

Draycott and Church Wilne Parish Council

Annual Newsletter

April 2024



Update from the Chairman

Thanks to all the Parish Councillors for their hard work over the past year, we are all really pleased with what the Parish Council have achieved with the amenities that we own / manage on behalf of Draycott and Church Wilne.

I would like to express the Council's thanks to all the volunteers who work so diligently throughout our parish. We are very lucky to have so many people who support the Parish Council by looking after the following for us:

- the War Memorial,
- Legionella water testing
- Watering plants / trees in the Open Spaces
- Gardening the raised beds at the Playing Fields, Cemetery and outside the Parish Rooms
- Helping with the Road Closures for the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial

I won't name names – you all know who you are, THANK YOU

Also, thanks to all the Community Groups who do so much for the village such as the Community Speed watch Group, the Draycott Litter Pickers, Draycott Village Fund, Draycott In Bloom as well as the WI, Rotary Club, Church groups and many other groups – we are very lucky to have such an active community.

Annual Meeting of the Parish

Please come and take a look at the Annual Meeting of the Parish which we are hosting on your behalf on Friday 17th May from 7-8pm at St Marys Church Hall.

Some village groups will be displaying their activities, and we will be there for you to feedback your thoughts and ideas about what we should be focusing on in the future. We will even serve you a glass of wine / soft drink!!

We want to get your thoughts about what we should do with the land between Hopwell Road and Wallis Close (called the Teen Area) that used to have the BMX ramps on it – we consulted with student of the local Primary and Secondary Schools who wanted the Youth Shelter removing and the trees thinning out to improve the feeling of safety – we did this work but we now want your ideas. This land belongs to Draycott Millennium Green Trust which is a charity of which the Parish Councillors are the sole trustees – the Parish Council have committed £4000 towards any further works so we will need to source grant funding but want to make sure that whatever we do is based on our residents' input.

If you can't come to the meeting but want to give us your ideas, please email Sheena (our Clerk) clerk@draycott-pc.gov.uk or pop in the office to see her on a Tuesday or Wednesday between 9-1

Meeting Dates and contact details

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS (extra meetings will be scheduled if required)

The first 15 minutes of ANY meeting is set aside for public speaking WE WELCOME PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC ATTENDANCE .

All meetings commence at 6.30pm unless stated otherwise on the agenda. Our meeting day has changed to Wednesdays!

- 8 May 2024
- 10 July 2024
- 11 September 2024
- 13 November 2024
- 8 January 2024

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The Parish Office is open to the public on Tuesday and Wednesdays 9-1

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What does the Parish Council look after?

Draycott Parish Council own / are responsible for the following amenities in Draycott:

- The Parish Rooms
- The Playing Fields
- Draycott Cemetery (Hopwell Road)
- The Leisure Green
- St Chads Local Nature Reserve

Draycott Millennium Green Trust own / are responsible for

- Teen Area (land off Hopwell Road)
- The area from the Sundial and the Play Area / play equipment



Dog Fouling

We are experiencing LOTS of dog fouling (on the streets as well as Parish Council land)

Please use the bins provided and clean up after your dogs.

Residents can collect free dog foul bags from Sues News, One Stop and Draycott Off License (supplied by the Parish Council)

Anti Social Behavior....

We are experiencing lots of damage to fences, play equipment, broken glass etc - please report any ASB to the police / the Council

Some of the projects we did last year

Total grant funding raised £12,442 WHICH SUPPORTED MOST OF THESE PROJECTS

**MUGA
Repairs**

**REPLACED
THE
FOOTBALL
GOALS**



Paid for the Christmas Tree
and lights around Market
Street £3,976.99

**INSTALLED 3 SPEED INDICATOR
DEVICES THAT CAN BE MOVED
ACROSS 4 LOCATIONS IN
DRAYCOTT £13,041**



Contributed £3800 towards
the cost of the Summer
Playscheme to make the
charge to the parents
affordable



*6 Sessions of
Boxercise on the
Park over summer*



**Installed a
Defibrillator outside
the Football Pavilion**

Some of the projects for 2025 onwards...

