AT THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BREASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 8.05PM ON MONDAY 8th APRIL 2019 AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, BLIND LANE, BREASTON

Councillor Mounsey in the Chair
10 members of the public (see attached sheet)

Councillor Mounsey welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

POLICE SESSION
PCSO Pykett had sent a report as follows:
20/3 Vehicle Crime – Wilsthorpe Road
20/3 Theft of Motor Vehicle – Draycott Road
11/3 – 27/3 Non dwelling burglary – Grange Avenue
1 / 4 Theft – Wards Lane
30/3 – 6/4 – Non dwelling burglary – Sawley Road

PUBLIC SESSION
a) Mrs Inight reported that concerns raised about a dangerous donkey have now been dealt with and the donkey has been moved away from passing walkers.

b) Jacob & Ian from Motor Wurks the new garage to the rear of Pidcock’s motorcycles came along to introduce themselves and to talk about the positioning of an A board on the grass at the front of the premises on Draycott Road. Cllr Elliott enquired about the possible use of car parking spaces adjacent to their business and they confirmed that the business owners were still able to use the spots if they were available. The Clerk confirmed that permission for A boards on the highway can only be given by the County Council.

c) Mrs Inight wondered if there’d been any improvement in the situation with cars parking on the verges on Wilsthorpe Road, Cllr Mounsey confirmed that the situation was not as bad as it had been previously due to the bulb planting scheme undertaken by the Parish Council.

155/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Rowlinson, Pepios & Clarke & PCSO Pykett.

156/18 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS – to enable any Councillors to indicate any items on the agenda in which they have a personal or pecuniary interest in accordance with the Parish Council’s Code of Conduct – none

157/18 DISPENSATIONS – To report on and consider any requests for dispensation in accordance with S31 of the Localism Act 2011 – none

It was PROPOSED and SECONDED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2019.

159/18 MATTERS ARISING for Members Information Only –
Cllr Luke enquired about the report regarding work at the old Westernmere School Site. The Clerk read the minute from the last Environment meeting relating to an email from Erewash Borough Council: “As with any application, the proposals would be judged on their own merits at that time.

However, this site is within the green belt so there is a presumption against inappropriate development on the site.”

160/18 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence had been received from the following:

- Treetops Hospice – A Request for a donation had been received. Unfortunately, the Parish Council are not able to make donations in this way.
- EU Withdrawal Agreement - A resident had forwarded copies of letters received from Maggie Throup relating to the referendum.

161/18 CLERK’S REPORT –

a) Health & Safety Risk Assessments –

- Cemetery & St Michael’s Churchyard – it was RESOLVED to adopt the Document
- Playing Fields, Duffield Close, Gardens & Johnson’s Meadow – it was RESOLVED to adopt the document.

b) Lone Worker Policy – it was RESOLVED to adopt the policy.

162/18 PARKS & CEMETERIES COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL 2019 AT 9.15AM IN THE PCMR, BLIND LANE, BREASTON

1. Present: Cllr McCaig (Chair) Cllrs Rowlinson, Toon, Cockle, Mounsey & Wrigglesworth
   - Also, Present: Cllrs Parkinson, Elliott & Luke
   - Apologies: Cllrs Miller, Pepios & Clarke.

2. Declaration of Members Interests - to enable any Councillors to indicate any items on the agenda in which they have a personal or pecuniary interest in accordance with the Parish Council’s Code of Conduct. – Cllr Rowlinson declared an interest in any items relating to the In-Bloom Group.

3. Dispensations – To report on and consider any requests for dispensation in accordance with s31 of the Localism Act 2011. – none

4. Risk Management – it was RESOLVED to note the information.
   
   a) Duffield Close – Tree – it was RESOLVED to note that B Edmonds of Canopy had suggested the tree stump on Duffield Close could be ground and the tree could be replaced. Clerk to investigate a different species of tree that would be slow growing and would add all year-round interest.

   b) Drug Use on Parish Land – it was RESOLVED to note the details of the meeting held on Thursday the 28th of March. Suggestions made at the meeting include the pruning back of the hedge between the Memorial Garden and the Sensory
Garden. the pruning of the large laurel bush at the rear of the benches and the tilting of the floodlight so that it only covers the garden. It was RESOLVED to accept the recommendations. Clerk to contact Jaimey Richards at EBC for advice about the hedge and arrange for the first pruning to be undertaken as soon as possible.

