

Welcome from the Chairman

I would like to begin by officially welcoming the two Councillors selected last year. This year in lockdown has been very strange but both have settled into their roles and both have led on large projects. Martin Knight on the new CCTV at the Leisure Green and Katie Rose on the virtual newsletter and annual meeting, I thank them both for their help, support, and enthusiasm.



I would like to thank all Councillors and most especially Madame Clerk for all the work put in to allow council business to continue, improvements made, and many areas upgraded despite COVID restrictions.

One of our first achievements last May was the new noticeboard for the Cemetery, showing a map of the graves and ashes plots, so that visitors can easily find the grave they are looking for.

It was fantastic to see how well the village responded to the lock down restrictions.

The support phone calls to isolating residents, shopping trips to support elderly neighbours. The home industry making PPE, the children's rainbow pictures appearing in most windows to support the NHS, and the number of people standing outside clapping to thank them for their care.

The celebration of VE Day saw flags flying from many houses, and groups socially distancing in gardens with tea and cakes. Draycott made sure the celebration was not forgotten.

Initially St. Chads was closed, but the need for areas for people to exercise became necessary and thanks to a volunteer who undertook to open and close the gate, it was a very much appreciated venue for many people. So popular that a one-way system was advised to try to help people to maintain their social distance while circumnavigating the lake. I must thank Cllr Jenny Fletcher for her efforts with this.

While the play equipment was closed, the community pay back workers did work at the playing fields to the gardens, benches and play equipment, Cllr Martyn Knight at his first council meeting offered to help painting the children's play equipment, to get it ready for the reopening as soon as the legislation allowed.

Another big piece of work during this time was to upgrade our website to make it compatible to the accessibility standard. Cllr Tim Scott assisted Madam Clerk and I believe we were one of the first councils locally to achieve this.

In November a Remembrance Day service was recorded and wreathes laid a few days beforehand and streamed on the Sunday morning at 11am on our and church FB pages so that residents who would normally attend could watch. This was a joint effort between the council and the church, I am sure it was appreciated.

We are still waiting to complete our speed watch training when lock down allows, but we have got the dragons teeth painted on Sawley Road to try to slow traffic entering the village, thanks to Cllr Parkinson. I have now asked Erewash to reinstate the village sign.

We were offered the opportunity to Join the Long Eaton Messy Collectors, and have a voluntary group of litter pickers in Draycott each responsible for a stretch of road, to keep it litter free. The subgroup is now called Draycott Litter Pickers and they arrange for EBC to collect the litter from the side of litter bins on their next collection. This has become very popular, and we thank all the volunteers for their efforts. I know the village looks so much nicer for their care.

We have maintained all our legal obligations during the year, added an outdoor table tennis table, and chess board to the facilities at the Leisure Green as well as upgrading the CCTV system so that all areas of the Leisure Green are covered by the cameras, and funded Easter eggs for the Easter Bunnies to give to the children in the village on Easter Day.

I would like to record my thanks to all councillors who have had to learn new skills for remote meetings, but most of all to Madam Clerk for her patience on the very numerous occasions I and other councillors have requested help with IT issues, or "lost" information.

Draycott and Church Wilne Parish Council Committee Information

– as of April 2021

Planning and Transport Committee

During the last year, the Parish Council's Planning and Transport Committee have been asked to comment on 24 planning applications, of these, we determined that we had no objections to 21 and 3 objections. Erewash Borough Council have approved 20 and 1 has been denied approval (to date). Whilst roads are the responsibility of Erewash and Derbyshire County Council the Parish Council has continued to press for changes on Sawley Road to try to ease the speeding problems at this entry to the village. New road markings are now in place and we will continue to monitor the situation to see if further changes are needed. Market Street parking continues to be a problem, but new proposals are being considered by Derbyshire CC. **Cllr Jenny Fletcher (Chair)**

Cemetery Committee

We have installed a new noticeboard which provides users of the cemetery with a map of the ashes plots and the regulations. We have installed Ashes Plot markers to help visitors find their loved ones. We thank the Community Payback Team for the work they did at the cemetery, clearing weeds, and levelling areas where we had removed self-setting plants and overgrown laurels. We drastically cut back our laurels so that they will be easier maintained and performed essential tree maintenance where it was identified in the annual tree survey. We are installing a new hand pump for the well and we will be re-surfacing some of the pathways where they are worn. We are committed to maintaining the cemetery to a high standard to make it a pleasant place for people to visit. **Cllr Diane Dundas (Chair)**

Recreation and St Chads Committee

During the last year, where areas of the park have been closed because of Covid restrictions, the Parish Council has continued to maintain the grounds and facilities. The play equipment has been repaired and re-painted and essential tree maintenance work has been carried out.

On the Leisure Green the trees have been thinned and hedges lowered. Old play equipment has been removed and replaced by a chess table and seats and a table tennis table which are already being used. Sadly, we are experiencing some anti-social behaviour and would be grateful if anyone who sees it happening would report it to the police on 101. We have also installed a new CCTV system so that the Leisure Green area is more widely covered. Our thanks to the Police and Crime Commissioners Fund, the Army Cadet Force, the Long Eaton Table Tennis Club, and the 1st Draycott Scouts Group for their contributions / grants towards the cost.

At St Chad's we have continued the usual tree and path maintenance and have replaced the fencing at the entrance to the car park. It has been wonderful to see how many residents of Draycott and the surrounding area have taken advantage of this lovely spot for their daily exercise.