Continue to maintain our open spaces and office

**PLAYGROUND
REFRESH??**

**TEEN AREA
CHANGES??**

**REPLACING SOME FENCE AT THE PLAYING
FIELDS AND PLANTING HEDGING IN THE
GAPS**

RAISED BEDS (NR THE SUNDIAL) REFURBISHMENT

FINANCES / BUDGET 2024-25

Payments	Actual 2022-23	Actual 2023-24	Budget 2024-25
Repairs and maintenance	£ 47,229.11	£ 51,453.76	£ 50,898.47
Utility Costs	£ 3,606.10	£ 2,992.44	£ 6,683.70
PWLB Repayments	£ 3,326.36	£ 3,177.01	£ 1,697.46
Running Costs (inc insurance)	£ 8,474.85	£ 7,464.23	£ 7,562.74
Employment	£ 32,040.73	£ 33,807.29	£ 32,807.29
Events / Capital Spends	£ 38,483.65	£ 29,411.48	£ 23,602.77
Non recurring expenses	£ 4,587.05	£ 1,823.53	£ 2,000.00
Total Payments	£ 137,747.85	£ 130,129.74	£ 125,252.43
Income	Actual 2022-23	Actual 2023-24	Budget 2024-25
Bank Interest	£ 446.95	£ 5,324.72	£ 4,500.00
Burial ground	£ 4,445.00	£ 3,463.50	£ 4,000.00
Precept	£ 61,426.20	£ 75,000.00	£ 87,403.44
Concurrent Functions	£ 30,171.00	£ 27,154.00	£ 2,000.00
Contribution from DPC Reserves	£ -	£ -	£ 10,000.00
Recharges	£ 3,037.34	£ 3,236.14	£ 1,500.00
Rents - others	£ 2,149.92	£ 2,349.88	£ 2,349.00
Rents Football Clubs	£ 1,530.00	£ 2,100.00	£ 1,600.00
VAT Refund	£ 10,098.51	£ 7,387.06	£ 6,000.00
Rents St Chad's Water	£ 350.00	£ 400.00	£ 400.00
Grants / Playscheme	£ 28,971.72	£ 12,442.00	£ 5,000.00
Fishing Club - donation of guest fees	£ 710.00	£ 805.00	£ 500.00
Total Income	£143,336.64	£ 139,662.30	£125,252.44



Information about the budget:

You will see that we have reduced this current years budget by just under £12.5k compared to what we have actually spent over the past couple of years (from £137,747.85 to £125,252.43) We are mindful of the rise in cost of living and have tried our best to produce a budget that is value for money and still maintains the high levels of facilities that we manage.

The money we receive from EBC called 'concurrent function' (a payment to cover costs of carrying out work on behalf of EBC) has reduced from £30k to £2k in this time and will be removed completely in 2025/26. We have also taken on the costs of maintaining the public toilets from EBC who were to close them altogether.

In order to cover the loss of income from EBC you may have noticed that the parish council charge (called a precept) on your council tax has increased by £12.69 per year for a band D property.

We have reduced our payments budget by:

- From 1st April 2024, the clerk works 20 hours per week (was 23)
- Committing to continue to find grant funding to support the capital spends
- By bringing in more grant funding money last year, we are able to contribute £10,000 savings to this years budget
- Keeping the costs of the football fees, and rents the same as last year to enable groups to continue to offer people great, affordable facilities
- Paid off two of our long standing loans

Dates for your Diary...

- Annual Meeting of the Parish at St Marys Church Hall from 7-8pm on Friday 17th May
- Summer Play Scheme- will run for 4 weeks from Monday 29th July onwards. If you require more information, please contact AM Sports Coaching via info@amsports.co.uk
- Remembrance Service - Sunday 10th 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

Erewash Borough Council are responsible for:

- Building Regulations / Planning
- Council Tax
- Dog Wardens
- Bus Shelters
- Refuse Collection
- Street Cleaning

Derbyshire County Council are responsible for:

- Education
- Libraries
- Social Services
- Street Lighting
- Trading Standards
- Highways



EBC- Erewash Borough Council Tel 0115 9072244

DCC- Derbyshire County Council Tel 01629 533190

DPC – Draycott Parish Council Tel 01332 875278

Erewash Borough Councillors – Val Clare Tel 874152 and Tim Scott Tel 07402 982560

Derbyshire County Councillor – Robert Parkinson Tel 07715 012459

Police – 101 or in an emergency 999 or online reporting

<https://www.derbyshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Parish Council Contact Details

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