c) Blind Lane – it was RESOLVED to note the information relating to the police action against cannabis use in the Blind Lane public conveniences and the use of the Sensory Garden as a toilet, the action taken by the local neighbourhood team seems to have worked!

d) Climbing Frame Play Area – it was RESOLVED to note that the caretaker noted a crack on a welding joint on the large piece of play equipment and the area has been made safe. Streetscape are to attend, and weld repair the item when they install the new equipment.

e) Tree on Rectory Road – it was RESOLVED to note that the caretaker reported a branch hanging in an odd manner on one of the trees on the Rectory Road Verge. The Clerk reported to Canopy have attended to it when carrying out the work on the Park.

5. Perks Recreation Ground –

a) Play Equipment Improvement – it was RESOLVED to note that the date for installation is still awaited but I am assured it won’t be long!

b) Area to the rear of Cavagna building – it was RESOLVED to note that the contractor is organising the grinding of the stumps in the next week or so.

6. Cemetery –

a) Memorial Safety – it was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk continues to liaise with plot owners. Notices have been displayed at the cemetery asking all plot owners to contact the Clerk to confirm the status of their headstones which has yielded a number of responses particularly after Mothering Sunday. A further notice will be displayed at the end of April warning that the stones will be laid.

7. Disabled Access to Parish Open Spaces – it was RESOLVED to note that the signs have been collected and the Clerk will make arrangements for them to be fitted shortly.

8. Litter Bins on Parish Council Open Spaces – it was RESOLVED to note that the work on Duffield Close is now complete, and that Mr Fisher has made a fantastic job of the bins. Clerk met with Mr Fisher and walked round the bins on Perks Recreation Ground and discussed the work required. Mr Fisher has sent a quotation for £685.00. It was RESOLVED that Mr Fisher is the preferred supplier for the replacement of the bins on Parish Council Land. Clerk to order new bins and liaise with Mr Fisher on a date for the work to commence.

9. Tree Inspection Work – it was RESOLVED to note that the trees on Wilsthorpe Road have been removed Canopy suggest that they could be replaced with Hawthorns. The work to the trees on Perks was completed week commencing 25/3/19 and Canopy commenced the job on the 26/3/19. Approval for the work
at the cemetery was received on the 1/4/19 and Canopy who will undertake the work on the 11th of April.

10. Memorial Garden Hedge – it was RESOLVED to note that a price will be procured from the Farm Shop in March/April.

11. EBC Bin Emptying – it was RESOLVED to note the information regarding the emptying of the bins. We await a decision from P Wright regarding the charges for the 2019/20 financial year. The Clerk continues to investigate the work required for the new bin emptying regime.

12. Breaston In Bloom –
   a) Jubilee Garden – it was RESOLVED to approve the proposal for the sculpture in principle and subject to approval from the Health and Safety & Planning teams at Erewash Borough Council. Clerk to investigate.

13. Notice board Holly Avenue – it was RESOLVED to note that Mrs Bulmer is painting the new noticeboard and it will be installed when the paint dries. Clerk to investigate a Breaston Parish Council sign for the top of the board.

14. Cemetery Chapel Access – it was RESOLVED to note that following the last meeting Mrs Bulmer applied a liberal dousing of WD40 to the lock on the rear vestry door and with the assistance of Mr Fisher managed to get the door open. This is excellent news and saves the cost of new locks. The keys for the locks are the same as for the other rear stores.

15. Erewash Borough Council Hanging Basket Sponsorship 2019 – it was RESOLVED to note the information regarding the renewal of the EBC hanging baskets and to proceed as follows:
   a) to take up a 3-year renewal on the 2 current baskets
   b) to take up 2 new basket sponsorships on posts on Draycott Road Clerk to investigate suitability of lamp columns.

16. Planters, Hanging Baskets and central raised beds – it was RESOLVED to note that the planting in the central raised beds was still not complete. Following discussion, it was resolved to work with the In-Bloom group for future planting of the beds on the Green, the baskets at St Michael’s and the planters on Wilshorpe Road. The Group would liaise with the Clerk and Mr Woodward regarding the next planting. Clerk & Cllr Rowlinson to discuss planting plans.

