

DRAYCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter - June 2016



Chairman's Report

WELCOME TO OUR SPECIAL EDITION OF THE PARISH NEWSLETTER. THIS EDITION CONTAINS A SUMMARY OF THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT GIVEN AT THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IN APRIL (THE FULL REPORT CAN BE FOUND ON THE PARISH COUNCIL WEB-SITE). IT ALSO GIVES DETAILS OF SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL DURING THE LAST YEAR, A STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE COUNCIL AND HELPFUL ADDRESSES.

I would like to begin my report by paying tribute to my predecessor Cllr Mike Tudbury who passed away last October. Mike had been fighting ill health with great fortitude over the past few years but his commitment to the village and the Council had never wavered. He had served as Councillor on Draycott Parish Council for over twelve years and as Chairman for eight. His commitment, wisdom and knowledge will be greatly missed, as will be the friendship we all enjoyed and our continuing thoughts are with Jenny and the family.

Following the death of Cllr Tudbury and the vacancy being advertised, an election was requested by the parish and when only one candidate was proposed, Cllr Jenifer Fletcher was welcomed to our ranks. I am sure she will be a great asset to the Council. Had the election been contested it would have cost the Council some £3000, so we were very relieved that there was only the one candidate, especially after receiving the news of reduced funding to parish councils from Erewash Borough Council this year.

I want to congratulate the Council on its successes in the year including;

- Achieving Quality level in the Local Council Award Scheme. The Parish Council has become only the second Local Council (out of almost 200) in Derbyshire to receive recognition as part of this scheme.
- The success of the Health and Well-being project funded by an Awards for All grant from the Big Lottery Fund. Over 700 people took part in the various activities.
- The St Chad's Water LNR project. The Council submitted applications for funding to TESCO and Erewash Borough Council to carry out improvements. The Borough Council approved a grant of £6510 and the Parish Council was short listed in the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme. We have been awarded a minimum of £8000 to spend at St Chad's Water LNR towards the costs of replacing the boardwalks and improving the paths and are waiting to hear if we this has increased to up to £12000 with the help of Tesco customers.
- The Brass Band concert which was as usual a very popular event despite the threat of inclement weather. The Scouts again provided refreshments funded by the Council and I would like to thank them for their help and assistance in this ever popular event.
- The very popular play schemes for the young people in our Parish which I can advise you will be again available this coming year. We were also able to provide visits from Erewash Borough Council's mobile skating, cycling and climbing facilities. These may not be available to us this year.
- The Remembrance Service at the cenotaph was again organised by Councillors and I would like to thank those who volunteered to act as marshals and to the Draycott Village Fund for the loan of their safety equipment so that the service could go ahead in an organised manner. Thanks also to the Police for halting the traffic for the silence and to the bugler for his playing and to the Ministers for their part in the service, also to all the uniformed organisations for their participation.

The low point of the year for me was the difficulty over the decision taken early last year to try to establish a different location for the Christmas Tree and to enhance the pea lights, if this proved difficult to achieve. The village were informed early but waited until November to take this decision to the local media. After an open meeting the Draycott Village Fund placed a tree in the original planter and its lights were switched on at the Dickensian Christmas Market along with the Parish Council lights in the surrounding trees. I would like to congratulate the Draycott Village Fund for their organisation of that event. I have been disappointed that the support for the working party to try to establish Christmas decorations for 2016 has had only one pressed volunteer outside the Parish Council.

Can I congratulate the Draycott in Bloom group for their success in the East Midlands in Bloom Competition and gaining a Silver Gilt Award, also for brightening all residents' lives with the floral displays they provide around the village. The award is brilliant but the pleasure you give to all the residents and visitors to Draycott, is without measure.

I must also thank the Draycott Village Fund for all the work they do to make Draycott a fantastic place to live. The Christmas Trees, the flags, the scarecrow festival, the advent windows, open garden event the Dickensian market and all their other projects that make Draycott the envy of surrounding villages.

Draycott Parish Council has throughout the year ensured that the village's open spaces are safe and welcoming for all users and improvements and general maintenance have been carried out at Draycott Cemetery, the Playing Fields, Leisure Green and St Chad's Water LNR. The Parish Council has also maintained the Draycott Millennium Green. The Parish Precept of £26,950, the part of your Council tax bill which comes to Draycott Parish Council, has not been increased despite us receiving less in the concurrent function allowance from Erewash Borough Council, due to diligent housekeeping. This will allow us to meet all our financial obligations over the coming year.

Finally I would like to thank our Clerk Mrs Val Lewis for all the effort she puts into her role.

