

**MINUTES OF THE OCKBROOK AND BORROWASH PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING held on Wednesday 6th February 2013 at the
Parish Hall Ockbrook commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: T Holbrook Chairman
 P Archer
 D Archer
 J Wild
 M White
 B Solloway
 J Tizzard
 MV Tumanow

G E Taylor Clerk

289/2012 Apologies for Absence

M Wallis, H Bevan, J Owens, A Solloway, Cllr R. Parkinson, Cllr W Major, PC Walker

290/2012 Declaration of Members Interests.

Nil

291/2012 Public Speaking

a) Public

Ms T McFadden- gave her report to the Parish Council on the issues raised reference her refused Planning Application for 244 Victoria Avenue, Ockbrook.

The Parish Council is not the Planning Authority and at this stage the Parish Council has no further input.

Ms McFadden's report details are not recorded in these minutes.

A.Sims

The Derbyshire Constabulary no longer has an approved speed gun for operation in the Parish. Could the Parish Council make enquiries as to whether there was an approved gun available for use in the UK?

The Parish Council agreed to raise this issue with MP Jessica Lee.

M Shaw

The widening of the footpath between Borrowash and Elvaston Castle.

Although there had been some inconvenience to motorists with the closure of the road at certain times, The DCC were doing a good job and the safety of footpath users will be much enhanced.

Also there is a problem with flooding on the Sustran's Footpath and people were diverting onto the Old Power Station Road. The matter will be referred to Cllr Parkinson to resolve.

The Council thanked M Shaw for all his efforts in getting the work into DCC's programme.

Questions were asked regarding the brook in Ockbrook and flooding.

The Parish Council will discuss these issues when they meet DCC on 25th February and report back at the Parish Council's March Meeting (6th March 2013)

b) Derbyshire County Council Report

DCC Councillor Wayne Major

We have increased road repairs to fix flood damage.

Extra staff have been drafted in to drive along the county's most important routes – around 1,500 miles – to find and fix dangerous potholes.

Heavy and persistent rain washed away road surfaces in some areas, turning potholes into craters. I saw this ours self with two large potholes appearing over night on Town street which have both now been repaired. Days of continuous rain meant we couldn't get out there to keep on top of the repairs and this means our roads are in a pretty bad way. That's why we surveyed all our priority routes to identify dangerous defects and make them safe.

The county council has changing the way it deals with day-to-day pothole repairs reducing the number of temporary quick fixes in favour of longer-term repairs. These repairs will take longer but will be permanent and higher quality.

You can report a pothole by:

http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport_roads/roads_traffic/road_fault/default.asp

contactcentre@derbyshire.gov.uk

Call Derbyshire: 08 456 058 058 or 01629 533190

Remember to write down the Ref number so you can track progress.

The Winter Weather

When writing this report we were still experiencing the winter weather but I expect all the snow to be gone at the time of our meeting.

The Council employees have done an excellent job of keeping service going during the bad weather and I personally thank them all for their efforts.

The county treats around 1,555 miles of roads – around half the roads we look after which is more than most councils.

We use the latest weather forecasting technology and road temperature sensors to decide when our gritters need to go out and how much grit they need to spread, and we'll be keeping a close eye on the conditions so that we can act quickly as and when we need to.

Residents can report a damaged or empty grit bin online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/gritbins or ringing Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190.

Salting myths:

Once the gritter has put salt on the road all ice will melt. This is not true! Spreading salt on the road is only the start of the de-icing process. Movement of salt around the road by traffic is essential to complete the process. Overnight, when traffic levels are low, roads can remain icy for some time.

Spreading salt on fresh snow will melt it more quickly. This is not true! Salt only effectively melts snow when it is less than 40mm deep and traffic can move the salt around. It is essential we plough fresh snow to a depth of 40mm before spreading salt.

No matter what the temperature salt will melt the ice. This is not true! In the concentrations we use on our roads salt does not melt ice below minus eight degrees centigrade and is less effective at temperatures below minus five degrees centigrade.

Again I would like to remind residents to Renew your Gold Card

If your Gold Card does expire in March 2013 and you want a new one you need to get in touch with DCC. This is because DCC need to send you a new Gold Card before your current card expires.

**OCKBROOK & BORROWASH PARISH COUNCIL
Wednesday 6th February 2013
REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(Cllr. Robert A. Parkinson)**

Today's County Council meeting will be recommended by the Cabinet to freeze its share of the Council Tax for a third year running, for the first time ever, together with

approving an annual Revenue Budget for 2013/14 set at £533m – including budget reduction targets of £27m.

The planned savings are on top of £70m of savings and 1,600 job losses in the last three years – most of which have been through early retirement, voluntary redundancy, and vacancy control.

The five year plan has been updated to show that further reductions of £100m are required over the next four years.

The Capital Budget includes provision to resurface the pavements in Manor Road/Princess Drive.

c) Erewash Borough Council

The Council will be approving forthcoming budgets in early March 2013. It is anticipated that there will not be any increase in Council Tax in 2013/14

d) Derbyshire Constabulary Report

Anti Social Behaviour

Year to date – 219

Previous year 263

So far a fall of 44

Shop Thefts – Coop – 4

Car Break In- 3

Criminal Damage- 2

Petrol Theft – Shell Garage – 2

Drug Offence - 1

292/2012 Planning

Resubmission 60 Green Lane Ockbrook- No representations

293/2012 To confirm The Non Confidential Minutes of the Meeting (s) held on:-

December 5th 2012- confirmed and signed

294/2012 Report of the Parish Clerk

Parishes/Derbyshire Constabulary Police Liaison- DALC has been asked why the Annual Parishes Derbyshire Constabulary Meeting has been cancelled.

Spring Newsletter 2013

Any articles/adverts should be with the Clerk by the last week in February. A draft newsletter will be prepared for the first week in March and sent for printing ,publication and distribution by Mid March.

Fields in Trust-

The Parish Council Resolved to

- a) Join Fields in Trust
- b) Seek to protect The fields used by the Ockbrook and Borrowash Cricket Club on Victoria Avenue Ockbrook and protect these as Green Open Spaces

295/2012 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Circular 46/2012

What's next for Localism; New PAYE arrangements; Improving Local Government Transparency; Technical Reforms of Planning Appeals; Roundup of Funding Opportunities; Clerk/ RFO vacancies Carsington and Hopwell PC; Idridgehay, Alton and Ashleyhay Parish Council

Circular 47/2012

Council Tax Reduction Schemes-Certainty of Funding for Town and Parish Councils; DALC website; Winter Flooding; Sport England Small Grant Programme; NE Derbyshire DC Parish Liaison Meeting; DALC Opening Hours Christmas and New Year; Clerk RFO vacancy Walton on Trent PC; Clerk/RFO vacancy Glenfield PC (Leics)

Circular 1/2013

Index of Most Important Elements of 2012 DALC Circulars

296/2012 Flooding

As reported above the Council will be holding a meeting with DCC on 25th February 2013.

297/2012 Report from representatives on Outside Bodies

Nil

298/2012 Finance

a)	Expenditure since last meeting	£ 15177.1
	Income since Last meeting	£ 1833.78
	All approved.	

Accounts	Erewash Borough Council	Parish Hall Rates	93.00
(inc VAT)	Virgin Media	Broadband	29.99
	JWP	Computer Maintenance	60.00
	British Gas	Gas	182.00
	Chairman's Allowance		50.00

SLCC	Membership +ILCM	247.00
Royal Oak	Christmas	91.75
Midland Reprographics	Photocopies	31.68
Plan4Print	Newsletter	642.00
ST Water	Cemetery	28.91
ST Water	Parish Hall	116.46
Siemens FS	Photocopier	19.03
Siemens FS	Photocopier	163.51
Clerk	Expenses	68.90
Salaries	December 2012	1815.74
Caretaker	December 2012	280.00
Care and Repair	Maintenance	690.00
HMRC	December 2012	532.27
A Chambers Electrics	Parish Hall	750.00
Queens Head	Senior Citizens Party	323.75
Chairman's Allowance		100.00
D Wild	Newsletter Delivery	90.00
Mr Christmas Tree	Christmas Trees	348.00
Virgin Media	Telephony	45.25
Midland Reprographics	Photocopies	32.22
Viking	Stationary	89.40
Care and Repair	Lights Repair	45.00
Erewash Borough Council	Hanging Baskets	378.00
Virgin Media	Broadband	29.99
Erewash Borough Council	Rates	93.00
Coop	Xmas	22.07
JWP	Computer Maintenance	60.00
Virgin Media	Telephony	34.40
Erewash Borough Council	Waste	45.50
Care and Repair	Bare Lane Hedges	480.00
Rotary Club Church Wilne	Float	100.00
Ockbrook News	Papers	34.37
Salaries	Jan 2013	2050.24
Caretaker	Jan 2013	350.00
HMRC	Jan 2013	737.67
H Bevan	Police Election Parish Hall	35.00
LITE	Christmas Lights	3636.00
Care and Repair	Fire Door Parish Hall	25.00
Erewash Sound CIC	Remembrance Resubmission	100.00

- c) Banking – Change of Signatures- to be implemented from 1st April 2013
It was **Resolved** to remove M Wallis and MV Tumanow from the bank's approved signatory list and replace with P Archer and J Wild.

d) Building Society- It was **Resolved** to cease the DBS Investment Accounts forthwith.

e) Review of Parish Council Insurance

It was **Resolved** to:-

i) Increase the existing play equipment sum insured by a further £30,000 at an additional annual premium of £136.74 including IPT

ii) Increase the Fidelity Guarantee Limit to £150K which will increase the Annual Premium by £74.20 to include IPT

iii) Add Lorega to the Annual Premium at a cost of £121.90 to include IPT – this gives us full legal representation in the event of any substantial claim against The Parish Council

f) The Council confirmed that Charity Accounts in Parish Council possession remain “inactive”- includes COIF.

Annual Returns will still have to be made.

299/2012 The Erewash Economic Development Strategy 2013-2018

The Parish Council made no representations

300/2012 Correspondence Received

1. M White – Complaint about PC Newsletter

It was agreed that the PC needed to ensure more rapid distribution of its Newsletters

2. Manor Park Resident – State of pavements

To see comments from Cllr R Parkinson recorded above

3. G Lockley – HGVs etc in the Parish

4. Local Council Review

5. CPRE Fieldwork

6. OckAsh Trust- Request for donation.

A donation of £180.00 was agreed.

7. Complaint(s) about Security Lights

8. EBC War Memorial List of Buildings of Local Interest

9. Fire Officer Report- Parish Hall

This would be an agenda item for the March 2013 Parish Council Meeting.

10. Trade Waste Service – Payment and Reminder

11. Ms T McFadden- 244 Victoria Avenue, Ockbrook

A response has been sent.

12. SLCC – The Clerk Magazine

- 13. Clerks and Councils Direct
- 14. DCC Minor Maintenance Claim
A claim for £385 has been made
- 15. Archaeology & Conservation- Derbyshire (Magazine)
- 16. EBC Agenda Meeting 24th January 2013
- 17. EBC- Minutes of Council Meeting 13th December 2012
- 18. Residents Letter – Footpath Green Lane- Pares Way
- 19. CPRE Annual Renewal
- 20. Grass Parking – Charnwood Avenue
Referred to Cllr Robert Parkinson

301/2012 Burials, Recreation, Environment, Allotments , Finance, Remembrance Service

Elmcross Allotments Association – request for self-management

The Parish Council **Resolved** that Elmcross Allotment Association be asked to provide :-

- A Financial Statement
- Its Constitution
- Confirmation of numbers of members
- Detailed proposals for self management

Once received the matter will be put on the Parish Council’s agenda for a forthcoming meeting.