17. Councillors Reports –

None

The Meeting closed at 10.05am

163/18 HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL 2019
AT 8.45AM IN THE PCMR, BLIND LANE, BREASTON

1. Present: Cllr Toon (Chair) Cllrs Elliott, Parkinson, Mounsey & Wrigglesworth
   Also Present: Cllrs McCaig, Rowlinson, Cockle & Luke
   Apologies: Cllrs Miller, Pepios & Clarke
2. **Declaration of Members Interests** - to enable any Councillors to indicate any items on the agenda in which they have a personal or pecuniary interest in accordance with the Parish Council’s Code of Conduct. – **none**

3. **Dispensations** – To report on and consider any requests for dispensation in accordance with s31 of the Localism Act 2011. - **none**

4. **Pot-holes/Street Lights/Overhanging Vegetation.** – it was **RESOLVED** to note that the Street lights on Main street have been repaired. Pot holes reported on Stevens Lane have also been repaired. The street sign on Shirley Crescent has been included on the order for repair by EBC.

5. **M1 Noise** – it was **RESOLVED** to note that no further information has been received regarding the Smart motorway.

6. **Western Gateway Rejuvenation Project** –
   a) **Bus Shelter** – it was **RESOLVED** to note that Derbyshire County Council had revisited their plans for the new shelter and decided that the shelter would be best installed a few yards away from the current bench. The costs for the shelter had also been revised and the budget requirement from Breaston Parish Council would increase to £4000. The increase in funds could be accommodated from the Village Improvement Budget. It is proposed to give the County Council the go ahead to complete the work as soon as practicable. It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the decision.

7. **Draycott Road RTA’s** – it was **RESOLVED** to note that the Clerk chased the local beat team regarding the issues reported and the promise to visit Mr Cursley & Mr Moreton. Also drain issues reported by Mr Moreton were reported to DCC on the 12.03.19. The local beat team had not received the letter from Mr Moreton, the Clerk requested that they visit the two residents. There was considerable discussion regarding the vehicles regularly parked on the bridge however as they are not breaking any laws and the County Council and Police are not willing to take action there is little further the Parish Council can do.

8. **School Run Issues** –
   a) **Air Pollution – Wilsthorpe Road** – it was **RESOLVED** to note the information regarding the Public Health England website and the project that the new Head at Firfield School has proposed to encourage parents to park further away from the school and walk the extra distance with the children, who can earn merits/stickers/points for their school house. The recent news items relating to children’s health and car exhaust fumes was discussed and it is hoped that Government will set new legislation to deal with it. In the meantime, the Parish Council will continue to work with the school on ways to improve the situation. Cllr Elliott to create some posters and the Clerk to get clearance from the head to install them on the gates on each side of the school site.

   b) **Inconsiderate Parking – Meadow Close** – it was **RESOLVED** to note that the Clerk, Councillor Mounsey & Cllr Parkinson met with the Head and Chair of Firfield Governors on Thursday the 21st of March. The meeting was extremely positive, and it is hoped that the Head will be proactive in dealing with the issues relating to the school run. A further meeting is to be organised for the summer term and the Clerk will continue to liaise with Mr Yellop. Cllr Rowlinson confirmed that the In-Bloom group were hoping to carry out work to the rear entrance to the school and were
waiting for some information relating to the correct paint to be used on the old gates.

9. Reports from Councillors. –

a) Tram Local Press headline – Cllr McCaig raised concerns regarding the recent news item speculating on the provision of the tram. As far as the Parish Council are aware the news story is just speculation at this stage, the Clerk awaits a response from EBC regarding the HS2 element of the article and will circulate on receipt.

The meeting closed at 9.15am

164/18 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY THE 8TH OF APRIL 2019 AT 9.00AM IN THE PCMR, BLIND LANE, BREASTON.

1. Present: Cllr Elliott (Chairman) Cllrs Luke, Cockle & McCaig
   Also Present: none
   Apologies: Cllrs Mounsey, Wrigglesworth, Miller & Parkinson

   Public Session – none

2. Declaration of Members Interests - to enable any Councillors to indicate any items on the agenda in which they have a personal or pecuniary interest in accordance with the Parish Council’s Code of Conduct. – Cllr Cockle reported an interest in application reference ERE/0319/0041- 21 Firfield Avenue.