Soon, we will be purchasing some picnic tables (one very kindly donated by the Church Wilne Rotary Club) and hope to get grants to provide further equipment. **Cllr Jenny Fletcher (Chair)**

Your Parish Council

We have new contact details – please use our new email information and new website address



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Parish Council Finances (unaudited) 2020-21

Receipts	2020/2021	Payments	2020/2021
Precept	£48,491.00	Employment	£28,129.21
S136 Concurrent Functions Grant	£30,171.45	Utilities	£2,556.55
Rents Football Clubs	£1,090.00	Running Costs	£6,919.06
St Chads Water Fishing Club Rent	£0.00	Non-Recurring Expenses	£2,442.75
Rents Others	£1,747.58	General Power of Competence	£8,700.87
Grants from Outside Bodies	£24,916.90	PWLB Repayments	£3,475.70
Burial Income	£4,610.00	Repairs and maintenance	£36,795.38
Interest on Investments	£78.36	VAT that can be claimed as a refund	£7,504.22
General Administration Income	£3,318.03	Total Payments	<u>£96,523.74</u>
VAT refund claims from payments	£7,734.71		
Fishing Club – Guest ticket fees	£1,005.00		
Total Receipts	<u>£123,163.03</u>	Leaving a balance to carry forward of	<u>£67,691.46</u>
		– this amount is higher than the budget as some of the works have not been completed in the 2020-21 financial year.	

Budget 2021-2022

Receipts	2021/2022 Budget	Payments	2021/2022 Budget
Bank Interest	£100.00	Repairs and Maintenance	£66,305.65
Burial Ground	£4,000.00	Utility Costs	£3,574.61
Concurrent Functions	£30,171.00	Public Works Loan Board	£3,475.70
Precept	£48,306.00	Running Costs inc Insurance	£6,605.39
Rents – Others	£2,300.00	Employment Inc Mileage for the Clerk	£29,421.43
Rents – Football Clubs	£500.00	General Power of Competence	£11,583.00
Rents – St Chads Water	£350.00	Non recurring expenses	£2,000.00
Grants / Playscheme	£0.00	Total Budget Payments	<u>£122,965.79</u>
VAT Refunds	£6,000.00		
Recharges	£2,000.00		
Contribution from DPC Reserves	£28,238.79		
Fish Club – Guest ticket fees	£1,000.00		
Total Budget Receipts	<u>£122,965.79</u>		

Information about the budget:

The Parish Council's income comes from four main sources; Precept, Concurrent Functions, Rent and Grants. The precept is the amount the Parish Council asks its residents to pay as part of their Council Tax. Parishes in Erewash also receive Concurrent Functions Funding – this is a grant made by Erewash Borough Council towards the costs of running the Parish's open spaces and offices. The income received from Concurrent Functions does not cover all of the costs for maintaining our open spaces and office so a further contribution has been made from the Council's reserves to make up the shortfall (instead of increasing the precept further). When a Parish Council election is held, the Parish Council have to meet the costs so a reserve is set aside each year to spread the costs. The Parish Council has a mixture of earmarked reserves to save monies towards large financial outlays such as car park refurbishment, parish rooms maintenance, replacing the boilers in the football pavilion etc and general reserves to meet any unforeseen circumstances that may occur. This current year Band D amount of parish precept equates to £50.83 we have NOT increased the precept for the current financial year as we understand that many people have experienced financial difficulties during Covid. Our budget has been set with the aim to keep our facilities in the excellent standard that they currently are, and we will only implement capital expenditure where we are able to obtain grant funding.

**Annual Meeting Recording: This can be accessed via our website under the news tab
– look for the section on Annual Meeting of the Parish**

Parish Council Meetings

Dates for full council and planning and transport committee meetings are shown below. The first 15 minutes of ANY meeting is set aside for public speaking **WE WELCOME PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**. The other committee meetings will be published on the notice boards and on the web-site giving at least 3 clear working days notice for the date and time.

At the 4th May Annual Parish Meeting the council RESOLVED to delegate all decisions to the Clerk for the period from 5th May – 13th September. The Parish Rooms are too small for the Councillors, Clerk and members of the public to safely meet. Finances will continue to be paid online with 2 Councillors from the Finance and General Purpose Committee approving all payments. The clerk can be contacted via 01332 875278 or email clerk@draycott-pc.gov.uk

Full Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (no meeting in August) – at the Parish Rooms. All meetings commence at 7.30pm unless stated otherwise.

14 September 2021	Parish Council Meeting - (Planning and Transport Committee – 6.30pm)
12 October 2021	Parish Council Meeting - (Planning and Transport Committee – 6.30pm)
9 November 2021	Parish Council Meeting - (Planning and Transport Committee – 6.30pm)
7 December 2021	Parish Council Meeting (7pm) - (Planning and Transport Committee – 6.30pm)
11 January 2022	Parish Council Meeting - (Planning and Transport Committee – 6.30pm)
8 February 2022	Parish Council Meeting - (Planning and Transport Committee – 6.30pm)
8 March 2022	Parish Council Meeting - (Planning and Transport Committee – 6.30pm)

Coming Soon...

Annual Band Concert at the Leisure Green (subject to Coronavirus restrictions being relaxed)

2.30pm at the Leisure Green, Draycott on Sunday 4th July

Summer Playscheme

we are awaiting the government's response to the Coronavirus and will always defer to their advice. We have planned to support the Summer Playscheme – if you require more information, please contact AM Sports Coaching via info@amsports.co.uk .

Remembrance Service (subject to Coronavirus restrictions being relaxed)

Sunday 14th November – we will hold the service at the War Memorial and the road closure will be in place from 10.30am – 12 to enable the volunteers and pedestrians to safely get to and from the War Memorial. The Service will take place from 10.45 -11.30am.

Council contact numbers and their areas of responsibility:-

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

EBC - Erewash Borough Council Tel 0115 907 2244

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DPC - Draycott Parish Council Tel 01332 875278

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