Allotments

Magfern Skip- Legal advice is to be sought. Cllr D Archer to advise the Parish Council

Burials- search for a new Burial Ground for Ockbrook and Borrowash
To be in the next Newsletter

Seat Request at the Balmoral Road Cemetery.

The position is to be approved by Burial’s Chairman (after visit by Cllr V Tumanow and J Wild.)

Pavements Manor Road and Princess Drive

The Parish Council thanked Cllr M Wallis and M White for all their efforts. DCC has assured the PC that it is in their Capital Budget for 2013/ 14

Environment- 2 seats for Dean’s Drive Playing Fields

Approved. The Parish Council will order two vandal proof seats in the next financial year. Location to be decided by the Environment Committee

Environment – Bus Shelter for Priorway Avenue (nr Derwent Avenue) – it was agreed to approach DCC . A match funding approach was to be pursued.

Environment – Rubbish Collection. Cllr V Tumanow to take up with Erewash Borough Council

Village Games/ Parish Games- to be an agenda item for March 2013 meeting.

Grit Bins Invoice – Cllr T Holbrook to pursue with Erewash Borough Council.

302/2012 Items for the March 2013 Parish Council Meeting

Village/ Parish Games

Fire Inspection Report

Lamp Provision- Jitty : Pares Way Yew Tree Avenue- J Wild

303/2012 Date and Time of Next Meeting (s)

6th March 2013 at 7pm in the Parish Hall, Ockbrook

PART II – EXEMPT ITEMS

Nil

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20-15

DRAFT COPY

**Minutes of the of the OCKBROOK AND BORROWASH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING held at the Parish Hall, Ockbrook on Wednesday 6th March 2013
commencing 7.00pm**

Present :-
T Holbrook – Acting Chairman
MV Tumanow
D Archer
P Archer
J Tizzard
J Owens
A Solloway

G E Taylor Clerk
H Bevan A/Clerk

42 members of the public. Councillor W Major, Councillor R Parkinson, PC Martin Walker, plus 2 PCSOs.

Before the meeting commenced there was a 25 minute presentation by Ashbrook Youth Club which was very well received. The Council and members of the public present thanked the group for all their efforts working with the young people of Ockbrook and Borrowash.

PC Walker praised the group for all the work they had done and wished them well for the future.

The Parish Council was given a collection raised by a sponsored car wash, by the Youth Group , as a contribution towards the Senior Citizen's Party to be held in March.

The Parish Council Meeting commenced at 7.25 pm.

Part 1 – Non Exempt Items

Terry Holbrook was confirmed as Acting Chairman of Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Council as from 28th February 2013, on following the resignation of Councillor Michael Wallis as Chairman.

Phil Archer was confirmed as Acting Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.

Both will continue in an acting capacity until the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council on May 1st 2013.

304 /2012 Apologies for Absence

J Wild, M White, M Wallis, B Solloway

305/2013-Statement by the A/Chairman T Holbrook

The following statement was unanimously approved by the Parish Council

“A sad day for the Parish Council. Michael Wallis has resigned from the position of Chairman, but will remain a member of the Parish and Borough Council. We will still be able to call upon his expertise.

Michael has been chairman of the Parish Council for six years and among his achievements during his term of office have been;-

- successfully negotiating , with Derbyshire County Council and the Bus Operators for the continuation of the No 9 Bus Service;
- overseeing the replacement and updating of the childrens’ play areas, both those owned by the Parish and the Borough Council;
- the removal of litter
- the removal of dog muck, as his recent television appearance demonstrates

He also was a prime mover, along with Denise Archer and other Parish Councillors, in the very successful Jubilee celebrations.

Mike during his chairmanship, was instrumental in extending the Christmas Trees to Ockbrook, and arranging Remembrance Day Parades (which now regularly attracts over 400 participants) .

The above are just a few of his achievements.

He has worked tirelessly for the Parish over these six years and The Parish will greatly miss his leadership and his ability to get things done..

We all wish him well for the future and look forward to working with a committed active councillor in the future”

306 /2012 Declaration of Members’ Interest

T Holbrook and MV Tumanow, Heritage; Community Centre MV Tumanow.

307/2012 Open To The Public

D Cliffe

Spoke briefly asking for the Parish Council's support for the reinstatement of the Bridleway from The Ridings (known as the Old Coach Road) through to Hopwell Hall.

The Council will write to DCC to establish the facts and the issue will be an agenda item for the April Parish Council Meeting .

I Rose

Asked a question about Correspondence deadlines, with reference to a letter sent by Elmcross Tenants Association.

The Council responded by saying that Correspondence needed to be with the Council 7 clear working days before a Council Meeting to enable it to be on the agenda.

The Elmcross letter will be the subject of an agenda item at the Parish Council's April Meeting.

M Shaw

Thanked Councillor Wallis for all his hard work.

Derbyshire County Council – Councillor W Major

Derbyshire Big Deals (Collective Switching)

Register now – and you could win free gas and electricity for a year!

Sixty per cent of people have never switched their energy company even though they could save around £200 a year. We all know we should switch to get a better deal but sometimes it can seem complicated.

That's why we're working with consumer champions Which? to make it easier for you to switch and save money on your energy bills. By bringing local people together to switch at the same time we're hoping to get the best deal for you. It's all about people power. The more people join Derbyshire Big Deals, the greater our bargaining power.

Win free gas and electricity for a year!

Simply completing a registration for Derbyshire Big Deals means you could be one of three lucky households in Derbyshire to win up to £1,500 towards their energy bills. When you fully register you'll automatically be entered into our free prize draw – you don't have to switch to enter the draw.

How does Big Deals work?

- Step 1 - Register by filling in our online form (opens in a new window) by 6pm on 20 March 2013.
- Step 2 - Which?, our Big Deals partner, will then strike a deal with energy companies based on thousands of local people switching together.
- Step 3 – You choose. At the end of March we'll be in touch to let you know how much money you could save and then you decide whether to switch – it's up to you.

If you do choose to switch, Which? will work with your new energy company to take care of the switch and cancel your contract with your current supplier.

How to register

It's free and easy to register for Derbyshire Big Deals.

Simply fill in our online form

Or if you prefer, you can call 01629 533365 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday or visit any of our libraries. Please have a recent gas and/or electricity bill to hand.

Apprentice grant opportunity for Derbyshire firms after scheme expansion

A scheme offering grants of £2,500 to help businesses take on an apprentice has been expanded to enable more companies and young people to benefit.

We're creating 1,000 apprenticeship positions – 500 in our own workforce and 500 by supporting Derbyshire businesses.

We joined forces with the National Apprenticeship Service last month to extend our popular Derbyshire Apprenticeship Grant for Employers (AGE) scheme after the original 200 grants of £2,500 were snapped up within six months.

The link created another 300 grants of £2,500 and was initially for 16 to 18-year-olds and for businesses with less than 250 employees.

Now, following latest research and feedback from Derbyshire businesses, it has been expanded to allow grant applications for young people aged 16-24-years-old and for business with up to 1,000 employees.

Mortgage boost for first time buyers after we approve £2m investment

Dozens of first time buyers will be supported onto the property ladder after Derbyshire County Council approved a £2m investment in schemes to help secure mortgages and boost the local economy.

The cabinet agreed to join forces with Lloyds TSB to launch the Derbyshire Lend a Hand Scheme.

Once the legal formalities between us and Lloyds TSB are completed, first time buyers who meet the scheme's criteria will be eligible for a mortgage with a preferential interest rate if they can raise a 5% deposit.

Derbyshire County Council works to improve the lives of local people by delivering high quality services. You can find out more about us by visiting 'www.derbyshire.gov.uk'. If you want to work for us go to our job pages on 'www.derbyshire.gov.uk/jobs'. You can register for e-mail alerts, download job packs and apply on-line.

Councillor R Parkinson:

Derbyshire County Council has set its £533 million budget and again faced tough decisions. The Council has agreed plans to cut spending by £27 million over the next 12 months. The planned savings are on top of £70m of savings and 1,600 job losses in the last three years – most of which have been through early retirement, voluntary redundancy, and vacancy control. The five year plan has been updated to show that further reductions of £100m are required over the next four years.

A council tax freeze for the third year running (for the first time ever) was confirmed, meaning that the DCC share of the Council Tax will stay at £1077.22 for a “Band D” property.

DCC is continuing its programme of Community Building Grants, Community Action Grants, Sports Action Grants, Neighbourhood Watch funding, Youth Activity Grants, Apprenticeship schemes, Trusted Trader scheme and superfast broadband extension. There will be extra funding for pothole repairs and grit bins.

The Council will continue its comprehensive programme for the Youth Service, care for older people and part night lighting.

Police Report – PC M Walker

Crime figure were down 15% (over the last 10 years)

A recent Customer Satisfaction Survey had been conducted and 87% of those surveyed were satisfied with Derbyshire Constabulary. This had been achieved with a reduction of police numbers

Anti Social Behaviour was down 30.4%

The Shell Petrol Garage on the A52 was having new pumps installed and it was hoped that this would reduce theft .

There had been 5 thefts in Ockbrook, mainly from sheds and outbuildings.

The Long Eaton Section had purchased a new Speed Guns. MP P Latham has taken up the issue of such Speed Guns with the appropriate governmental department.

The Parish Council thanked PC Walker and his team for all their efforts.

Erewash Borough Council

The EBC Budget Meeting was taking place on Thursday 7th March. A full report will be given to the April Meeting

308/2012 Planning Applications

An issue referred to the Parish Council by a resident on Cole Lane had been referred to the EBC Planning Department and the item has now been resolved

309/2012 To Confirm the Non Confidential Minutes of the Meeting(s) :-

6th February 2013

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed.

310/2012 Report of the Parish Clerk

- a. Derbyshire Lives through the World Wars –

This was referred to the Heritage Society who will deal.

- b. SLCC Training Day for Clerks 5th March 2013

It was agreed to approach a Broker who would be able to undertake a Free Survey of Parish Council Energy and also Telephony and Report back.

PAYE, HMRC – Real Time Input payment will commenced from 6th April 2013. The Parish Council has everything in place.

Code of Conduct ; The Parish Council's Web Site will provide a link to EBC for The Register of Members Interests and the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council.

Precept Dispensation: The advice from SLCC's Legal Department is to continue to register a dispensation as in 2012/13.

Advice was given regarding Risk Assessments, in relation to The Parish Hall and the Remembrance Service (see later in these minutes)

311/2012 The Chairman's Annual Report 2012/13

REPORT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL BY THE CHAIRMAN, COUNCILLOR MIKE WALLIS

ADOPTED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL AS THE CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL
REPORT 2012-2013

Dear Residents

A very big welcome to the Spring edition of the Ockbrook and Borrowash parish Council newsletter.

I have now been Chairman of the Parish Council for six years. Doesn't time fly when you're having fun! However, all good times, as they say, must come to an end and I have decided to stand down as Chairman at the end of February. Therefore, this will be the last Chairman's report that I will be writing but just to let you know I will remain as a Parish Councillor, a job that after 10 years I still thoroughly enjoy and find extremely rewarding.