3. Dispensations – To report on and consider any requests for dispensation in accordance with s31 of the Localism Act 2011. – none

4. Village Improvement Programme – it was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had chased the remaining issues on the list:
   Land on Risley Lane a reply was received from the water treatment works, the responsible officer is investigating the area and will take the necessary action.
   Rear of Firfield School - The In-Bloom group are working with the school to improve the state of the old entrance to the school and the adjacent shrub bed.
   New items raised were:
   Firfield Front Entrance - the number of signs on the Firfield entrance to the school and the painting of the gate.
   Street Clean up - A sandbag on Risley Lane which has been reported already.
   Bus Stop Damage - Y5 Signs at bus stops through the village have been graffitied and smashed. Clerk to report to Your Bus/EBC.

5. Applications – The Committee considered the following planning applications and the recommendations are as follows: -

ERE/0319/0045 - 8 Wards Lane - Works to trees within a Conservation Area - Copper Beech (T21) - 15% crown reduction & main limbs balanced; Silver Birch (T30) - 15% crown reduction - No Consultation

ERE/0319/0034 - 145 Longmoor Lane - Ramped Entrance Porch - No objection in principle however with a recommendation that a hipped roof would match the current frontage.
ERE/0319/0022 - Brailsford Meadow Agricultural Building - Retention of partially converted barn, including new internal steel frame, to enable change of use to a single dwelling. This building of questionable construction and design, in a prominent position within the green belt, constitutes a dangerous precedent that once made would open up an avalanche of similar applications which it would be difficult to defend refusal of. We support Erewash Borough Council’s opinion that: “the works undertaken to convert the building went beyond those reasonably necessary to convert the building into a residential dwelling; specifically the replacement of the timber roof support frame with an internal steel frame, and the replacement of the telegraph poles in the eastern lean-to with an internal blockwork wall.”

ERE/0319/0036 - 155 Longmoor Lane - Single Storey rear extension - No objection in principle subject to any neighbour representations being made with a note to remind the applicants about their responsibilities relating to the party wall act.

ERE/0319/0041 - 21 Firfield Avenue - Application for approval of reserved matters relating to the erection of two dwellings following outline approval (ref ERE/1018/0047). The Parish Council would reiterate the previous objections raised to ERE/1018/0047: “The development is far too large for the site; the character of the area will be affected as a site which held one plot previously will now site two. The proposal will cause overshadowing to the neighbouring property and the proposal is overbearing to neighbouring properties. The design of the proposed properties is not compatible to the current street scene.

6. **Decisions:** The following decisions had been made by Erewash Borough Council:

- ERE/0918/0035 - Land rear of 19-21 Firfield Avenue - Approved with conditions 11.03.19
- ERE/0219/0020 - Breaston Cemetery - Approved with conditions 22.02.19
- ERE/0119/0044 - Breaston Perks Park - Approved with conditions 1.4.19

7. **Councillors Reports (for information only):**

- **none**

Meeting closed at 10.10am

Cllr Cockle enquired about the invitation to the EBC Committee which had been received today (8.4.19). Cllr Parkinson confirmed that any application for building in the Green Belt is automatically taken to Planning Committee. Cllr Elliott expressed an interest to go to the Committee.

165/18 GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL 2019 AT 10.05AM IN THE PCMR, BLIND LANE, BREASTON

1. **Present:** Cllr Wrigglesworth (Chair) Cllrs Rowlinson, Elliott, Luke, McCaig, & Mounsey
   **Also Present:** Cllrs Toon, Cockle & Parkinson
   **Apologies:** Cllrs Miller, Clarke & Pepios
2. **Declaration of Members Interests** - to enable any Councillors to indicate any items on the agenda in which they have a personal or pecuniary interest in accordance with the Parish Council’s Code of Conduct. - **none**

3. **Dispensations** – To report on and consider any requests for dispensation in accordance with s31 of the Localism Act 2011. - **none**

4. **St Michael’s Church**
   a) **Memorial Safety** – it was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk has made a request for a quote for the remaining work to the headstones and will circulate it on receipt.

5. **Calendar** – it was RESOLVED to note that notices have been placed on the noticeboards and Cllr Wrigglesworth is to circulate to local businesses. Two sponsors have been secured and Cllr Wrigglesworth to contact further local businesses.

6. **Flood Information**
   a) **Brook at The Crescent, Risley Lane** – it was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk continues to monitor the site and will report any progress as it happens.

7. **Derbyshire Evening Telegraph – HS2 plans** – it was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had forwarded a resident’s concerns to the Erewash Planners and awaits a response.

