments include a slide, bouncy castle rides on a model railway, the Erewash climbing wall and Professor Dez Colona with his Punch & Judy show still entertains the children at the grand age of 89! Our main attraction this year is the Paws for Thought Dog Display Team (returning for a second visit – their first was in 2014).

There are several food stalls – Breaston Churches Together's tea tent, the ever-popular Scouts' BBQ, sandwiches and cakes from Hogg's Bistro, donuts and speciality coffees, jacket potatoes, pizzas and ice cream!

On the arena, there will be displays by marching bands (the Breaston Highlanders, and the Nottingham Boys and Girls Brigade Band), Paws for Thought, Breaston Park Football Club (with the help of Derby FC's Rammie), Stepping Stones dancers and Firfield Primary School will be dancing around the maypole. The afternoon finishes with the ever-popular children's races. In the afternoon, judging for the ever-popular Dog Show takes place. In the morning, the Dog Show arena will feature Newfoundland Dogs, courtesy of Peter Lewin and the Dog Show sponsors, PetStay Derby.

The Gala is non-profit-making and is put on solely for the enjoyment of all residents of Breaston together with their families and friends. Any surplus goes towards next year's Gala and other community projects in the village such as the Summer Band Concert, Carols on Duffield Close and the bulbs on the verges and other such projects.

This year we have welcomed schoolgirl Sophia Blore who is hoping to study Event Management at college – we hope her experience of the Gala is a positive one! And we are delighted that the Co-op manager, Simon, will be helping to book stallholders in on the day.

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Secretary & Site manager: Jonathan Lupton jwlupton@gmail.com 07824 785 287

c) Breaston Good Neighbour Scheme given by Jonathan Lupton.

Aim

To provide short term help such as

- Transport
- domestic support
- household assistance

to the residents of Breaston with the use of local volunteers.

History

- Sprang from an item on *The One Show* in 2008 about a similar scheme in Suffolk.
- Could we start something similar in Breaston? Got advice and material from Suffolk.
- Leafleted the village canvassing for volunteers and clients. Amazed to get 30-40 volunteers coming forward.
- Got help from Erewash CVS. Invaluable advice, and they organised CRB (now DBS) checks.
- First calls in December 2009.

How it works

- Mobile phone number publicised around the village
- Client rings asking for a service – usually leaves a message
- Duty Officer fields the call and identifies a suitable volunteer
- Volunteer does what is needed

Who uses it and what for?

- Breaston residents only
- Mostly the elderly
- Over 100 clients since we started; in the last (& previous) 12 months we have done 70 (86) tasks for 18 (25) different clients
- Most common request is for transport (to doctor, dentist, bank, hospital etc.)
- Others include tidying up after kitchen ceiling collapse, garden tidy-up, fixing security lights – currently less than 2% (20%)
- 25 active CRB-check volunteers
- Averaging between 1 and 2 calls per week

Finance

- Start-up funding from a Borough Councillor's discretionary fund, used for mobile phone, public liability insurance, printing, CRB checks and badges.
- December 2010 awarded a grant from Erewash Small Grant Scheme
- Also, occasional fund-raising activities (Gala, Concert)
- Breaston W.I. have made a significant donation in the past
- Volunteers pass on monies from clients if they feel the client has "over donated"!
- Main outgoing is the cost of Public Liability Insurance – we will probably need to raise funds for 2018's insurance

d) Breaston Community Forum given by Cllr J Rowlinson

The Forum has been running for several years but this year we changed the meeting format to become a committee led group with occasional open meetings and this has achieved the desired effect of enabling better planning. It has an enthusiastic committee that meets monthly to plan events and activities that promote the community spirit in the village. Our open meeting in September was unfortunately poorly supported but the events and projects run by the Forum have been well attended.

We encouraged residents to again put up bunting from St Georges day to Gala day.

We entered the RHS 'It's your neighbourhood' campaign and provided a new flowerbed in the Centenary garden which was opened by the Mayor of Erewash. We were thrilled to be awarded a Level 2 certificate by the RHS for our efforts.

Our 3rd Pumpkin party in October was very well supported and bigger and better than before with music and fancy dress.

Two pub quizzes were held at the Chequers which were oversubscribed and made a magnificent £800 for the Forum which has to rely on fund raising to be able to put on any activity.

At Christmas, we tried to improve the fairy lights in the village. Limited to battery lights, we decorated the front of the church and also the 2 trees outside the Coop and trees in the Memorial & Centenary gardens.

We have recently run our first Yard sale which was well supported with 70 yards entering and lots of residents turned out to walk around and buy in the sun on the day.

We continue to produce a quarterly newsletter which is much improved due to better paper and a coloured front. We have also received a grant obtained for us by Councillor Parkinson to cover the cost of this for a year.

Our plans for the future are to build on the previous activities each year and to encourage local residents and groups to get more involved.

e) Breaston in Bloom

Following the success of the BCF in the RHS 'It's Your Neighbourhood' competition last year the group decided to enter Erewash in Bloom this year. After attending an introductory meeting, we formed a group - 'Breaston in Bloom' (BiB) and designed our own branding and logo.

We have made quite a lot of progress already. We have found some sponsors, applied for cultivation licences, formed a WhatsApp group and Facebook page, applied for more EBC hanging baskets and planned more floral displays.

The landlords of the Chequers have kindly agreed to be our 'Hub' for all communication and meetings.

The WI have offered to plant an area around the bench on Risley lane for us. We have a group of about 20 keen volunteers and our first task was to clear the shrubbery in the Centenary garden and replant with more shrubs, perennials and bulbs. The floral bed in the garden will be replanted twice a year, the next theme is the Queens sapphire jubilee.

Our next task is to start improving the area leading up to the Draycott bridge, clearing undergrowth and repainting the rails.

We plan gateway planting on the East/West ends of the village which are to be sponsored by a resident, mainly evergreen shrubs with some perennials and bulbs.

Further activities are planned but yet to be finalised.

f) Breaston Yarn bombers

The yarn bombing group is an offshoot from the Breaston Community Forum. They are called Pins, hooks and pompoms and are a small group of keen ladies who this year excelled themselves by producing stunning displays of knitted and crochet poppies in the village - 2 in the planters in the Green and 2 stand-alone displays related to the World Wars on the main road. They put out a requested for poppies to be made by residents and they then used these, along with other effects such as knitted barbed wire, to produce the displays. The installations arrived suddenly in key areas of the village and were so popular that the ladies were interviewed for local radio a few days later.

This year the group is supporting Breaston in Bloom with a display based on daisies, the logo of the BiB group.

g) Breaston St Michael's Church Youth Group given by Simon Bentley

I have been working part time in the village for two years and my role is to be made full time from June. I oversee the churches activities for 18years and under. There are 100 young people in the groups comprising of

35 Sunbeams – babies

15 Afterschool Club on Tuesday evenings

40-50 average to the Youth Café over Thursday and Friday evenings

We hope to have a new intake of year 6 children after the school holidays.

60% of the young people attending are residents of Breaston and some attend from Long Eaton and Draycott.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm