



Draycott and Church Wilne Parish Council Annual Newsletter

Update from the Chairman

Over this last year we have planned and completed a couple of large projects which have been largely funded through grants gained from businesses. There was also some ground clearance carried out at the recreation field on Hopwell Road which might open some space for more facilities in the future whilst exercise equipment was installed on the site. The main park area received a major investment with the replacement and upgrade to the play equipment for the younger children. To help minimise the vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the area we managed to secure funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner to install CCTV on the field. Whilst the council has been busy with these large projects alongside maintaining the remaining facilities in the village there has been a lot done by volunteer groups who have kept the village tidy and looking vibrant and inviting, I have tried to list them all here:

- Draycott Litter Pickers, •Draycott Village Fund •Draycott in Bloom •Community Speedwatch Group •Elephant Rooms •Draycott Fishing Club •WI •Church Groups •Sunbeams •Girl Guides •Scouts •Army Cadets •Rotary Club •Tea with Friends
- Draycott History Group Draycott and Long Eaton Table Tennis Club •Draycott Sounds
- Sandiacre Town FC •Draycott Ladies FC

The continued hard work and enthusiasm of our clerk must also not go without mention. Without her efforts much of this work would not have been achieved. My thanks also for the support of the Councillors who continue to volunteer their time and offer their experience to help to keep Draycott the pleasant place that it is.

This next year is slowly beginning to look like there could be significant changes ahead which we must keep abreast of whilst supporting the residents and helping to represent their views where possible.

Annual Meeting of the Parish

This year we will hold the Annual Meeting of the Parish in the Parish Rooms at 6:00 to 6:30pm on Wednesday 15th April prior to the May Parish meeting.

This is your opportunity to see what the council does and what plans it has for the coming year and to suggest what could be considered in the future. We also publish a community booklet which showcases all of the amazing activities that take place here in Draycott and Church Wilne. If you are unable to attend then you can always send us your ideas, please email Sheena clerk@draycott-pc.gov.uk or pop in the office 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.

- Wednesday 13th May 2026
- Wednesday 8th July 2026
- Wednesday 9th September 2026
- Wednesday 11th November 2026
- Wednesday 13th January 2027
- Wednesday 10th March 2027
- Wednesday 14th April 2027

Contact Details:

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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 do?

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

- The Parish Rooms
- The Playing Fields
- Draycott Cemetery (Hopwell Road)
- The Leisure Green (area from Derby Road behind the chip shop including the car park)
- St Chads Local Nature Reserve

Draycott Millennium Green Trust own / are responsible for (this is a separate Charity but the Parish Councillors are the Sole Trustees)

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

What did the Parish Council achieve in 2025?

- Paid for the Christmas Tree and lights
- Contributed towards the summer playscheme ran by AM sports coaching
- Supplied dog waste bags to the local shops to encourage dog owners to pick up their dog waste
- Organised and paid for the costs associated with Remembrance Sunday outdoor service at the war memorial
- Public Toilets maintenance which includes opening, closing and cleaning, we also installed 2 new doors on the toilets (the lease was signed in 2025)
- Resurfaced the play area and installed new equipment (the majority of this was grant funded)
- Installed CCTV cameras at Draycott Playing Fields (again grant funded)
- Installed a number of memorial benches at St Chads Local Nature Reserve
- Planted hedging at Draycott Cemetery, moved the Soil Pitt to open up more space for future burials
- Continued to pay for good quality maintenance of our open spaces which includes grass cutting, tree works (essential and maintenance) litter picking, safety checks of the play equipment, cleaning of the Football Pavillion
- Employed the clerk (part time) to manage the day to day activities of the Parish Council including the finances to act on all decisions made by the council at their meetings and to provide legal guidance



What did Draycott Millennium Green Trust achieve in 2025?;

- Removed the BMX Track, leveled part of the area, thinned out the trees and Installed the fitness equipment on the Millennium Green



Goals for 2026 - 2027

- To represent YOUR (majority) views regarding the National Grid Chesterfield to Willington Pylon Project and to work with the Save our Draycott Green Belt crew
- To represent YOUR (majority) views regarding ANY new housing developments within Draycott and Church Wilne
- IF any housing developers are given planning permission within our Parish, to work with the developers to ensure that the houses and landscape are in unity with our village and any monies collected by EBC through legally binding agreements support local infrastructure and community services impacted by new developments (called Section 106 monies)
- To review the current layout of the Leisure Green and propose upgrades and changes to be of benefit to the users of this area
- To continue to source grant funding for all capital spends not budgeted for in the current finance year
- To continue to maintain our open spaces to a high standard
- To continue to maintain our buildings to a high standard
- To engage with residents on improvements and plans for facilities in Draycott and Church Wilne

FINANCES / BUDGET 2026-27



Receipts (Income)	Budget
Banking / <u>Interest</u>	£5,000.00
Burial ground	£4,500.00
Contribution from DPC Reserves	£6,718.41
Fishing <u>Club</u> <u>donation</u> of Guest Ticket Fees	£200.00
Grants / Playscheme	£0.00
<u>Misc</u> Income (recharges)	£1,500.00
Precept	£124,736.20
Rents - others	£2,659.11
Rents Football Clubs	£1,800.00
Rents St Chad's Water	£400.00
Solar Export Payment	£150.00
VAT Refund	£6,500.00

Grand Total	£154,163.72
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Payments	Budget
Employment	£ 37,656.97
Events / Capital Spends	£ 13,250.00
Non_Recurring_Expenses	£ 1,500.00
PWLB_Repayments	£ 1,697.46
Repairs_and_Maintenance	£ 75,095.81
Running_Costs	£ 17,403.71
Utility	£ 7,559.77

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Earmarked Reserves (Savings)	2026-27
General Reserves / Running Costs (3 months)	<u>£ 20,000.00</u>
By- election	£ 6,000.00
Pavilion replacement water system / showers	<u>£ 10,000.00</u>
Replacement of Play Area equipment / surfacing	£ 1,000.00
Parish Rooms and Pavilion upgrades	£ 6,000.00
Public Toilets Upgrades	£ 4,000.00
Car Park Repairs	£ 4,000.00
Cemetery Fence Replacement	£ 1,500.00
Leisure Green upgrade	£ 5,000.00
Total Reserves	<u>£ 57,500.00</u>



Information about the budget:

We are committed to continuing to find grant funding to support the budget to enable us to keep the lands and facilities owned by the Parish Council and the lands owned by Draycott Millennium Green Trust in good condition for the benefit of the residents and visitors



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 (paid for by the Parish Council)

Anti Social Behaviour

Please report any anti social behaviour direct to the police

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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