

# At the Ordinary Meeting of Breaston Parish Council held on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2021 at 7.15pm via online conferencing platform Zoom.

## Present:

Councillors Mounsey, Wrigglesworth, McCaig, Elliott, Miller, Fisher, Rowlinson, Stenson, Mills & Parkinson

3 members of the public.

Councillor Mounsey in the Chair.

Councillor Mounsey welcomed everyone wished them a happy new year & thanked them for attending this our 9<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting.

## Police Session:

PCSO Pykett sent the following report for the period 10<sup>th</sup> December to the 6<sup>th</sup> January:

12 <sup>th</sup> December	Willoughby Close	Burglary
14 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Wilsthorpe Road	Burglary
15 <sup>th</sup> December	The Crescent	Drugs Possession
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Belmont Service Station	Bilking
20 <sup>th</sup> December	The Crescent	Criminal Damage
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Main Street	Theft

## Public Session:

none

### 102/20 Apologies for Absence –

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Luke, PCSO Pykett & PC Aldred

#### a) Election of Councillor –

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Mrs Mills be co-opted onto the Council.

#### b) Signing of the Acceptance of Office –

It was RESOLVED to note that acceptance of office form had been signed and witnessed by the Clerk prior to the meeting due to the Covid19 restrictions. Councillor Mounsey welcomed Ann onto the Council and wished her well.

### 103/20 Declaration of Members Interest – 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 –

Cllrs Fisher & Rowlinson declared an interest in any In Bloom related items.

### 104/20 Dispensations – to report on and consider any requests for dispensation in accordance with S31 of the Localism Act 2011

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none

**105/20 Approval of the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> of December -**

It was PROPOSED and SECONDED to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> of December. Clerk and Chairman to liaise over the signing of the minutes during lockdown.

**106/20 Correspondence –**

- a) Thank you letters from Mrs Davis and Mrs Harvey

**107/20 Clerk's Report**

- a) **Date Setting** - with hope that the vaccination programme may ease restrictions for the end of the year dates were set as follows:

Summer Band Concert 8<sup>th</sup> August

Remembrance Service 14<sup>th</sup> November

Carol Concert 10<sup>th</sup> December

- b) **Line Marking Parish Rooms –**

to RESOLVE to note the quotations as follows:

Clearway Road Marking £420.00

Gilver Lining Ltd £425.00

It was RESOLVED to accept the Clearway Road Marking Quotation

**108/20 GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2021 AS PART OF THE ORDINARY MEETING at 7.15PM ON REMOTE ZOOM MEETING**

**1. Agenda Summons**

**2. Public Session – none**

**3. Apologies:**

Cllr Luke

**4. 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

**5. Dispensations –**

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

**6. Youth Provision – Climbing Wall –**

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk continues to monitor the guidance and will make the necessary arrangements as soon as such activities are possible again.

**7. Dementia Friendly Parish –**

It was RESOLVED to note that information continues to be circulated from the Alzheimer's Association.

**8. Website Accessibility**

It was RESOLVED to note the Clerk continues to liaise with the team regarding the new website, and a training meeting for the Clerk will be organised in the new year. Cllr Rowlinson suggested that the Caretaker be included in the training session.

## **9. Replacement Office Laptop-**

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk will surf the January online sales for a laptop for the office.

## **10. Casual Vacancies - Co-Option –**

It was RESOLVED to note that an advert was circulated on the 22/12/2020 for the remaining vacancy with a deadline of the 8th of January 2021.

## **11. Calendar –**

It was RESOLVED to note that it had not been possible to have a “stall” outside the Co-op over the holiday due to the restrictions – Clerk to circulate details of sales and remaining calendars after the meeting.

## **12. Defibrillator –**

It was RESOLVED to note the defib and cabinet have arrived, the electrician had inspected the site and a cost of £195.00 to install the cabinet plus £50.00 for a lamp and cage for above. It was RESOLVED to accept the quotation. Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

## **13. Holocaust Memorial Day 2021 –**

It was RESOLVED to note the date – 27th January 2021 with the national restrictions looking set to be tightened it was thought that the flag would be lowered by the Clerk and Caretaker only in a Covid secure manner.

## **14. Councillors Reports –**

None

## **109/20 Parks & Cemeteries Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th January at 8.45am on Remote Zoom Meeting**

### **1. Agenda Summons**

### **2. Public Session – none**

### **3. Present:**

Cllr Mounsey (Chairman) Cllrs Rowlinson, Wrigglesworth & McCaig (arrived after 9am) Cllr Parkinson (left at 9.25am)

### **Also Present:**

Cllrs Luke, Fisher, Elliott & Mrs Mills

### **Apologies:**

Cllrs Miller & Stenson

### **4. 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

### **5. Dispensations:**

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

### **6. Risk Management –**

#### **a) Flooding at Cemetery –**

it was RESOLVED to note the information circulated by the Clerk regarding the damp issues under the floor in the chapel – prior to procuring quotations for any work

the Clerk suggested that she should contact the Estates team at Erewash Borough Council to seek their advice on how to proceed.

**b) Goal Posts –**

it was RESOLVED to note that the Mr Fisher awaits confirmation of delivery date from the suppliers of the goalposts.

**c)Anti-Social Behaviour Open Spaces-**

it was RESOLVED to note that the caretaker continues to find general evidence of cannabis use on Perks but thankfully it has not been excessive in recent weeks. The Clerk reported that several residents on Holly Avenue had reported suspicious activity near to the cemetery that appeared to be possible drug dealing – area to be monitored.

**d) Sensory Garden Plaque -**

it was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk spoke to Mr Fisher about the plaque and had circulated photos of the fastenings – Clerk to make further investigations.

**e) Johnson’s Meadow Access**

• **Pedestrian Access Gate**

It was RESOLVED to note the new gate was installed on Friday the 18.12.20 – Cllr Wrigglesworth suggested that a latch should be installed to prevent horses easily using the area. The Clerk reported that following the recent floods and work undertaken at the field the bridge was looking in poor shape – further investigation to be undertaken into possible repairs. Mr Fisher had suggested a method to repair the bridge and the clerk awaited a formal quote.

• **Horse Access**

It was RESOLVED that the Clerk contacted the landowners and Sustrans to report the issues and request assistance. The landowner and tenant are investigating and will hopefully provide a temporary measure to prevent horse access in the new year.

**f) PCMR Water Heater –**

it was RESOLVED to note that the water heater in the meeting room had developed a leak and needed attention. The Clerk had arranged for the electrician to attend to inspect and it would be more cost effective to replace the unit rather than fix the old one. A quote for £165 for replacement was accepted.

**g) Chapel Roof –**

it was RESOLVED to note that over the Christmas break a small number of tiles had become loose on the roof, Mr Fisher had inspected the roof and reported that a crawler ladder was required, work to be undertaken week commencing 11th January 2021.

**h) PCMR – Skylight –**

it was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk continued to search for a replacement cover for the sun tunnel in the Parish Office and would circulate cost details when found.

**7. The Old Rectory/Perks Recreation Ground–**

**a) Gate in the boundary**

it was RESOLVED to note that the official letter had been received. Councillors discussed the issues relating to the acceptance and agreed to allow the gate in the boundary.

**b) Trees on boundary**

it was RESOLVED to note the advice and costings from the tree surgeon were provided to Parallel Parents on the 18.12.20 and they had agreed to option 2 and

were happy to pay for work going forward. The Clerk had made the arrangements for the work to be completed at the same time as the other tree work on Perks.

## **8. Cemetery Memorial Safety -**

It was RESOLVED to note that the remaining unsafe stones were laid once more on the 15.12.20. Quotes are still awaited from stone masons and it is hoped they will be received in the new year. Clerk to chase the remaining quotes and provide a comparison as soon as possible. The different methods of sinking were discussed, and it was agreed that the flush with the ground method was preferable.

## **9. Soil Pile**

It was RESOLVED to note that the quotation for the new soil pile structure had been received and the Clerk requested further quotes on the 23.12.20.

## **10. Perks Park Play Area/Paddling Pool Project -**

It was RESOLVED to note that a new committee was required to progress any plans for the park. Cllrs McCaig, Mounsey, Wrigglesworth, Rowlinson, Elliott, & Luke all expressed an interest in being on the committee. It was agreed that Cllr McCaig would Chair the meetings. Clerk to organise a meeting in due course. The first steps to be taken would be a full and detailed consultation with residents.

## **11. Trees**

### **a) Trees- Woodland Trust –**

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk requested quotes for further trees to plant in the area of land at the crossroads of the Sustrans Path and Sails Farm access 22.12.20.

### **b) Tree Report 2020 –**

It was RESOLVED to note that the final decision from EBC had been chased and received before Christmas. The Clerk had contacted the tree surgeons and a rough date of March had been given – it was hoped however that the work would be able to be done sooner, regulations and restrictions permitting.

### **c) Memorial Trees –**

#### **i) Plaques**

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk made an enquiry with the company that provides the plaques and awaits a response. The Clerk requested quotes for the replacement tree on 22.12.20 and will circulate the prices when received.

#### **ii) Further Memorial Requests**

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk made further enquiries of the work colleagues of Elizabeth Dobson a lady who lived in the village. They have a budget of £100 and would like to plant in either Duffield Close or Elvaston Castle. Clerk to investigate contact details for the Castle and report back.

The request from the Beardmore family has been accepted and the bench will be ordered in the new year. Clerk awaits a price from Mr Fisher for the installation.

## **12. Annual Play Inspection Report –**

### **a) MUGA –**

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had spoken to Mr Fisher about the work at the MUGA and that the best way forward was to quote to replace the sections to the rear of the goals with a new tubular system and panels and then to use the panels

removed from these areas to replace the damaged ones in the main sports area. Once the quote is received from the steel suppliers the Clerk will ask the other contractors to provide like for like quotes.

### **13. Covid19 Restrictions –**

#### **a) Play Equipment/MUGA**

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk continues to monitor closely the Government Guidelines and posters are checked each week to ensure that park users are clear on what their responsibilities are. The new lock down sees the Play area left open but the MUGA as an outdoor sports court closed. Clerk to organise the posters accordingly.

#### **b) Council Buildings**

it was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk continues to work in isolation a new poster has now been displayed, situation being monitored.

### **14. Grounds Maintenance Contract 2021/22**

It was RESOLVED to note that tender information was sent out to 8 companies and five responses have been received. One company declined to quote, and the four remaining quotes are as follows:

Glendale	10,584.00
Shedgrounds	10,790.78
Fox Landscaping	13,358.28
Grasstracks	9,500.00

Detailed quotes circulated by email to Councillors 23.12.20.

Following discussion, it was RESOLVED to accept the Glendale tender.

### **15. Cemetery-**

#### **a) Holly Avenue Boundary**

It was RESOLVED to note that the work had been completed early between Christmas and New Year.

### **16. Councillors Reports Feedback:**

#### **a) Pavilion Security –**

It was RESOLVED to note that a list of names has now been received from the football team and the clerk awaits phone and email details to complete the document. It was agreed that the club should be limited to 10 keyholders.

#### **b) Disabled Access Gates**

It was RESOLVED to note that the magnet was still in situ however the lock had been damaged, Mr Fisher had removed the lock to repair and would refit as soon as possible.

#### **c) Cavagna Signage**

It was RESOLVED to note that a sign will be installed in due course by the team at Cavagna.

## **17. Councillor's Reports:**

### **a) Cemetery Gates Opening/Closing –**

Cllr Mounsey enquired what was to be done about the team at EBC not opening and closing the gates over the holidays. The Clerk had emailed R Ashley to report the issue and awaited a response.

### **b) Bin Perks Park – Rectory Road**

Cllr Fisher reported complaints about the siting of the bin and the state of the grass around the bin. The problem was discussed, clerk to investigate the site with Mr Fisher.

### **c) Litter Bin Earlswood Close –**

Cllr Wigglesworth enquired whether a further request could be made for a bin to be sited at the end of Earlswood at the entrance to the footpath. Clerk to investigate.

### **d) Further trees Perks Park –**

Cllr Rowlinson enquired if further trees could be planted on Perks – the clerk reported that there were over 100 on there already – perhaps this could be part of the new sub committees' remit (see minute 10 above)

### **e) Verge Perks Park –**

A request had been received from a member of the public regarding the path into and out of Perks from Rectory Road, Mrs Mills reported that residents with pushchairs and wheelchairs did have issues leaving by this exit because of the lack of dropped kerbs in the area. Clerk to make a request to DCC regarding dropped kerbs. The issues with the muddy path were difficult as the land where the path is currently sited is not owned by the Parish Council.

### **f) Dogs on Open Spaces –**

Cllrs McCaig reported that she had been verbally abused by a dog owner on Duffield Close when she asked him to put his dog on a lead. Clerk to ask the Dog Wardens to carry out a covert session on the green to try and encourage people to keep their dogs on a lead. Clerk to post a notice on Facebook about the bye laws and issues when dogs are off the lead.

The meeting closed at 10.10am

## **110/20 Highways & Lighting Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th January at 10.10am on Remote Zoom Meeting**

### **1. Agenda Summons**

### **2. Public Session – none**

### **3. Present:**

Cllr Rowlinson (Chairman) Cllrs Fisher, Elliott, Mounsey & Wigglesworth

### **Also Present:**

Cllrs Luke, McCaig and Mrs Mills

### **Apologies:**

Cllr Parkinson & Cllr Stenson

#### **4. 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 – Cllrs Rowlinson & Fisher declared an interest in any In Bloom items.

#### **5. Dispensations:**

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

#### **6. Potholes/Street Lights/Overhanging Vegetation –**

##### **a) Highways Report:**

it was RESOLVED to note that potholes have been reported on Firfield Avenue, Mount Street, Maxwell Street and Harrimans Drive as yet none have been repaired. Cllr Mounsey reported that Hills Road was in extremely poor repair, Clerk to contact Highways to report.

##### **b) Street Lighting –**

it was RESOLVED to note that streetlights have been reported on Draycott Road opposite Stevens Lane and near to Hills Road as yet still not working. Cllr Mounsey suggested a survey of street lighting to ascertain any further lights not in operation, Clerk to post on Facebook asking residents to report any faulty lights.

##### **c)Overhanging Vegetation-**

it was RESOLVED to note that East Midlands Housing have arranged for work to be undertaken to the overgrown area on Draycott Road near to the Goldenbrook. The Clerk chased DCC regarding overgrown hedge at 90 Longmoor Lane 21.12.20. Clerk to continue to chase.

##### **d) Bourne Square Yellow Lines -**

it was RESOLVED to note that a very lack lustre response was received from DCC reporting that the lines would be attended to. The Clerk responded pointing out that the damage to the hedge was still an issue which required investigation 23.12.20. Cllr Luke to speak to the property owner regarding the matter.

#### **7. School Run Issues:**

##### **a) Air Pollution – Wilsthorpe Road –**

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk continues to liaise with the Head and another meeting will be organised for the new year.

##### **b) Inconsiderate Parking – Meadow Close –**

It was RESOLVED to note that the head included a further note to parents in the

##### **c) DALC AGM (20/10/2020) Motion – School Run Issues.**

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk had made an enquiry with DALC regarding the progress of the motion and that they were planning to contact NALC early in the new year.

#### **8. Breaston in Bloom – Longmoor Lane –**

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk chased DCC for a response to Cllr Parkinson's enquiry regarding the NO Tree Policy on the 21.12.20 a response is awaited. Clerk to continue to lobby the County Council.

## **9. Councillor's Reports-**

### **a) Cllr Luke – Trampled bulbs, Longmoor Lane Verges –**

Following reports from the public the Clerk had posted a request to horse riders on the Facebook page, it was RESOLVED that the Clerk would display posters/notices in the area again and more Facebook posts would be issued with photos of the damage.

### **b) Cllr Elliott – Burst Water Main Heath Gardens/Wilsthorpe Road –**

Cllr Elliott reported that Severn Trent had attended the site and were investigating the problem.

### **c) Cllr McCaig Verges Grosvenor Avenue –**

Cllr McCaig enquired if the verges at the building site had been repaired, Cllr Rowlinson reported not and that she would speak to the builders.

The meeting closed at 10.30am

## **111/20 Environment Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Monday 11th January at 9.00am on Remote Zoom Meeting**

### **1. Agenda Summons -**

### **2. Public Session – none**

### **3. Present:**

Cllr Elliott (Chairman) Cllrs Luke, Parkinson (left 955am), Miller, Mounsey & Wrigglesworth

### **Also Present:**

Cllrs Rowlinson, Fisher, Stenson & Mrs Mills

### **Apologies:**

none

### **4. 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

### **5. Dispensations:**

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

### **6. Village Improvement Programme –**

It was RESOLVED to note that there had been little progress, the Clerk continues to chase up issues. Clerk to investigate the large builder's bags on Draycott Road and to close the items on Huntercombe House and Wards Lane.

### **7. New Parish Plan Document -**

It was RESOLVED to note that Cllr Rowlinson continues to work on the document and will circulate a pdf version to Cllrs for comment on layout and subjects for inclusion.

### **8. Flood Issues–**

#### **a) Risley Lane –**

it was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk continues to chase STW, an email sent to the whole team on the 22.12.20 no response as yet.

**b) Festival Avenue/Gregory Avenue –**

it was RESOLVED to note that the further work to Johnson’s meadow ditch will be commenced this month if possible, Clerk to speak to the contractors about the standing water in the ditch. Work on the old school site had been completed and the culvert under the footpath was being monitored by the Sustrans team and would be cleared when possible.

**c) Heath Gardens –**

it was RESOLVED to note that the blocked culvert at the junction of Wilsthorpe Road and Heath Gardens has been reported again on the 18/11/20 still no response and work not carried out. Plans were received from DCC of watercourses in Breaston unfortunately the watercourses that run from Longmoor Lane through to the Lagoon aren’t marked. Clerk to investigate with DCC.

**9. Applications –**

The committee considered the following planning applications, and the recommendations were as follows:

ERE/1220/0047 - 60 Holmes Road - Detached pergola in front garden - No objections

ERE/1220/0033 - Church Wilne Water Sports Club Sawley Road, Wilne Cross, Breaston - The erection of 2 no blocks of permanent timber boat storage sheds – The Parish Council recommends approval in line with the National Planning Policy Framework Paragraph 145(B):

“A local planning authority should regard the construction of new buildings as inappropriate in the Green Belt. Exceptions to this are: b) the provision of appropriate facilities (in connection with the existing use of land or a change of use) for outdoor sport, outdoor recreation, cemeteries and burial grounds and allotments; as long as the facilities preserve the openness of the Green Belt and do not conflict with the purposes of including land within it.” Furthermore – We consider the permanency as questionable. The sheds are a significant improvement both visually and uniformly over the current ad hoc Awnings and being of a similar footprint and scale, preserve the current openness of the Green Belt. Hence we consider these sheds as Appropriate under ‘Very Special Circumstances’. Should there be any remaining White Awnings in poor condition, we request that they be replaced with something more suitable such as these sheds, as soon as is practical.

**10. Decisions –**

The following decisions had been made by Erewash Borough Council:

ERE/1120/0054 - 96 Draycott Road (Huntercombe House) - Concerns were raised regarding the new boundary fencing and gatehouse being visible from Draycott Road. Any changes to the front boundary wall should be in keeping with the current wall. - Approved with conditions 07.01.21

ERE/1120/0031 - Duffield Close – Our application - Approved with conditions 23.12.20.

ERE/1120/0008 - 94 Risley Lane - No objections - Approved with conditions 23.12.20

ERE/1020/0063 - 94 Draycott Road - No Consultation - Approved with conditions 23.12.20

## **11. Enforcement Issues and Appeals**

### **a) Brailsford Meadow –**

It was RESOLVED to note the decision which was made on 6.1.21. The appeal was allowed, and the erection of a dwelling house accepted with conditions relating to the boundary line and the removal of the fencing to be replaced by native hedging.

## **12. Navigation Inn – Listed Status –**

It was RESOLVED to note that the Clerk continues to collate information for the application and will circulate the submission as soon as possible. Cllr Fisher to assist. Cllr Rowlinson suggested contacting local historian Mrs Stock and will pass contact details to the Clerk. Cllr Stenson suggested looking at the CAMRA website for assistance with the application.

## **13. Councillors Reports:**

None

Meeting closed at 10.15am

## **112/20 Finance Committee of Breaston Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th of January at 10.30am on Remote Zoom Meeting**

### **1. Summons**

### **2. Public Session: none**

### **3. Present:**

Cllr Luke (Chairman) Cllrs Mounsey, Wrigglesworth, Elliott, McCaig, & Rowlinson

### **Also Present:**

Cllr Fisher & Mrs Mills

### **Apologies:**

Cllrs Miller & Parkinson

### **4. 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 – All members of the Parish Council have an interest in the setting of the Precept.

### **5. Dispensations:**

To report on and consider any requests for dispensation in accordance with s31 of the Localism Act 2011 – All members of the Council have been granted a dispensation for the setting of the Precept.

### **6. Budget Setting 2021-2022 –**

It was RESOLVED to note that Cllr Luke and the Clerk are to meet to discuss the 2020/21 budget on Monday the 4th of January and a report was circulated by the Clerk on the 5.1.21 (See below). Cllr Luke explained the report and following some discussion:

- It was RESOLVED to accept the forecast spend and balanced budget for 2020/21
- It was RESOLVED to approve the Budget for 2021/22
- It was RESOLVED to retain the precept at the current level for the financial year 2021/22.

## 7. Councillors Reports –

None

The Meeting closed at 10.55am

### **Finance Budget Report Precept & Concurrent Functions 2021-2022**

Cllr Luke and the Clerk have met to discuss the current year budget and the need for any Precept increases in the new year.

The current balance of this year's budget remaining is £24,209.04 if all cost centres are spent this would result in a balanced budget, however we look set to have some possible underspends on the budget due to the reduction in activity over the year because of the Covid19 restrictions.

