

Clerks report 1st February 2017

PARISH FUNCTIONS

Both of the venues for the Xmas light switch-on proved extremely successful and it was satisfying to receive so much praise and thanks. We were helped a great deal to a recently formed community group to whom we owe tremendous thanks.

We are in the process of re-examining our functions over the coming year with lots of new ideas to entertain as many persons as possible.

Our first occasion will be a children's half-term disco to be held at the village hall on Saturday 18th February (2.00-3.30pm) It will be professionally run and include music, party games, snacks and drinks. Cost £1 per head – limited spaces available.

Our next venture will be an EGGSTAVAGANDA on Sunday 16th April (10.00-11.30 am) and will be at the "Queens Head" and cost £5 which will include breakfast (sausage, egg and chips). Again it is being professionally arranged and will include an Easter Egg hunt , balloon modelling, music and party games. A Giant White Easter Bunny, Alice in Wonderland and the Mad Hatter will also be joining in the fun. Again spaces are limited.

FLOOD GAUGES

The flood gauges are now up and running and will advise potential victims of any flood problems. We are very anxious to avoid the terrible problems that occurred in the past and whilst we can't completely stop emergencies the new gauges will advise when flood levels start to rise and will continue to give warnings every 15 minutes indicating the water depth until the risk has subsided. This should give residents sufficient times to have sand bags in place and move valued items to a place of safety. The Parish Council are aware that blockages in the water can create flooding levels and

therefore allow time to clear the obstructions before damage occurs.

We have asked all the residents in the immediate vicinity of the last flooding to give us their e-mail address. In cases where houses were directly affected by flooding we are also taking telephone numbers to allow text messages to be sent.

BUS SERVICES

There have been recent worrying information regarding changes to the local bus service. The Parish Council are making representations and enquiries and hopefully we can arrange a satisfactory arrangement as soon as possible.

LIBRARY.

Many people seem to have forgotten that we have a library in the Parish Hall – We have many books – hard backs and paperbacks – story and reference books. There is no charge and these are available weekdays between 9.00 and noon.

TRIM TRAIL

The new equipment has now been installed on Deans Drive and is already being used by residents to get fitter and tone-up. We will be employing a fitness expert to be available to help our residents use the equipment safely and sensibly. As soon as this is arranged it will be announced on the Notice Boards

CHAIR BASED EXERCISE

We are still running a FREE chair based exercise class on Friday afternoons. Again it is being supervised by a fitness expert. The gentle exercise is helping the not so fit members of the public and from comments received it is good fun and enjoyable.

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Most parishioners were aware that the play area on Bare Lane Fields was being totally re-designed at a cost of £55,000. The old equipment was removed before Christmas following a survey of school children to give their opinions of what they required. The work on the new layout and equipment has now started and should be finished by the end of February.

CHEQUES REQUIRING SIGNATURE – 1st FEBRUARY 2017

R. PARKER	EXPENSES	£825.18	INCL VAT £47.72
H. BEVAN	EXPENSES	£67.19	INCL VAT £6.05
MR. XMAS TREE	WALL BRACKETS	£1728	INCL VAT £288
EREWASH BC	WASTE DISPOSAL	£48.75	
DERBYSHIRE CC	BARE LANE BUS SHELTER	£3389.84	INCL VAT £64.97
B DICKSON	SOUND SYSTEM	£200	
EREWASH BC	XMAS LIGHTS	£1633.50	INCL VAT £272.25
STREETSCAPE	TRIM TRAIL	£11982	INCL VAT £1997
EREWASH BC	WAGES	£5313.97	INCL VAT £6.56

INCOME/EXPENDITURE – JANUARY 2017

CHEQUES

HELP FOR HAYLEY	DONATION	£250		£250
C JOHNSON	ARMCHAIR EXERCISE	£75		£75
ASHBROOK YOUTH GROUP	DONATION	£250		£250
STREETSCAPE	REPAIR FROG	£100	£20	£120
AMBASSADORS	DONATION	£100		£100
R.PARKER	CLERKS EXP (DEC)	£1623.34	£187.93	£1811.27
BARRIERS DIRECT	BOLLARD	£73.50	£14.70	£88.20
TOTAL		£2471.84	£222.63	£2694.47

DIRECT DEBITS

EREWASH B C	HALL RATES	£100		£100
N'POWER	GAS	£216.67	£43.33	£260
EON	ELECTRICTY	£73.04	£3.65	£76.69
S. ALCOCK FOR POOR	REPAYMENT	£112.46		£112.46
EREWASH BC	CEMETERY RATES	£15		£15
VIRGIN MEDIA (6MONTHS)	PHONE/BROADBAND	£300	£60	£360
TOTAL		£817.17	106.98	£924.15

INCOME

BURIALS	£205
INTEREST	£5.10
ROOM HIRE/ALLOTMENTS	£3082.23
TRANSFER FROM TRUST A/C	£2100
XMAS TREES/FLAGS	£92
TOTAL	£5484.33