8. **Litter Pick** – it was RESOLVED to note that EBC have confirmed the date of June the 29th for the litter pick.

9. **Summer Band Concert Refreshments** – it was RESOLVED to note that the Breaston Belles WI group have expressed an interest in being involved with the refreshments for the event, the clerk will organise a meeting with Cllr McCaig and the WI to discuss their proposal.

10. **Breaston Belles Bench Proposal** – it was RESOLVED to note that the Breaston Belles have expressed an interest in providing a village bench. The Clerk has requested further details and will circulate on receipt. The details of the bench and the site request were considered, and it was resolved that no further benches could be sited on the Memorial Garden or Duffield Close as we have reached saturation point. Further sites were discussed and the Clerk to contact The Belles and suggest that they speak to the Sustrans team regarding the site next to the new boat at the Navigation.

11. **Councillors Reports:**

    a) **Hunt Ride** - Cllr Elliott enquired on the Hunt Ride and it was confirmed that the event had been postponed until the 27th of April due to the weather and ground conditions.

    b) **Elections/ Meeting Structure** - Cllr Cockle raised the impending election and the possibility of new councillors being elected. Currently all members are able to attend morning meetings however it’s possible that any new members being at work could cause issues with attendance. It was agreed that the meeting structure would need to be discussed should the line-up of councillors alter, to be included on the agenda for the May meeting.
c) Gala Committee – the Clerk reported that there had been increasing issues in achieving the required number of councillors to attend the Gala meetings. Since the Clerk now attended these meetings it was proposed that the current number of Councillors could be relaxed to 3 as long as the Clerk is in attendance. To be included on the agenda for the May meeting.

The Meeting Closed at 10.25am

166/18 FINANCE COMMITTEE OF BREASTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL 2019 AT 10.25AM IN THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, BLIND LANE, BREASTON

   Also Present: Cllrs Rowlinson & Cockle
   Apologies: Cllrs Millar, Pepios & Clarke

2. Declaration of Members Interests - to enable any Councillors to indicate any items on the agenda in which they have a personal or pecuniary interest in accordance with the Parish Council’s Code of Conduct. – none

3. Dispensations – To report on and consider any requests for dispensation in accordance with s31 of the Localism Act 2011. – none

4. EBC Bin Emptying – it was RESOLVED to note that there has been an unfortunate turn in relation to the bin emptying as circulated by the Clerk. We currently await a response from Mr Phil Wright regarding the budget requirement for the 2019/20 financial year.

5. Derbyshire County Council Pension Scheme – Employer Discretions – It was RESOLVED to adopt the policy in line with the advice from Derbyshire LGPS

6. Year End Meeting – Cllr Luke ran through the reports for the end of the financial year 2018/19 and the proposed budgets for 2019/20 it was RESOLVED to accept the proposed budget. Cllr Elliott queried the amount ringfenced for Risk Management & Cllr Luke confirmed that the budget was in place should there be a need for a locum clerk at any time. Cllr Cockle queried the sum set aside for the elections; the Clerk explained that the costs were set aside to cover the charges which are made by EBC should there be an election.

7. Essential Employment training – it was RESOLVED to note the information regarding the risk assessments and new policies Cllrs were asked to inspect the policies over the weekend so that they could be adopted at the Ordinary Meeting on Monday. Cllr Elliott suggested an additional risk to be added to the Cemetery Risk Assessment, Clerk to make the necessary amendments.

8. Councillors Reports –

   None

The meeting closed at 10.55am

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It was proposed and seconded that the above accounts be accepted.

168/18 – Public Questions

**a) Name plates** - Mrs Simpson requested that each Councillor have a name plate so that members of the public knew who was being referred to during the meeting. Clerk to organise.

**b) Motorway** – Mr Fowler enquired if anyone had reported that the noise levels from the motorway had decreased since the Smart motorway had been re-opened. Cllr Toon reported that the wind direction made a large difference to the noise levels. Cllr Elliott reported that the noise level had decreased and that he hoped to carry out noise readings to confirm it was the case. Cllr Cockle reported that the Highways England team were due to undertake a series of tests after a year following the completion of the work. Cllr Toon reported that Maggie Throup had written to Highways England and was awaiting a response from the London office.
169/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
The next meeting will be on the 13th of May 2019 which will commence at 7.15pm in the PCMR.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm .................................................. Chairman 13.05.19