Councillor Val Clare

The Parish Council's Receipts and payments for the year ending 31 March 2016 were;		£
At the start of the year we had		52,243
During the year income came from;		
Precept (Council Tax payers in Draycott)		25,308
Erewash Borough Council -		1,642
Council tax support grant Erewash Borough Council (towards the running costs of the open spaces)		39,099
Fees for the use of the open spaces		4,232
Rents and interest		1,577
Grants from outside bodies		11,996
Other income		5,518
		89,372
During the year we spent;		
Running costs on open spaces		49,776
General Power of Competence (includes donations)		1,012
Parish Rooms running costs and Clerks salary		5,113
Projects (funded from grants from outside bodies)		13,374
Other open spaces expenditure		6,720
Other expenses		8,410
		84,405
Leaving a balance at the end of the year of		57,210

Note - a more detailed copy of the accounts is available from the Parish Clerk or can be found on the Parish Council web-site.

The Parish precept for 2015/16 was £26,950 (£25,308 PLUS Council Tax support grant of £1642) there has been no increase in the Parish precept for 2016/17.

WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE LAST YEAR AND WHAT'S TO COME!

Health and well being project

This continued throughout the summer and autumn with residents taking part in lots of different types of activities. This was thanks to funding from the Big Lottery. We hoped you enjoyed it.

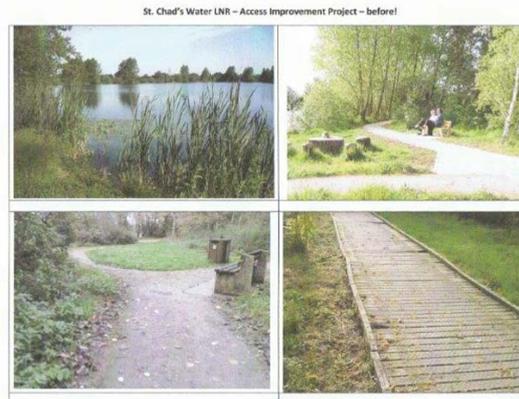


Local Council Award Scheme

Draycott Parish Council became only the 2nd local council in Derbyshire to achieve Quality level in the Local Council Award Scheme. The certificate was presented to the Council by Sarita Presland the Chief Officer of the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

St Chad's Water LNR project

thanks to everyone who helped us win top prize in the 'Bags of Help' competition funded by Tesco. This grant of £12,000 from Tesco and further funding of £6,510 from Erewash Borough Council has enabled the Council to carry out works to the boardwalks and paths as well as carrying out some more hedge laying on site. The work started at the end of April and is anticipated to be finished by the end of June.



Draycott Millennium Green Play area

Thanks to funding from Awards for All, Erewash CVS, Draycott Parish Council, Borough Councillors Val Clare and Andrew McCandless and the Tudbury family - the Trust will be able to start improvement works to the play area in June. More toddler equipment will be provided together with an item of older play equipment. The equipment was chosen by Draycott Primary school. The Trust also applied to TARMAC for funds to provide more 'junior' equipment but the application was unsuccessful. It is hoped that the Trust will be able to provide this equipment at a later date.



Brass Band Concert

This will be on Sunday 26 June at 2.30pm when the Dinnington Colliery Band will be performing. Draycott Sounds will also be taking part. The concert will be held on the Leisure Green or inside the Draycott Community Centre if wet.

Play scheme

The Council will be running play schemes from the 1 to the 26 August based at Draycott Primary School from 9am-3pm at a cost of £6 a day.

Litter

At the Parish Council meeting in April the increase in litter in the village was discussed - particularly at the Leisure Green. The Parish Council spends over £5600 of the residents' council tax each year on litter picking and clearing dog mess at the Leisure Green, Playing Fields and Cemetery. On a Monday and Friday morning, after the litter pickers have visited, the areas are spotless - but by the next day the problem is back. Please help us by encouraging everyone in your family to pick up their litter. Other areas of the village are the responsibility of Erewash Borough Council and they would welcome your support too.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dates for the meeting for 2016 are shown below. The first 15 minutes of the meeting is set aside for residents to raise concerns. Further details can be found on the notice boards and on the web-site.

Calendar of meetings

Tuesday evening - at the Parish Rooms

All meetings commence at 7.30pm unless stated otherwise.

14 June 2016 - Parish Council Meeting - (Planning Committee - 10am)

12 July 2016 - Parish Council Meeting - (Planning Committee - 10am)

13 September 2016 - Parish Council Meeting - (Planning Committee - 10am)

11 October 2016 - Parish Council Meeting - (Planning Committee - 10am)

8 November 2016 - Parish Council Meeting - (Planning Committee - 10am)

13 December 2016 - Parish Council Meeting (7pm) - (Planning Committee - 10am)

CONTACTS

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Council contact numbers and their areas of responsibility:-

Building Regulations	EBC	Libraries	DCC
Bus Shelters	EBC	Open spaces (Draycott)	DPC
Cemetery (Draycott)	DPC	Planning	EBC
Christmas Lights	DPC	Refuse Collection	EBC
Council Tax	EBC	Social Services	DCC
Concessionary Fares	EBC	Street Cleaning	EBC
Dog Wardens	EBC	Street Lighting	DCC
Education	DCC	Trading Standards	DCC

EBC- Erewash Borough Council Tel 0845 9072244

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Police - **101** or in an emergency - **999**