The last year yet again has been extremely enjoyable, the highlight being the Jubilee Carnival held on Deans Drive Play Area at the beginning of June. I am sure that you all enjoyed reading Denise Archer's extremely comprehensive account of the event and the preparation that went into making June 4th such a memorable day. An enthusiastic crowd of over 2,000 over the course of the day made a magnificent contribution to the festivities on one of the only really sunny days during a miserable summer.

Paying for events like the Jubilee Carnival takes careful budgeting and the Parish Council has to be extremely careful with the money it spends. As you are only too well aware, money is extremely tight and the amount of money the Parish Council receives from Erewash Borough Council is yet again being reduced as Government is reducing the amount of funding it gives to the Borough. As a consequence of this action the Parish Council has been left with no alternative but to increase its precept (Parish tax) in order to ensure that it can maintain the excellent level of service to which you are entitled. Parish Councillors are all in agreement that by "biting the bullet" now it will not have to increase its precept in 2014. The Parish Council has also received a further grant from the Borough Council which will serve to offset the impact of the increase in its precept.

The Parish Council is continuing to support groups and organisations of all types and has seen them flourish and develop during the last 12 months. Ashbrook Youth Group continues to attract more and more young people and is expanding to seeing over 100 young people attending the youth club on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. Being one of the people who were responsible for the opening of the youth club, I am absolutely delighted at their success and all credit is due to an enthusiastic group of volunteers who devote time and energy to giving the young people of Ockbrook and Borrowash new interests and the opportunity to develop new friendships.

Play provision is also extremely important to the Parish Council and funding has been obtained to ensure that youngsters in the Parish have access to top quality play equipment. A new 'open aspect' play area has been opened on Deans Drive, although the play area is extremely well used it has already attracted the attention of the 'vandals'! It costs a great deal of money to ensure that play equipment is kept in good order; replacing vandalised equipment directs money away from other projects. At a time when we are all feeling the pinch the Parish Council asks that the public at large be its 'eyes and ears' of the community and report any vandalism to either the Parish Office or the Police.

I have also worked extremely hard over a number of months to enable Borrowash Victoria FC Under 12's and Under 15's to return to play football matches on Deans Drive on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The Parish Council is working closely with the Borough Council and the Club to upgrade the pitch to ensure the long term future of the Club at this venue. Please go along and give them your support.

In June 2012, Breaston Park Football Club signed a six year 364 day licence to return football, and in particular junior football, to Derwent Meadows. The changing rooms have been completely renovated and the Club has taken responsibility for the maintenance of the whole site. Any people in the Parish wishing to play competitive football should contact me or the Parish Office and we will put you in touch with the Club. The Borough Council has spent many thousands of pounds installing new drainage to improve the standard of the pitch. I ask all young people interested in keeping fit and wanting to make new friends to give it a go.

During the Summer holidays a comprehensive programme of activities for young people was organised by the Parish Council. Two weeks of organised play attracted over 100 children. Artcore, a professional art group from Derby, put on a six week programme of hands on craft and creative activities project which attracted people of all ages, who judging by the number of compliments the Parish Council received, thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. August saw coaches from Ilkeston FC put on a month long training programme and the Parish Council is looking to do the **same again** during the summer holidays 2013.

The Parish has an ever increasing number of persons on its waiting list for allotments. The Council has investigated the possibility of providing more allotments in the Parish but as yet has been unable to identifying any land. If any resident is able to offer any land for allotments please let the Parish Council know.

This Parish Council is determined to continue making the allotments self sufficient, believing that the residents of the Parish should not subsidise the allotment tenants. Accordingly allotment tenants pay an economic annual fee for the right to tenant at Elm Street and Shacklecross Allotments, a rent consistent with Erewash Borough Council rents.

This has met with the approval of the vast majority of allotment tenants. The Parish Council is also implementing a policy, after complaints from many existing tenants and those on the waiting list of not permitting tenants to renew their tenancy agreement if they have not made a significant effort to cultivate their plots in 2012; or in extreme cases of illness, which should be reported to the Parish Council. This has not met with approval in certain quarters but it is the only fair and reasonable manner to proceed.

The Parish Council is working together with both Erewash Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council to improve the footpath between Hawthorne Avenue and Nottingham Road. Regular users of this footpath will know that it is prone to flooding at certain points along its length during wet weather. The path will be increased in width to six feet and soakaways will be built and water drained under the path into the Ock Brook. Once completed Derbyshire County Council will adopt the footpath and be responsible for its maintenance.

The footpath south of the Derwent on the approach to Elvaston Country Park has now been widened. Although not directly responsible for this footway the Parish Council made representations to Derbyshire County Council on a regular basis and is delighted that the work has now been completed satisfactorily.

The Parish Council has also made strong representations to Derbyshire County Council over the condition of pavements in the Parish. Refurbishment to Princess Drive, Manor Park and Manor Road should go ahead in April and work has continued on improving Priorway Avenue. Other roads including Charnwood Avenue, Gordon Road and Hawthorne Avenue will hopefully start receiving attention as they are main priorities for receiving work put forward by the Parish Council to the County Council.

The Parish Council is organising a series of four litter picks during 2013. The first of these will be held on March 23rd as part of the Borough Blitz programme and volunteers will assemble at the Gordon Lacey Hall at 10.00am. All equipment, including litter pickers, gloves and jackets etc, will be provided by the Pride in

Erewash programme. If you would like to help please contact the Parish Office. If you missed the first clean up and would like a litter pick in your area, please contact the Parish Office, Heather and Graham will only be too pleased to get you organised.

During the Summer of 2012, the Probation service carried out a programme of restorative justice work at the Ockbrook and Borrowwash Cemetery in Balmoral Road. Gates and fences were painted as was the 'hut'. Paths were cleared and the whole Cemetery was tidied up. A 2013 work programme is already being drawn up to continue this work. Many people have contacted the Parish Council to pass on their thanks for all the improvements that have been carried out.

Belmont Drive, the closed Cemetery and resting place of William Barron (designer of the gardens at Elvaston Castle), will continue to be tidied up by students from the Government funded training college in Shardlow. A limited amount of work was possible during 2012 owing to the poor weather. Hopefully, a better summer will see an increase in the amount of restoration work being carried out.

Projects for the future include new seating on Deans Drive play area, a new bench in Balmoral Road Cemetery, refurbishment of play equipment and the provision of a new bus shelter on Priorway Avenue opposite Peveril Drive. I hope you are all enjoying the Jubilee benches in both Parishes installed as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

The year of 2012 will go down as one of the wettest on record, and Derbyshire suffered along with the rest of the Country. Our own Parish of Ockbrook and Borrowwash attracted nationwide coverage in the media following the prolonged period of heavy rain on the 5th and 6th July. Some areas of Ockbrook experienced severe flooding, the like of which have never been seen before, and hopefully, will never be witnessed again. Following this devastation, the Parish Council have been working closely with Derbyshire County Council, Erewash Borough Council and The Environment Agency to identify any improvements that can be made to avoid a repetition of that day. A series of meetings have taken place, including a Flood Forum which was open to the public. A preliminary action plan has now been formulated, but further investigation work will be carried out by Engineers at Derbyshire County Council. Two of the main items under consideration are the viability of increasing the capacity of the culvert under Cole Lane, and also to identify relevant riparian owners of land adjacent to the Ock Brook should work be needed to clear the brook. The Parish Council fully appreciate the hardship that some people have experienced with this flooding and we will continue to press for action to prevent a reoccurrence.

The subject of parking in the centre of Ockbrook is a topic that has been discussed on many occasions. The yellow road markings have been reinstated and increased by Derbyshire County Council following many requests by the

Parish Council. This has hopefully made the area around Redhill School safer for pedestrians, residents and road users.

In conclusion, may I make the following observation “for the public good and in the public interest” this should be the cornerstone principle of every politician’s brief. It is all about making realistic decisions on behalf of fellow parishioners. I have done my very best over the last six years to ensure this happens. My fellow councillors feel exactly the same. They are a dedicated, enthusiastic and totally motivated group of people from a wide range of backgrounds - ordinary people with a desire to work, unpaid, to improve the lives of everyone in Ockbrook and Borrowash. They are succeeding brilliantly.

Councillor Mike Wallis

The reported was unanimously adopted by the Parish Council

312/2012 Small Grants Funding-Playscheme 2013

The Parish Council approved the running of a 2 week Playscheme , in the Summer of 2013.

The Parish Council resolved to apply for a grant of £750.00 from Erewash Borough Council

313/2012 Flooding

An update from Derbyshire Council on their Investigation into the Ockbrook Flooding Event of July 2012.

After meetings with the Parish Council and residents affected by the flooding, the Authority started a formal investigation, a new duty under the Flood and Water Management Act.

It was clear from the outset that there could be a range of contributing factors, with flooding occurring at several different locations. For this reason we commissioned a catchment study to look at all the watercourses and topography of the area, and using computer modelling, assess how they could react and interact during various levels of rainfall. This study should be available by the end of April.

While this has been underway we have looked at several specific locations. At the north of the village we inspected the culvert which carries the small stream under Moor Lane, close to Brookside and Brook Cottage. The culvert is operating to its intended design and flow is not impeded by any structural problems. However, clearly the capacity was exceeded during July and we feel that this type of event could be helped by an additional

highway gully on the eastern side of the road to provide extra drainage should the culvert overtop in future. This should be installed during this 2013/14 financial year.

A combination of surface water run-off and over-topping from the culvert under Victoria Avenue caused flooding onto the western end of Collier Lane.

The culverted watercourse has no structural problems under the Highway but at this stage we cannot be sure of the integrity of the full length as it passes under the land of numerous riparian owners. Whilst we are not aware of internal property flooding in this vicinity, this may only have been avoided because flood water was able to flow south down the track adjacent to number 57 Collier Lane.

The Authority now has new powers, as yet not used, which allows us to designate a feature if we “think the existence or location of the feature affects flood risk.” We will take further advice if this would be appropriate use of this power in relation to this lane. The “designation” of a feature requires the Council to be notified of any potential alterations, to which they must give consent.

The flooding that occurred around the Cole Lane/Collier Lane junction was probably the more serious in terms of number of properties directly affected. We have obtained land registry entries for riparian owners of the brook from Cole Lane to Wind Mill farm and the catchment study results will help us to understand the flow and capacity of this stretch and importantly whether the culvert under Cole Lane maybe a contributory factor. Without pre-empting these findings, if additional culvert capacity would make similar events less likely, without causing an increase in potential flooding downstream, then it may be feasible to design extra flow capacity under Cole Lane. This could reduce the damming effect of the culvert and the potential for breaching of the Ockbrook Banks, east of Cole Lane. This will however be dependant on the position of existing underground services (gas mains, sewers, cables etc.) at that point on Cole Lane.

It is hoped that residents will accept that some progress is being made and we hope to provide more detail at a later stage.

314 /2012 DALC Circulars received since the previous meeting

Circular 04/2013

Training

315/2012 Report from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Nil

316/2012 Spring Newsletter

The contents of the Newsletter were approved

317/2012 Finance

Expenditure since last meeting	£4486
Income since last meeting	£3235
This was approved by the Council	

VAT Reclaim 2012/2013 has been submitted

The Council approved the submission of 3 Vat reclaims in 2013/14 and a “wipe up claim” on the 31st March each and subsequent years.