Last year we increased the Precept by £10,000 in line with the need to deal with the litter removal in the Parish which at the time was looking to cost the Council a considerable sum of money, the need for a vehicle, store and building to house the litter were all investigated. As you are all aware the problem was eventually solved at a much lower cost with EBC continuing to collect the rubbish for us at just over £1100 per year which has left us in a reasonably comfortable financial position going forward. The increases to budgets made in Oct/Nov 2020 were possible due to the increased income:

Salary Increases

Tree Work Budget Increase

Litter Bin Emptying Increase

We also received the business rates grant earlier this year which solved some financial issues going forward as shown in the Income Summary attached. (MUGA and Chapel Repairs)

We continue to look at all areas of reserves to ensure any balances can be fully justified.

Budget increases for the new financial year could be required for the following cost centres:

- Grounds maintenance – quotes are all in now increase of circa £1,000
- Salary – is still up for debate with Government with a possible pay freeze on the cards however 2.5% increase would mean £1,000.
- Dog Bags usage has increased the publicity on Facebook and everyone buying a puppy in the lock down! £ 250

As of yet we are unsure whether the Concurrent Functions Grant will be reduced or not this year (you will recall it wasn't reduced last year) however the Chief Accountant at EBC has suggested working to a reduction of 5% which would mean a decrease of £2298.80 in the income for 2021-22.

As you know we are in line with many of the other parishes in Erewash see Parish Council information attached.

The increase in Precept last year and subsequent savings made mainly due to Covid19 suggest that an increase in the Precept is not necessary this year, in light of the financial difficulties that residents may be facing it is thought prudent to retain the precept at the current level of £51,840.00 for the financial year 2021/22.

### 113/20      **Payments & Receipts January 2021**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
E.on	Electricity PCMR	247.60
E.on	Electricity Chapel	17.84
E.on	Electricity Pavilion	35.61
Glendale	Removal of Yews Cemetery	370.39
Glendale	Clearance of boundary of Old Cemetery	341.71
Isobel the Florist	Thank you, Sensory Garden,	50.00
Defib4life	Cabinet & Defibrillator	1516.80
Post Office	December Meeting Refreshments	22.90
Co-op	December Meeting Refreshments	3.00
S Fisher	Spring Balance repairs	45.00
Excel Office Equipment	Stationery (Dividers/Ink Cartridges)	108.00
Sterilizing Services	Legionella Checks December	44.38
Breaston in Bloom	Planting Summer & Autumn	1122.44
S Fisher	Hills Road Pedestrian Gate	160.00
Mr Christmas Tree	Tree Breaston Green	210.00
Glendale	Grounds Maintenance December	966.60
Various	Staff Costs	4361.52
<b>Total</b>		<b>£9,623.79</b>
<b>Payer</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Erewash Borough Council	Precept Income 4 <sup>th</sup> Instalment	12,960.00
Erewash Borough Council	Concurrent Functions 4 <sup>th</sup> Instalment	11,494.00
J Hanser	Exclusive Rights NH7	900.00
Mrs Flahey	Ground Rent	331.46
<b>Total</b>		<b>£25,685.46</b>

It was proposed and seconded that the above accounts for January be accepted. Councillor Elliott enquired if there was any way that the Clerk could mark lines on the Expenditure report to show that the budget was complete or that there would be further spend – Clerk to introduce a colour coding for this issue.

### 114/20      **Public Questions**

#### **a) Cemetery Responsibility –**

Cllr Stenson enquired about the cemetery site and which areas Breaston Parish Council was responsible for – the Clerk shared screen and showed a plan of the site.

**b) Responsibilities**

Mr Beeching enquired about the Flooding of the Sustrans path and the overhanging vegetation detailed in the committee reports above and on whether the Parish Council had the powers to carry out the work and charge the landowners back. The Clerk reported that the Sustrans team were responsible for the canal path and the Canal Society were responsible for the culvert – the team are just waiting for the water to recede to allow them access to the culvert to clear it. The clearance of overhanging vegetation from the highway can be dealt with by the County Council as they have powers to take the necessary action, the Clerk often writes to landowners in the first instance and it is generally successful sometimes this must be referred to County to take action. Unfortunately, the Parish Council does not have these powers but is happy to lobby the correct authorities until the work is carried out!

**115/20 Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2021 at 7.15pm via Zoom remote meeting.

Meeting Closed at 20.25pm

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08.02.21