

CLERKS REPORT – MARCH 2017

For PC meeting 5th April 2017

RECREATION GROUNDS.

Following the very wet weather the new play equipment on Bare Lane Fields should be ready by Easter. Wet weather has delayed the progress but we are assured that the work should be completed soon. Thanks to the recent grant of £10,000 we have ordered further trim trail equipment for Deans Drive which should be installed within the next month which should encourage our keep-fitters over the summer months.

ACCOUNTS.

Books are now balanced from the last financial year and will shortly be forwarded to the internal auditors following which his report will be sent to the external auditors. Following a very successful year reserved funds are only slightly down over the year.

DOG MESS

The Parish Council are continually trying to halt the problem with dog mess that has not been picked up. We are giving away doggie bags to persons calling at the office and we are placing an advert on the notice boards saying that a reward of £50 will be given to anyone reporting a dog fouling offence that has resulted in a conviction. Hopefully this will dissuade perpetrators to stop their disgusting habits.

FLOWER BEDS.

We have received numerous compliments with regard to the daffodil displays in the parish and especially for the War memorial that looks magnificent. We appreciate that these displays lifts everyones spirit and we are considering further sites to enhance with displays.

NEW CEMETERY.

As our spaces on Balmoral Cemetery are becoming somewhat limited and being aware that it takes probably 5 years to create a new cemetery we have been looking for a new site for the last few years. We have now been very fortunate to receive a very generous offer from Dr. Bob Hedley for some land on Derby Road which he will lease to us for a nominal fee. Various surveys to confirm its suitability have been completed and initial plans have been prepared after discussion with local bodies. Dr. Hedley has seen the initial plans and will be discussing the next step with his solicitors. We will be moving towards an application for planning permission.

FLOOD GAUGES.

The recently installed flood gauges on Kimberly Road and Cole Lane appear to be working perfectly. Signals were received on the slight increased and decreased heights of the water at Kimberly Road and there were no signals from the Cole Lane gauge which has been checked and confirmed as working perfectly. Should any persons likely to be affected by possible flooding wish to receive the warning signals they should contact the Clerk at the Parish Office.

WEBSITE

We have been aware for some time that our website needed updating as there were many items being displayed that were well out of date. This is a large job and parishioners should soon see a vast improvement.

POSSIBLE HOUSE BUILDING SITE ALONGSIDE ELM STREET ALLOTMENTS.

The Parish Council are aware of the situation and have consulted with solicitors regarding our worries regarding various aspects of the proposed site. We are certainly not in favour of the work but are restricted in some respects by current agreements that the landowners have. There will be no further offers of extra rights to the landowners by the Parish Council.

5TH APRIL 2017 – CHEQUES REQUIRING APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE

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Ashbrook Youth Group	Donation	3 months	£750		
Erewash BC	Wages		£4418.82	£6.56	£4425.38
R. Parker	Expenses		£1476.28	£126.49	£1602.77
H. Bevan	Expenses		£15.38	£2.17	£17.55
Care & Repair	Ground Maintenance		£960		£960
Steelcraft	Refit Jubilee Post		£300	£60	£360
British Gas	Car Charger		£2545.05	£509.01	£3054.06
Christiana Johnson	Chair based exercise		£125		£125
Mr. Christmas Tree	Wall brackets		£140	£28	£16
Smiths of Derby	Clock Repair		£184	£36.80	£220.80
Park Hall	Website		£355.58		£355.58
Erewash BC	Waste Disposal		£58.50		£58.50
Borrowbrook Home Link*	Donation		£2100		£2100

*compensating amount to transferred be from “S. Alcock for the poor” Trust

INCOME/EXPENDITURE – MARCH 2017 – PC Meeting 5th April 2017

DIRECT DEBITS

N.Power	Gas	£216.67	£43.33	£260
Eon	Electricity	£64.80	£3.24	£68.04
Virgin Media	Phone/BB	£16.16	£3.23	19.39
Office Depot	Stationery	£198.44	£39.69	£238.13

CHEQUES

Mr. Xmas tree	Xmas trees	£4398	£879.60	£5277.60
Kareena Hayes	Donation	£250		£250
R. Parker	Expenses	£555.88	£77.99	£633.87
H. Bevan	Expenses	£73.77	£5.47	£79.24
S. Watson	PAT/Fire tests	£59.40		£59.40
Data Protection	Fees	£35		£35
Erewash BC	Wages	£5454.44	£6.56	£5461
Ashbrook YG	Donation	£250		£250

INCOME

Interest	£4.60
Grant	£10,000
Burials	£970
Room Hire	£302.50
Xmas tree/flags	£58