The following accounts were approved for payment:-

Virgin Media Payments	Broadband	£29.99
Erewash Borough Council	Rates	£93.00
JWP Computers	Maintenance	£60.00
British Gas	Gas	£183.00
Care & Repair	Carpentry work	£55.00
The Festive Light Com	Tree Light Bulbs	£155.76
Midland Reproductions	Photocopier	£32.22
CPRE	Annual Subs	£29.00
Assured Security Systems	Annual Alarm Service	£122.40
Sharon Wood	Cemetery Security	£125.00
Oakash Trust	PC Donation	£180.00
K&K Fire Protection	Annual Inspection	£24.00
Came & Co	Insurance Upgrade	£214.29
GETaylor	February Salary) inc	£2051.62
H Bevan	February Salary) Caretaker	
HMRC Only	February	£502.72
Ian Lawrence	Plumber	£45.00
Care & Repair	Cemetery Maintenance	£240.00
Mr Pearson	Skip – Goodwill	£10.00
Virgin Media	Broadband	£29.99
JWP (new scheme)	Computer Maintenance	£12.00
Fields in Trust	Membership + Documents	£95.00
EON	Electricity	£224.35
Virgin Media	Telephony	£32.86

318 /2013 Fire Inspection – The Parish Hall

The Clerk was asked to undertake a full and detailed Fire Risk assessment on the Parish Hall and report back to the April Parish Council Meeting.

The Fire Inspection report will be considered in conjunction with the Fire Risk assessment at the April Parish Council Meeting.

319/2013 a) Village Games

The Parish Council agreed not to participate in "Village Games" in 2013/14

b) Parish Games/Event 2013

A Budget of £4,000 was agreed for the event organising committee that that D Archer would Chairing. (this could be subsequently reviewed)

Meetings of the organising committee will follow and the Council be given regular updates.

A suggested date has yet to be finalised.

320 /2012 Correspondence Received-

1. Public Footpath No 16 – Ockbrook-Closure Extension
2. LITE-PC to confirm Year 3 of 3 Year Agreement
3. Citizens Advice in Derbyshire Dales, Amber Valley and Erewash
4. SLCC-Training Opportunities 2013
5. Robert Parkinson-Pavement Maintenance Bids-OBPC
6. Derbyshire Lives throughout the World Wars
7. County Council Elections 2nd May 2013-The Parish Hall
8. Village Greens-EBC
9. Snow Clearance-a resident's advice
10. Manor Park. A thank you letter
11. EBC-Trade Refuse-Duty of Care Contract-for signature

The Parish Council is in correspondence with EBC about the "Village Greens" issue.

321/2012 Burials, Allotments, Environment, Recreation, Finance, Planning Committee

Burials:

The Council approved the provision of a replacement seat in the Balmoral Road Cemetery

Allotments:

The Council are continuing to attempt to resolve the issue of the Elm Cross Skip

How to remove addition rubbish on site will be further investigated.

The Chairman will be attending a Regional Allotment Forum in April when the disposal of organic waste will be discussed. The decision about further skips on Parish Council allotments will be delayed until after this forum

The Elmcross Tenants Association letter reference self governance, will be an agenda item for April 2013.

Environment:

The issue of additional lighting on a Pares Way Jitty will be pursued

The Council agreed to plant low level shrubs around the post box on Victoria Avenue Borrowwash, having obtained a cultivation licence.

Remembrance Service

The Clerk was asked to submit a formal application for Road Closure (Temporary) for Victoria Avenue Borrowwash and the A52 Slip Road for the Remembrance Service 2013.

322 /2012 Items for the April 2013 Parish Council Meeting

Parish Games

Bridleway

Parish Hall Fire Risk Assessment

Fire Inspection Report

Elmcross Correspondence

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2013

Standing Orders/ Financial Regulations

Corporate Governance (Exempt)

323 /2012 Date and Time of the next Parish Council and Committee Meetings

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 27th March 2013 in The Parish Hall, Ockbrook at 7-00pm

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 10th April 2013 in The Parish Hall, Ockbrook at 7-00pm.

PART II – EXEMPT ITEMS

324/2012 Weyacres Noticeboard

The Parish Council agreed not to pursue new doors and hinges etc for the Weyacres Notice Board in Borrowwash. Instead all notices (where appropriate) will be laminated.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9.20pm

MINUTES OF THE OCKBROOK AND BORROWASH ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, held on Wednesday 27th MARCH 2013 at The Parish Hall, Ockbrook, commencing at 7.00pm

Present T Holbrook – A / Chairman

P Archer- A / Vice Chairman
D Archer
J Wild
J Tizzard
M Wallis
A Solloway

Clerk: G E Taylor

2 members of the public ; Cllr R Parkinson

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting 2013.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

H Bevan , DCC Cllr W Major , MV Tumanow, B Solloway, J Owens, M White

2. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Terry Ross

Speeding on Cole Lane continues. What can be done?

MP Pauline Latham has written to the Department of Transport to enquire about the use of hand held speed guns.

The Road Safety Partnership will be asked to take further action on speeding on Cole Lane and PC M Walker will be asked to investigate further.

3. MINUTES OF THE 2012 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

These had been approved and signed in April 2012.

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Nil

5 ANNUAL REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, COUNCILLOR MIKE WALLIS

ADOPTED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL AS THE CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013

Dear Residents

A very big welcome to the Spring edition of the Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Council newsletter.

I have now been Chairman of the Parish Council for six years. Doesn't time fly when you're having fun! However, all good times, as they say, must come to an end and I have decided to stand down as Chairman at the end of February. Therefore, this will be the last Chairman's report that I will be writing but just to let you know I will remain as a Parish Councillor, a job that after 10 years I still thoroughly enjoy and find extremely rewarding.

The last year yet again has been extremely enjoyable, the highlight being the Jubilee Carnival held on Deans Drive Play Area at the beginning of June. I am sure that you all enjoyed reading Denise Archer's extremely comprehensive account of the event and the preparation that went into making June 4th such a memorable day. An enthusiastic crowd of over 2,000 over the course of the day made a magnificent contribution to the festivities on one of the only really sunny days during a miserable summer.

Paying for events like the Jubilee Carnival takes careful budgeting and the Parish Council has to be extremely careful with the money it spends. As you are only too well aware, money is extremely tight and the amount of money the Parish Council receives from Erewash Borough Council is yet again being reduced as Government is reducing the amount of funding it gives to the Borough. As a consequence of this action the Parish Council has been left with no alternative but to increase its precept (Parish tax) in order to ensure that it can maintain the excellent level of service to which you are entitled. Parish Councillors are all in agreement that by "biting the bullet" now it will not have to increase its precept in 2014. The Parish Council has also received a further grant from the Borough Council which will serve to offset the impact of the increase in its precept.

The Parish Council is continuing to support groups and organisations of all types and has seen them flourish and develop during the last 12 months. Ashbrook Youth Group continues to attract more and more young people and is expanding to seeing over 100 young people attending the youth club on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. Being one of the people who were responsible for the opening of the youth club, I am absolutely delighted at their success and all credit is due to an enthusiastic group of volunteers who devote time and energy to giving the young people of Ockbrook and Borrowash new interests and the opportunity to develop new friendships.

Play provision is also extremely important to the Parish Council and funding has been obtained to ensure that youngsters in the Parish have access to top quality play equipment. A new 'open aspect' play area has been opened on Deans Drive, although the play area is extremely well used it has already attracted the attention of the 'vandals'! It costs a great deal of money to ensure that play equipment is kept in good order; replacing vandalised

equipment directs money away from other projects. At a time when we are all feeling the pinch the Parish Council asks that the public at large be its 'eyes and ears' of the community and report any vandalism to either the Parish Office or the Police.

I have also worked extremely hard over a number of months to enable Borrowash Victoria FC Under 12's and Under 15's to return to play football matches on Deans Drive on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The Parish Council is working closely with the Borough Council and the Club to upgrade the pitch to ensure the long term future of the Club at this venue. Please go along and give them your support.

In June 2012, Breaston Park Football Club signed a six year 364 day licence to return football, and in particular junior football, to Derwent Meadows. The changing rooms have been completely renovated and the Club has taken responsibility for the maintenance of the whole site. Any people in the Parish wishing to play competitive football should contact me or the Parish Office and we will put you in touch with the Club. The Borough Council has spent many thousands of pounds installing new drainage to improve the standard of the pitch. I ask all young people interested in keeping fit and wanting to make new friends to give it a go.

During the Summer holidays a comprehensive programme of activities for young people was organised by the Parish Council. Two weeks of organised play attracted over 100 children. Artcore, a professional art group from Derby, put on a six week programme of hands on craft and creative activities project which attracted people of all ages, who judging by the number of compliments the Parish Council received, thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. August saw coaches from Ilkeston FC put on a month long training programme and the Parish Council is looking to do the **same again** during the summer holidays 2013.

The Parish has an ever increasing number of persons on its waiting list for allotments. The Council has investigated the possibility of providing more allotments in the Parish but as yet has been unable to identifying any land. If any resident is able to offer any land for allotments please let the Parish Council know.

This Parish Council is determined to continue making the allotments self sufficient, believing that the residents of the Parish should not subsidise the allotment tenants. Accordingly allotment tenants pay an economic annual fee for the right to tenant at Elm Street and Shacklecross Allotments, a rent consistent with Erewash Borough Council rents.

This has met with the approval of the vast majority of allotment tenants. The Parish Council is also implementing a policy, after complaints from many existing tenants and those on the waiting list of not permitting tenants to renew their tenancy agreement if they have not made a significant effort to cultivate their plots in 2012; or in extreme cases of illness, which should be

reported to the Parish Council. This has not met with approval in certain quarters but it is the only fair and reasonable manner to proceed.

The Parish Council is working together with both Erewash Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council to improve the footpath between Hawthorne Avenue and Nottingham Road. Regular users of this footpath will know that it is prone to flooding at certain points along its length during wet weather. The path will be increased in width to six feet and soakaways will be built and water drained under the path into the Ock Brook. Once completed Derbyshire County Council will adopt the footpath and be responsible for its maintenance.

The footpath south of the Derwent on the approach to Elvaston Country Park has now been widened. Although not directly responsible for this footway the Parish Council made representations to Derbyshire County Council on a regular basis and is delighted that the work has now been completed satisfactorily.

The Parish Council has also made strong representations to Derbyshire County Council over the condition of pavements in the Parish. Refurbishment to Princess Drive, Manor Park and Manor Road should go ahead in April and work has continued on improving Priorway Avenue. Other roads including Charnwood Avenue, Gordon Road and Hawthorne Avenue will hopefully start receiving attention as they are main priorities for receiving work put forward by the Parish Council to the County Council.

The Parish Council is organising a series of four litter picks during 2013. The first of these will be held on March 23rd as part of the Borough Blitz programme and volunteers will assemble at the Gordon Lacey Hall at 10.00am. All equipment, including litter pickers, gloves and jackets etc, will be provided by the Pride in Erewash programme. If you would like to help please contact the Parish Office. If you missed the first clean up and would like a litter pick in your area, please contact the Parish Office, Heather and Graham will only be too pleased to get you organised.

During the Summer of 2012, the Probation service carried out a programme of restorative justice work at the Ockbrook and Borrowash Cemetery in Balmoral Road. Gates and fences were painted as was the 'hut'. Paths were cleared and the whole Cemetery was tidied up. A 2013 work programme is already being drawn up to continue this work. Many people have contacted the Parish Council to pass on their thanks for all the improvements that have been carried out.

Belmont Drive, the closed Cemetery and resting place of William Barron (designer of the gardens at Elvaston Castle), will continue to be tidied up by students from the Government funded training college in Shardlow. A limited amount of work was possible during 2012 owing to the poor weather. Hopefully, a better summer will see an increase in the amount of restoration work being carried out.

Projects for the future include new seating on Deans Drive play area, a new bench in Balmoral Road Cemetery, refurbishment of play equipment and the provision of a new bus shelter on Priorway Avenue opposite Peveril Drive. I hope you are all enjoying the Jubilee benches in both Parishes installed as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

The year of 2012 will go down as one of the wettest on record, and Derbyshire suffered along with the rest of the Country. Our own Parish of Ockbrook and Borrowash attracted nationwide coverage in the media following the prolonged period of heavy rain on the 5th and 6th July. Some areas of Ockbrook experienced severe flooding, the like of which have never been seen before, and hopefully, will never be witnessed again. Following this devastation, the Parish Council have been working closely with Derbyshire County Council, Erewash Borough Council and The Environment Agency to identify any improvements that can be made to avoid a repetition of that day. A series of meetings have taken place, including a Flood Forum which was open to the public. A preliminary action plan has now been formulated, but further investigation work will be carried out by Engineers at Derbyshire County Council. Two of the main items under consideration are the viability of increasing the capacity of the culvert under Cole Lane, and also to identify relevant riparian owners of land adjacent to the Ock Brook should work be needed to clear the brook. The Parish Council fully appreciate the hardship that some people have experienced with this flooding and we will continue to press for action to prevent a reoccurrence.

The subject of parking in the centre of Ockbrook is a topic that has been discussed on many occasions. The yellow road markings have been reinstated and increased by Derbyshire County Council following many requests by the Parish Council. This has hopefully made the area around Redhill School safer for pedestrians, residents and road users.

In conclusion, may I make the following observation "for the public good and in the public interest" this should be the cornerstone principle of every politician's brief. It is all about making realistic decisions on behalf of fellow parishioners. I have done my very best over the last six years to ensure this happens. My fellow councillors feel exactly the same. They are a dedicated, enthusiastic and totally motivated group of people from a wide range of backgrounds - ordinary people with a desire to work, unpaid, to improve the lives of everyone in Ockbrook and Borrowash. They are succeeding brilliantly.

Councillor Mike Wallis

The reported was unanimously adopted by the Parish Council

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

Parish Clerk – Mr G E Taylor

FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 15TH MARCH 2013

Carried Forward 31st March 2012 = 23,234.07

Add Income	112,793.02

	136,027.09
Less Expenditure	104,186.65

Balance as at 15th March 2013	31,840.44

Final Bank Statements are awaited as at 31st March 2013 and the Parish Council's Accounts will go to Internal Audit in April 2013 and to External Audit after that when they will be able to be viewed by the public.

The amount of money that the Parish Council receives from the Borough Council was reduced in 2012-13 and will be reduced again in 2013-14. The Parish Council has been left with no alternative but to increase its Precept in 2013-14 in order to maintain its excellent services to the public of Ockbrook and Borrowash.

The 2012-13 year has been a challenge but the Council has stuck to its budget forecast and kept its expenditure under very tight control, ensuring that it gets best value for money.

At all stages the public has been closely involved in the decisions that have been taken at Council.

7. REPORT ON LOCAL CHARITIES

All Parish Council administered charities have been mothballed since 1997.

No other report submitted.

8. LOCAL GROUPS

WI

Ockbrook Redhill W.I. Report

Ockbrook Redhill have had a very busy and interesting year, which of course has included the Queens Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Games.

Unfortunately three of our members have retired for various reasons but happily we have been able to recruit a further four. However, we do have a problem with numbers. If our membership exceeds 50, in line with the Fire Regulations, then we shall need to create a waiting list.

We have had some excellent Speakers throughout the year. To name a few – Shirley Dawson from Home Link, Simon Keeling from CAMTAD (Campaign for Tackling Acquired Deafness) John Jameson on the Police Helicopters and John Bickles from the Environmental Department of the Erewash Council on recycling. Recycling is very much part of our every day lives and we now know what we can and cannot recycle.

Back in August 44 of our members and guests visited Granada Studios in Manchester to see the programme 'Countdown' being made. We also had the opportunity to visit the Lowrie Centre. Some preferred to shop in the Mall and others took the opportunity to see the wonderful Lowrie Museum.

Craft and Produce Show. This is held annually but unfortunately our usual venue, Ockbrook Redhill School was not available this year, but the Royal Oak came to the rescue. We had a very good turnout, no doubt due to the wonderful weather.

During the year we have had numerous social occasions including a wonderful party to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee, Halloween Party, Beetle Drive, Whist Drive, Skittles Evening etc.

Over the last few months we have been holding a Receipt Exchange Evening. Each month we have a theme ie bread, soup, cakes, biscuits, puddings for summer etc. We taste and comment on each other's food and take along our recipes which are correlated and made into a booklet. This has proved extremely successful but not terribly good for the figure!

As is the custom, we again held our Carol Service in Ockbrook Church, together with the children of Redhill School. The children sing Christmas Songs, and the lessons are read by the members of our Committee. Mince-pies, coffee and soft drinks are served. The collection is apportioned between the School, the Church and ourselves. Our share was given to the charity Safe and Sound.

We are currently preparing our entries for the County Show which takes place at Elvaston in June. This is the time when W.I.s' across the county compete in the various competitions for cooking, handicraft and flower arranging and is taken extremely seriously.

We are very lucky to have an excellent Press Officer who regularly promotes our W.I. via the Derby Telegraph, Inside 72 and Erewash Sound.

It is difficult to believe that we manage to pack so much into a year, but we have an excellent Committee who work hard to organise all these events, together with the support of many of our Members.

Other group reports were sent for the Spring Edition of OBPC only.

These included, The Tennis Club, Borrowbrook Home Link and the Ashbrook Youth Club

9 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Report submitted by Cllr Wayne Major

DCC Report
 Since 2009 elections. No libraries have closed; no children's centres have closed. We have supported Derbyshire with innovative grant schemes that help communities to help themselves – an underpinning of our principle. These grants have purchased and renovated buildings, supported a whole host of activities for young and old, provided sports facilities and delivered many thousands of hours of sports for people of all ages and abilities. We have addressed rural inequality in our services because we recognize that vulnerable people also live there, not just in the populous towns and larger villages. We have ensured that young people in rural areas also have access to youth activities that their peers in the larger towns took for granted.

Since 2009 we have spent more than £25m a year on our schools, which can be contrasted with just £17m per year spent in its last 10 years before 2009. This highlights how we address what is important to people, ensuring our children are thriving and learning in the best facilities that we can provide.

We are also spending more than £6m to address the condition of our roads, which have been affected by three harsh winters and one of the wettest years on records. Underinvestment prior to 2009 has meant our roads were more susceptible to erosion and damage.

Our innovative approach to the huge challenges in Adult Care provision is recognised as a national leader, especially via our Extra Care homes, and our focus on helping people to stay in their own homes. The transfer of public health responsibilities to the Council, together with the much closer relationship we now enjoy with all branches of the NHS will help us deliver more deeply integrated health and social care in the years ahead.

We have delivered three years of 0% rise in Council Tax, Council Tax had never been frozen before 2009. With the current administration you can be sure that your hard earned money is treated with the respect it deserves. This

care with money is not just about the level of Council Tax; we have already made around £100 million of efficiency savings over the last four years and we will continue to deliver more value from the Council but protect services as far as possible as well. Our commitment to value goes beyond the finances of the Council; we want to try and save you money in other ways, such as cutting your utility and other rising bills.

County Councillor's Report (Cllr. Robert A. Parkinson)

Budget

Derbyshire County Council has set its £533 million budget and again faced tough decisions. The Council has agreed plans to cut spending by £27 million over the next 12 months. The planned savings are on top of £70m of savings and 1,600 job losses in the last three years – most of which have been through early retirement, voluntary redundancy, and vacancy control. The five year plan has been updated to show that further reductions of £100m are required over the next four years.

A council tax freeze for the third year running (for the first time ever) was confirmed, meaning that the DCC share of the Council Tax will stay at £1077.22 for a “Band D” property.

£2 million has been provided, with a further £1 million in 2013/2014, for Community Building Grants, Community Action Grants, Sports Action Grants, Neighbourhood Watch funding and Youth Activity Grants.

The Council will continue its comprehensive programme for the Youth Service, Care for Older People, part-night lighting, apprenticeship schemes, the Trusted Trader scheme and superfast broadband extension. There will be extra funding for pothole repairs and grit bins.

Derbyshire Big Deals

DCC is working with the consumer organisation “Which?” to make it easier people to switch and save money on their energy bills. Registration for the “Derbyshire Big Deals” scheme has closed but, at the end of March, DCC will advise those who have registered what savings could be achieved, so that people may then decide whether to switch. More than 15,000 have registered.

Apprenticeships

A scheme offering grants of £2,500 to help businesses take on an apprentice has been expanded to enable more companies and young people to benefit.

DCC is creating 1,000 apprenticeships – 500 in house and 500 by supporting Derbyshire businesses.

The Council has joined forces with the National Apprenticeship Service to extend the Derbyshire Apprenticeship Grant for Employers (AGE) Scheme after the original 200 grants of £2,500 were taken up within six months.

The link created another 300 grants, initially for 16 to 18-year-olds for businesses with less than 250 employees.

Now, following latest research and feedback from Derbyshire businesses, it has been expanded to allow grant applications for young people aged 16-24-years-old and for business with up to 1,000 employees.

Mortgage boost for first time buyers

Derbyshire County Council has approved a £2m investment, together with Lloyds TSB, to launch the “Derbyshire Lend a Hand Scheme” to help secure mortgages and boost the local economy.

Once the legal formalities between DCC and Lloyds TSB are completed, first time buyers who meet the scheme's criteria will be eligible for a mortgage with a preferential interest rate if they can raise a 5% deposit.

Potholes

A specialist 'jetpatcher' machine is making its way around Derbyshire as part of a £824,000 project to fix potholes.

The jetpatcher uses a high velocity air stream to clear existing holes of any debris and water as well as laying and compacting new asphalt. It is all part of a project to bring in external contractors to help clear the backlog of urgent repairs caused by flooding and winter weather.

DCC looks after around 3,500 miles of roads and pavements and was given £1.8m by the Government to add to its £22 million budget for road maintenance this year. There will be a further £4m of Government cash over the next two years.

Elvaston Castle

Derbyshire County Council has been in discussion with the National Trust over the last 18 months about how the Trust might be able to assist the Council in finding a way forward that achieves an acceptable solution for the Council, Elvaston Castle & Country Park and the community. The National Trust will provide advice and guidance whilst they and the Council will work with a range of other local stakeholders to develop a vision for the Estate.

Work over the coming year will include forming a coalition of partners from public, private and voluntary sectors to realise the vision and to engage in consultation with all of those involved.

10. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT-

Erewash Borough Council Annual Report

2012/2013 has been yet another difficult year for the Borough Council, as funding from Central Government has been reduced again. The drive to do more for less reflects a determination on the part of the Borough Council to succeed. In spite of all that it has to contend with Erewash Borough Council remains debt free and yet has still been able to maintain a programme of continued development and expansion. Council Tax saw no increase yet again, helping hard pressed residents to cope with the difficult job of balancing an ever decreasing amount of disposable income available to them as costs increase in other areas including fuel, heating and food, for example.

It has been an ever increasing dilemma as how to maintain frontline services in the light of essential savings that are having to be made. This has been able to be achieved because of the careful handling and management of the Councils' finances. Even more attention has had to be paid to the collection of Council Tax, Business Rates and the reduction of bad debt. However, the Borough Council has helped nearly 1500 businesses over the last year by granting over two million pounds in Small Business Rate Relief. The Borough Council is also set to double the level of business support grant from Ten Thousand to Twenty Thousand pounds. This is to encourage occupation of vacant retail premises by new and developing business in both Ilkeston and Long Eaton town centres. Businesses starting or re-locating to Ilkeston or Long Eaton can apply for a maximum grant of one thousand pounds, through the Golden Hello Scheme.

In order to breathe new life into Ilkeston Market a new scheme has been launched where people with business ideas use a free stall on Ilkeston Market to try them out. Fantastic Fridays will be held on the last Friday of each month and will hopefully attract more shoppers to the town centre.

The closure of the retail arm of Ilkeston Co-op in July, will be a bitter pill to swallow to anyone who looked on the Co-op as the jewel in the crown amongst retailers in the town. However, Franchises who operate in the building are keen to stay, the Travel and Supermarket arms of the Co-op looks likely to remain as well.

The Borough Council is expecting to hear shortly that the Department of Transport has approved the application for a new railway station for Ilkeston. As part of a 20 million pounds fund for new stations. The plans for the station

are at an advanced stage. The proposed new station is supported by the Borough Council, Network Rail and Derbyshire County Council.

Other exciting new developments in and around the Borough include 'first round' success for Erewash Museum in its bid to secure four hundred thousand pounds of funding from the Heritage Lottery, for an all new Learning and Visitor Centre. This would see a complete transformation of the old stable block into a learning and community venue to enable the Museum to continue its success in providing learning sessions for Schools. The Museum has been voted best Derbyshire Museum of the Year for the last two years.

Victoria Park in Ilkeston has also won first stage backing from the Heritage Lottery, in an effort to secure a total of six hundred and eighty thousand pounds for the key restoration projects within the park, the Bandstand, Pavilion and the Pergola Arch.

A successful 'hat trick' of bids by the Borough Council has netted more than one hundred and thirty thousand pounds of grants from the 'Aiming High Fund' managed by D.C.C. and Sport England. This funding signals the go-ahead for projects at Sandiacre Friesland, Victoria Park L.C. and Ilkeston Rutland Recreation ground.

Victoria Park Leisure Centre sees a state of the art Poolpad lift to be installed, giving swimmers both young and old, with disabilities, unrivalled access to the centres' facilities. The Borough Council has worked closely with Erewash Disability Support Group and other groups to identify facilities that will make Victoria Park a centre of excellence for people with disabilities.

Rutland Recreation Ground will see an outdoor children's play park, built, thanks to a ninety thousand pounds grant from D.C.C.'s Aiming High Fund. The play park will be all inclusive, with special seating designed for children with disabilities. New paths, low level fence and picnic bench will be included.

The venue will hopefully be open in time for the summer.

Sandiacre Friesland Sports Centre will be installing an all weather football pitch, thanks to a successful twenty thousand pounds Olympic Legacy bid from Sport England.

The new pitch will be the latest (3rd Generation) artificial surface and the total cost of the project will be forty thousand pounds.

Two further highlights from the past year include the presentation of the Freedom of the Borough to Dave (now Sir Dave) Brailsford, the man who has inspired British Cycling like no other.

The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations have seen sixty benches sited right across the Borough to ensure a lasting legacy of the Queen's incredible sixty years as monarch.

An exciting project is the Revive Scheme, aimed at encouraging the use of unused shops as lively new arts spaces, has proved a huge success in giving both professional and amateur artists the chance to showcase their work and talents to Erewash shoppers. Two shops in Long Eaton and one in Ilkeston have been turned into 'pop-up' artists' galleries and studios.

Temporary leases have been secured to ensure that all the shops remain open until June 2013.

Sandiacre Friesland Sports Centre has won a national award for excellence in customer satisfaction, which puts it in the top ten best performers in England. The assessment was carried out by Sport England as part of a National Benchmarking Survey.

Rutland Sports Park Gym now has 73 stations, using state of the art equipment supplied by Technogym, the official supplier to the London 2012 Olympics. A free open weekend on 6th -7th April will give residents the opportunity to enjoy 'have-a – go' sessions for a wide range of sports.

West Park Leisure Centre is having a quarter of a million pounds upgrade, including relocating the gym upstairs and increasing the number of gym stations available. The sauna and steam room area and a refurbished café area will all add to the centres popularity.

Sixteen talented Athletes have received bursaries of £300.00 to help with training costs as part of the drive to create a long lasting Olympic legacy. The money is from the Business Network ICON, set up by Derbyshire Sport, and is supported by the Borough Council and other local authorities. The Council also provides the athletes with free use of its Leisure Centres to help with training.

New Dog Control Orders came into force at the beginning of March. It imposes new responsibilities on dog owners to ensure that they have greater control over their pets at locations around the Borough. These orders include being kept on a lead at all times in cemeteries. Dogs are now barred from all fenced and gated play areas, skate parks, ball courts and multi-use games areas. Dog mess **must** be picked up - an order which covers all land which is open to the public. Dog owners will be issued with an £80.00 fine for breaching any of these orders. Failure to pay will incur court action.

In closing, please remember that only 11p in the £1.00 goes towards paying for the Borough Councils Services. The Council is only too well aware that every penny spent delivers cost effective and value for money services. This policy will continue to ensure that all residents' views reflect this.

**11. REPORT ON ENVIRONMENT MATTERS IN THE PARISH
(CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE- J Wild)**

The Parish Council has continued to fight the problem of littering. For the past few months we have been without our usual Street Cleaner so the Villages have not looked at their best. A Borough Blitz was organised for March 2013 but much has been postponed due to the inclement weather

A number of seats have been placed around the Parish to celebrate The Queens Jubilee. These have been provided by Erewash Borough Council and The Parish Council.

The Christmas Lights in both villages were very successful this year. It is hoped to continue with the similar celebrations in 2013.

12. REPORT ON CEMETERY MATTERS IN THE PARISH

Report of the Burials Chairman March 2013

The year has seen a great amount of refurbishment taking place in Balmoral Road Cemetery. Much of it being done by the Probation Service, using their Community Payback Scheme. The work being undertaken included painting of the main gates, fence painting, 'the hut' being refurbished, path edging, weeding and general maintenance work. The work was completed to a very high standard, and has saved the Council expenditure at a time of financial restraint.

A Diamond Jubilee Seat has been sited in the Cemetery as one of three which were allocated to the Parish as part of the Queens' Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Balmoral Road Cemetery is extremely popular and is filling up rapidly. The Parish Council are looking for new land that can be used for a new cemetery. Anyone who has a suitable plot of land which could be used is asked to contact the Parish Office.

The Parish Council is completely aware that people who use Balmoral Road Cemetery to visit relatives and friends who are buried or interred there, wish to see it presented in a clean and tidy manner. A programme of continued maintenance has taken place and the Parish Council has received many compliments for their efforts.

Belmont Drive Cemetery will continue to be refurbished by students from a Government Funded College in Shardlow. Some work has already been started but because of poor weather conditions during the summer, much valuable time was lost.

13. REPORT ON ALLOTMENT MATTERS IN THE PARISH (CHAIRMAN OF THE ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE. T Holbrook

A meeting is to be held with representatives of Elmcross Allotments association to explore the possibility of self management.

**14. REPORT ON RECREATIONAL MATTERS IN THE PARISH- J
Tizzard**

All Recreation activity has been actioned at monthly Parish Council Meetings. In the early stages of 2013-14 the Bare Lane Recreation Ground Equipment will be refurbished in line with the last Play Inspection Safety report.

15. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The 2012 Remembrance Service was exceptionally well attended. The same format will be used again in 2013.

**16. MATTERS FOR INCLUSION IN THE 2014 ANNUAL PARISH
MEETING**

This standard agenda will be the format for the 2014 Annual Parish Meeting.

17. DATE AND TIME OF 2014 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Late March 2014, to be confirmed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.25pm

DRAFT COPY

**Minutes of the of the OCKBROOK AND BORROWASH PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING held at the Parish Hall, Ockbrook on Wednesday 10th April 2013
commencing 7.00pm**

Present :-

T Holbrook – Acting Chairman	
MV Tumanow	
D Archer	
P Archer- Acting Vice Chairman	
J Tizzard	
J Owens	
J Wild	
A Solloway	
M White	
M Wallis	
G E Taylor	Clerk
H Bevan	Assistant Clerk

8 members of the public + Councillor W Major, and Neighbourhood Warden Ean Cook

Before the meeting commenced there was a minute's silence observed following the death of Lady Thatcher.

PART 1 NON EXEMPT ITEMS

1/2013 Apologies for Absence

B Solloway

2/2013 Declaration of Members' Interest

Nil

3/2013 Open To The Public

A Sims enquired about reinstatement of the netting at the Community Centre.
The Parish Council responded that this was proposed for May 2013.

I Rose asked about a grave which had been covered in excess soil for about three weeks.
The Parish Council responded that the issue had been taken up with the grave digger and that he should be removing all excess soil when he next attends on 12th April 2013.

Derbyshire County Council – Councillor W Major

Derbyshire County Council Election has been called and polling day will be on Thursday the 2nd of May. I urge all residents to vote.

Every house hold should have received there council tax bill I wish to highlight again for the 3rd year the County council have frozen your council tax which we hope to continue to do as long as we possibly can.

A campaign to crack down on people who are misusing Blue Badges is being stepped up. Our campaign was launched last year with the warning that people found using a Blue Badge when they shouldn't be could be fined up to £1,000. As part of the campaign we ran a month-long blitz on badge misuse earlier this year, targeting parking hotspots across the county. And we're planning further targeted crackdowns across the county later this year. In the recent blitz parking enforcement officers checked almost 300 Blue Badges and made phone calls to badge holders at home to check whether or not they were out with their badge. As a result of phone calls seven parking tickets were issued to people found to be misusing Blue Badges and letters sent to the Blue Badge holders about the misuse.

We're fixing potholes and pavements with a £824,000 cash boost. External contractors are being brought in to help us clear the backlog of urgent repairs caused by flooding and winter weather. The number of potholes reported by the public and noted on routine inspections continues to rise. People tell us good quality roads are important to them and we've already increased the number of our own staff out there to reduce the backlog of repairs. But it's clear we need to take extra action to improve the quality of our roads. As well as appointing external contractors to fix problems on the roads, we are hiring a "Jet Patcher" – a specialist machine which uses a high velocity air stream to clear existing holes of any debris and water as well as laying and compacting new asphalt. The £824,000 shot-in-the arm is expected to fund extra repairs for two months. A further £4 million has already been made available by the Government to target winter damage on Derbyshire's roads during the next two years.

Councillor R Parkinson:

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

New Cycle Lanes in Long Eaton

County Highways are to build new cycle lanes and traffic lights to improve road safety in an area of Long Eaton.

A grant of £400,000 from the Government's Cycle Safety Fund will enable work will take place along both sides of Derby Road and at the roundabout junction of Derby Road and Market Place (The Green).

The scheme will involve removing the roundabout and replacing it with a signalised junction, allowing much better provision for cyclists and pedestrians. New cycle lanes will also be provided along Derby Road to link into those already in place.

44 sites were identified nationally, including The Green which over the five years to the end of December 2010 had a record of three cyclists seriously injured.

The project is expected to cost £600,000 in total and will take place during the 2013-14 financial year.

DCC had already earmarked £200,000 for some improvements but the extra funding means more extensive measures can be put in place.

Misuse of Blue Badges

A campaign to crack down on people who are misusing Blue Badges is being stepped up.

The campaign was launched last year with the warning that people found wrongly using a Blue Badge could be fined up to £1,000. Further targeted campaigns are planned across the County later this year.

In the recent “blitz”, parking enforcement officers checked almost 300 Blue Badges and made telephone calls to badge holders at home to check whether or not they were out with their badge. As a result, seven parking tickets were issued to people found to be misusing Blue Badges and letters sent to the Blue Badge holders about the misuse.

Blue Badges are issued to people with severe mobility problems and badge holders can display their badge in their car, or any vehicle in which they are travelling, to park closer to where they need to be, often free.

At the beginning of last year changes were introduced to the Blue Badge scheme as part of the Government's national initiative called the Blue Badge Reform Programme.

This aimed to improve administration of the Blue Badge scheme, making it easier for misuse to be identified and harder for fraudsters to produce and illegally use badges and to ensure that only genuine users benefit.

Information on all new applicants is now held on a national database and the new Blue Badges are of a higher specification, making them harder to copy. The application process also changed so that people applying for, or re-applying for, badges must now have a full assessment.

Derbyshire parking enforcement officers are continuing to check Blue Badges when they are on patrol with targeted enforcement planned in the summer and autumn.

People can report Blue Badge cheats by telephoning “Call Derbyshire” on 08456 058 058 or they can email parking@derbyshire.gov.uk

For a reminder of the Blue Badge rules, see www.derbyshire.gov.uk/bluebadge.

Pavements

We now know that National Grid plc are to renew gas mains in the Manor Road area, so that the pavement repairs have been reprogrammed to 1st to 19th July. At least we now have a confirmed start date!

Police Report- E Cook.

This is the 10th Year of Crime Reduction in the Derbyshire Constabulary Area.

In the Ockbrook and Borrowash Beat Area:-

Anti - Social Behaviour

01/03/12 – 30/03/12 28

01/03/13 – 30/03/13 8

Crimes Recorded

01/03/12 – 30/03/12 54 (incs 5 drive off from Petrol Station and 5 shop thefts)

01/03/13 – 01/03/13 24 (includes only 1 shop theft but no fuel thefts as the shell garage was closed)

Compared to this time last year:-

Domestic Burglary + 2

Shop Theft + 20

Vehicle Crime – 47

Theft of Motor Vehicles -5

Theft from motor vehicles – 39

Vehicle interference -3

PCSO Patrick Barker is moving to Ripley at the end of the month.

Erewash Borough Council

Now that Budgets have been finalised it is a quieter time at the Borough. As regards Borough/ Parishes liaison the Borough Council has adopted a Review of Concurrent Functions and The Parish Council will be completing its Annual Return on the basis of the new agreed format.

4/2013 Planning Applications

Nil

**5/2013 To Confirm the Non Confidential Minutes of the Meeting(s)
held in 6th March 2013 and The Annual Parish Meeting held on 27th March
2013**

These were accepted as a true record and signed.

6/2013 Report of the Parish Clerk

The OBPC Website – Annual Review

Parish Council Home Page – 2181 hits

Parish Hall Home Page – 1665

Old Site holding Page – 325

Now that the Quarterly Newsletter is having a full 3000 distribution and the web site is now more widely known.

Draft Parish Council Accounts 2012-13

- The end of year balance has increased by £9384 to £32,618 in line with the policy of building up reserves.
- Staff Costs have reduced by 7.2% over the financial year
- Income was up by 6.9% to £113,925
- Expenditure was down by 8.6% to £104,581

The Parish Council Accounts will go to Internal Audit at the end of the month and once completed will be circulated to all councillors and be available for inspection by members of the public.

The Accounts go to External Audit by 17th June 2013.

The Annual Concurrent Functions Return is due to go to the Borough Council by the 11th May 2013, on the new format as determined by the Borough Council.

7/2013 Flooding

A DVD disc has been received which details investigations made into drainage by Derbyshire County Council. P Archer will review the material and report back to the May Meeting of the Council.

8/2013 DALC Circulars received since the previous meeting

Circular 05/2013

Spring Seminar March 2013

Clerk Induction Training

CiLCA Training

Parish Council Finance – Internal Audit and The Annual Return – Training

A message from Sarita Presland DALC Chief Officer

Circular 06/2013

Setting the Precept and Dispensations

Allotments

Quality Parish and Town Councils Review

Government Lifts Red Tape for Community Events

Derbyshire Well Dressings

Circular 07/2013

Section 137 Expenditure

Quality Parish Councils Scheme

More support for Local Communities and Local Councils in Planning

Community Infrastructure Levy

Clerk Vacancy Hodthorpe and Belph Parish Council/Elmton with Creswell (plus an Assistant)

9/2013 Report from Representatives on Outside Bodies

Nil

10/2013 Finance

Expenditure since last meeting	£7,252.47
Income since last meeting	£3,892.48

The following were approved :-

Pinxton Puppets	£145.00
Terry Holbrook	£100.00
Viking Direct	£273.99
British Gas	£182.00
Midland Reprographics	£32.22
Siemens Financial Services	£19.03
Siemens Financial Services	£163.51
Ashbrook Youth Club	£2,100
G E Taylor – Expenses	£37.45
Salaries	£2,390.51
HMRC	£832.33

Virgin Media Payments	£29.99
Care & Repair – Groundwork	£622.00
JWP Computers	£12.00
E.ON	£57.47
Virgin Media Payments	£35.75
Midland Reprographics	£32.33
British Gas	£187.00

11/2013 Fire Risk Assessment – The Parish Hall

This was adopted by the Parish Council to be read in conjunction with the Fire Inspection Report which was conducted in November 2012.

Proposal:- An Attendance Record (Sign in/Sign Out) Book should be maintained by the Parish Council for all hall users.

In Favour 2 M Wallis and MV Tumanow

Against: 8 T Holbrook, D Archer, P Archer, J Tizzard, J Owens, J Wild, A Solloway, M White.

Decisions:-

- An Emergency Fire Action Plan to be written by Cllr M White and the Clerk
- The Emergency Fire Action Plan once agreed to be displayed in the Parish Hall and the Parish Council's Web Site
- All Hall users have to adhere to the Emergency Fire Action Plan and the instructions contained therein
- Staff to be trained in Fire Procedures and the use of Fire Extinguishers
- PAT tests to be taken every two – three years- users of the hall who bring in their own electrical equipment are to be deemed responsible for that equipment
- Gas inspections/ servicing to be taken annually
- Three Mains Operated Smoke Detectors with Battery Back Up are to be installed in the hall together with two Carbon Monoxide Detectors (quotes are to be obtained)
- Curtains in the Post Office are to be checked for proximity to any fire hazard
- Curtains in the Main Hall are not to be changed
- Combustible material held in the hall is to be kept to a minimum
- Fire Extinguishers to be checked annually.

12/2013 Village Games/Parish Games

It was agreed to cancel Parish Games 2013

13/2013 Elmcross Tenants Association

A meeting will take place with The Parish Council and members from The Elmcross Tenants Association on Wednesday 24th April at 7-00pm in The Parish Hall to discuss a request for Self Management.

Cllrs T Holbrook, P Archer and J Tizzard will attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

14/2013 Standing Orders/Financial Regulations

The amendments to **Standing Orders** were agreed and adopted.

Financial Regulations

It was proposed and agreed to amend Section 12 i) (Contracts) to read £1,000 (amended from £3000)

With this amendment Financial Regulations were agreed and adopted.

15/2013 Correspondence Received-any enquiries reference correspondence may be made to the Clerk before the commencement of the meeting.

1. Elmcross – Self Management.
A meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th April commencing at 7-00pm.
2. Ashbrook Youth Club-request for financial support 2013/2014
Decision;-The Youth Club are to be asked to expand on their request detailing what funding they require
3. Bid Dug-Storage Racks (table storage)
Decision: Two appropriate sized storage units are to be purchased
4. Request for Additional Street Lighting
Decision: DCC Cllr W Major will pursue
5. DCC response regarding The Ridings-Hopewell Hall
Decision: The Parish Council will write to DCC Legal Department (cc Rights of Way) supporting the reinstatement of the Bridleway at an early opportunity. The Parish Council does not support the use of any “motorised” vehicles being approved)
6. Bus Shelter, Priorway Ave – with R Parkinson
7. P Wright-EBC – refurbishment of Playing Fields Dean’s Drive
8. Came and Company – Parish Matters
9. Local Council Review (LCR) Spring 2013
10. Clerks and Councils Direct-March 2013
11. Plan4Print- Customer Survey
12. The Clerk Magazine
13. EBC confirmation of Concurrent Functions 2013/2014

14. Parish Borough Liaison Meeting – 11th April 2013- The Clerk and Cllr Holbrook to attend.
15. Autumn Footprints- Decision:-D Archer offered to consider organising a walk in September 2013.
16. Finance-resident's email 20th March 2013
Decision: P Archer will draft an appropriate response.
17. RAD-Rural Matter March 2013
18. Spring event canal and river trust-19th May, Trent Lock
19. Publication OBPC Spring Edition
20. PDP-Freedom of Information Conference
21. Treetops Today Magazine
22. Pauline Latham MP-Dept of Transport acknowledgement-Speed Gun
23. EBC European Elections-22nd May 2014
24. Tree Warden-Grants for Schools & Community Trees
25. Grant Thornton-External Audit 2012/2013
26. CPRE-Countryside Voice-Spring 2013

All other email correspondence as sent.

16/2013 Derby and Derbyshire Minerals Plan-Local Aggregate Assessment Published

No Parish Council comment

17/2013 Derby and Derbyshire Waste Plan

No Parish Council comment

18/2013 Burials, Allotments, Environment, Recreation, Finance, Planning Committee

Burials:

Cllrs M Wallis and MV Tumanow will arrange to meet with the Grave Digger and discuss Parish Council requirements.

A new seat has been ordered for the cemetery and will be fitted on the existing concrete base.

Allotments:

Skips and Disposal of Green Waste- to be discussed once Cllr Holbrook has attended a Regional Allotments Forum in May 2013

Additional work for the Probation Service will be considered this summer together with any additional work in the Cemeteries.

Environment:

Autumn Footprints 2013 – see correspondence

Field on Moor Lane – Rental. The Clerk is to send an invoice to Mr Camp.

.Recreation:

Senior Citizens Party – Saturday 11th May 2013

This has now SOLD OUT – A Waiting List is being compiled.

All Parish Councillors are welcome to attend and help out.

Summer Vibes – Ashbrook Youth Centre- Parish Council support was approved.

Football Training – Ashbrook Youth Centre . All enquiries are to be forwarded to Cllr M Wallis.

Dean’s Drive: Drainage work will commence in early May and the field may be unavailable for 12 weeks.

The ransom strip from Hawthorne Avenue and the area of land to the rear of the bungalows on Hawthorne Avenue are the responsibility of Erewash Borough Council

Two additional benches have been purchased for Dean’s Drive and will be erected near to the main football pitch.

19/2013 Items for the May 2013 Parish Council Meeting

20/2013 Date and Time of the next Parish Council and Committee Meetings

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 1st May 2013, commencing at 7-00pm in The Parish Hall, Ockbrook, followed by The May 2013 Parish Council Meeting.

PART II – EXEMPT ITEMS

21/2013 Corporate Governance

Deferred to a future Parish Council Meeting

22/ The Parish Hall – Storage of Tables

See decision under Correspondence above.

23/ Parish Council Mission Statement

Deferred to a future Parish Council Meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.00 hours

**Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013 OF THE OCKBROOK AND
BORROWASH PARISH COUNCIL held at the Parish Hall, Ockbrook on
Wednesday 1st May 2013 commencing 7.00pm**

Present :-

T Holbrook – Elected Chairman	
MV Tumanow	
P Archer - Elected Vice Chairman	
J Owens	
J Wild	
J Tizzard	
D Archer	
G E Taylor	Clerk
H Bevan	Assistant Clerk

6 members of the public.

The Meeting was opened by T Holbrook (as A/ Chairman)

AGM 1/2013 Election of Chairman of the Parish Council for the session 2013-2014

T Holbrook was proposed by J Owens and seconded by J Tizzard and Elected to serve as Chairman of the Parish Council.

T Holbrook took the Chair and thanked all members for electing him to the position of Chairman of the Council.

AGM 2/2013 Apologies for Absence

A Solloway, M White, M Wallis, B Solloway, M White, M Wallis, DCC Cllrs R Parkinson, W Major and PC Walker

AGM 3/2013 Declaration of Personal Interest

Nil

AGM 4/2013 Election of Vice Chairman of The Parish Council

P Archer was proposed by T Holbrook and seconded by M V Tumanow and elected to serve as Vice Chairman of The Parish Council.

AGM 5/2013 Representation on Parish Council Committees

Finance:

Chairman:	P Archer
Vice Chairman:	D Archer
Committee – All Parish Councillors	

Environment Lighting and Footpaths

Chairman: J Wild
Vice Chairman: D Archer
Committee: - All Parish Councillors

Allotments

Chairman: T Holbrook
Vice Chairman: P Archer
Committee: - All Parish Councillors

Recreation

Chairman: J Tizzard
Vice Chairman: B Solloway
Committee: - All Parish Councillors

Burials

Chairman: MV Tumanow
Vice Chairman: J Wild
Committee: - All Parish Councillors

Planning

Chairman: J Owens
Vice Chairman: J Wild
Committee - All Parish Councillors

It was RESOLVED that dates for all committee meetings would be set at full Parish Council meetings.

It was RESOLVED that all Parish Councillors would be welcome to sit on all Parish Council Committee Meetings.

AGM 5/2013- Representation on Outside Bodies

It was RESOLVED that this would be as per 2012 AGM

AGM6/2013 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

As per a resolution at the April 2013 Parish Council Meeting

There being no further business the AGM closed at 7.05pm

**Minutes of the MAY 2013 meeting of THE OCKBROOK & BORROWASH
PARISH COUNCIL held at the Parish Hall, Ockbrook on Wednesday 1st May 2013
commencing at 7.15pm**

Present: T Holbrook Chairman
P Archer
D Archer
J Owens
MV Tumanow
J Wild
J Tizzard
G E Taylor Clerk
H Bevan A/Clerk

6 members of the public.

24/2013 Apologies for Absence

M White, A Solloway, B Solloway, M White, M Wallis DCC Cllrs R Parkinson W Major and PC Walker

25/2013 Declaration of Members' Interest

Nil

26/2013 To confirm The Minutes of the Meeting (s) held on:-10th April 2013

These were confirmed as a true record and signed

27/2013 Open To The Public

J Clarke:

There have been rumours that a car park is being created on the park on Deans Drive Playing Field, Borrowash, is this true?

The Chairman responded stating that this was not the case. Erewash Borough Council has taken responsibility for the football pitches, which will have new drainage put in May/June 2013.

N Bacon :

There appears to be a problem with the Community Bus stopping on Bare Lane, Ockbrook, causing traffic problems.

The Chairman will speak to Erewash Community Transport.

Steps leading from Bare Lane to the Bus Shelter, The Chairman will speak to 3 Valley's Housing and report back.

Derbyshire County Council Report

No reports received

Erewash Borough Council

Parish Football Pitch at Deans Drive.

There is a persistent problem with water-logging on the Parish pitch; particularly an area of approx. 170 metres, at the bottom of the slope adjacent to Deans Drive.

There appears to be two practical solutions to improve the problem.

Option 1

Remove the affected area to a depth of 12 – 15 inches. Place a 'mattress' of graded stone to a depth of 6 – 9 inches and replace the turf. A membrane could be laid on top of the stone but there would be no guarantees that this would make any significant improvement to helping alleviate the problem.

Option 2

Remove the soil and turf to a depth of 12 inches and replace with graded stone, and finish with crushed stone to give a top surface. This would effectively create a car park for about 10 vehicles. This would help with parking issues on Deans Drive, if and when the under 8's from Borrowash Victoria use the pitch for the 2013 – 14 season.

Neither of these two courses of action can guarantee 100% to solve the problem. This can only be achieved by putting in land drains to take the water into the Ock Brook.

The cost of option 1 would be approximately £1200.00

The cost of option 2 would be approximately £1800.00.

The cost of putting a complete drainage system would be extremely expensive, and the Parish Council could be criticised for a financial outlay far in excess of the limited use of the ground.

As it is expensive to dispose of soil off site, if option 2 were used the spoil could be used to construct a bund around the area adjacent to the bungalow at the bottom of Deans Drive.

Decision

It was RESOLVED to have Option 1 with no membrane.
There was to be no consideration of any car park on this area.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to review the whole issue after a period of one year.

Derbyshire Constabulary Report

Nil

28/2013 Planning Applications

Nil

29/2013 Report of the Parish Clerk

Ashbrook Youth Centre – The question of any financial support will be discussed at the June Parish Council Meeting.

An invoice has been sent to Mr R Camp for the rental of the field. The Parish Council has received no response.

Wicksteed Leisure:

A revised quotation for the refurbishment of Bare Lane Play units was AGREED. Work would commence at an early date.

30/2013 DALC Circulars received since the previous meeting

Circular 09/2013

HR Workshops
Smisby Parish Clerk Vacancy

Circular 10/2013

Community Infrastructure Levy
CCLA and the Public Sector Deposit Fund
Internal Auditor
Severn Trent Water
Online Banking
North Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group-invitation for local people to become a member of their Health Panel
Department for Communities and Local Government – Empowering Communities Survey
Grant Thornton contact details

31/2013 Report from representatives on Outside Bodies

Nil

32/2013 Finance

a)

Expenditure since last meeting	£4,838.83
Income since last meeting	£109,215.95

Payments for May PC 2013 (VAT inc)

Ockbrook News	32.22
DALC 2013-14	829.69
EBC Waste Account	45.50
Plan4Print Newsletter	642.00
Clive Walters Window Cleaner	20.00
Park Hall Designs Web Site	145.39
Care & Repair Maintenance Cemetery	315.00
H Bevan Kettle & Keys	21.96
Assured Security Systems Alarm	145.20
Part Salaries April	1233.60
Virgin Media Broadband	29.99
EBC Parish Hall Rates	94.65
JWP Computers	12.00
EBC Cemetery Rates	12.60
Viking Direct Supplies	141.08
Virgin Media Payments Telephony	35.53
Midland Reprographics Photocopier	32.22

The above were approved for payment.

b) Internal Audit 2012/2013

The Internal Audit had been successful and signed off with no commentary.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for all work undertaken to achieve a successful Audit.

It was RESOLVED that the 2012-13 Accounts be signed and sent for External Audit.

A Financial Risk Assessment for 2013-14 was agreed.

c) Concurrent Functions return to EBC 2012/2013

This had been completed and sent.

Using the new criteria for Concurrent Functions calculations, the Parish figure would have been £47,000 not £34,222. (This is academic as the Parish has two years of further cuts agreed on £34,222)

33/2013 Correspondence Received

1. CPRE Annual Report 2012 and Newsletter
2. Skip Invoice
3. Fields in Trust AGM
4. CPRE Travel Choices
5. British Gas Service Improvements

All other email correspondence as sent.

34/2013 Burials, Recreation, Environment, Allotments, Finance

Burials:

A replacement seat had been delivered and would be fitted in the agreed position

Recreation:

Wicksteed Quotation: (see above)

Environment:

Church Farm Footpaths:

There appears to be no access to footpaths due to building work at Church Farm. An email has been sent to David Jenkinson.

Parked cars outside the Chip Shop on Victoria Avenue are becoming an issue. PC Walker will be informed and he can take the issue up with DCC Civil Enforcement if he is unable to resolve.

Allotments:

- The Parish Council has agreed to pursue the issue of self-management of Shacklecross and Elm Street Allotments with Elmcross Tenants' Association . A further meeting will take place in July.
- The Privet Hedge on Elm Street will be cut back week commencing 13th May 2013.
- Damage to the Pillar on Ladysmith Gate: P Archer will report back on this matter.

Finance:

Nil

35/2013 Items for the June 2013 Parish Council Meeting

Ashbrook Youth Club Application for funding

36/2013 Date and Time of the next Parish Council and Committee Meetings

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on the Wednesday 5th June 2013 at 7-00 pm in The Parish Hall, Ockbrook

There being no further business the meeting finished at 7.50pm

**Minutes of the MAY 2013 meeting of THE OCKBROOK & BORROWASH
PARISH COUNCIL held at the Parish Hall, Ockbrook on Wednesday 1st May 2013
commencing at 7.15pm**

Present: T Holbrook Chairman
P Archer
D Archer
J Owens
MV Tumanow
J Wild
J Tizzard
G E Taylor Clerk
H Bevan A/Clerk

6 members of the public.

24/2013 Apologies for Absence

M White, A Solloway, B Solloway, M White, M Wallis DCC Cllrs R Parkinson W Major and PC Walker

25/2013 Declaration of Members' Interest

Nil

26/2013 To confirm The Minutes of the Meeting (s) held on:-10th April 2013

These were confirmed as a true record and signed

27/2013 Open To The Public

J Clarke:

There have been rumours that a car park is being created on the park on Deans Drive Playing Field, Borrowash, is this true?

The Chairman responded stating that this was not the case. Erewash Borough Council has taken responsibility for the football pitches, which will have new drainage put in May/June 2013.

N Bacon :

There appears to be a problem with the Community Bus stopping on Bare Lane, Ockbrook, causing traffic problems.

The Chairman will speak to Erewash Community Transport.

Steps leading from Bare Lane to the Bus Shelter, The Chairman will speak to 3 Valley's Housing and report back.

Derbyshire County Council Report

No reports received

Erewash Borough Council

Parish Football Pitch at Deans Drive.

There is a persistent problem with water-logging on the Parish pitch; particularly an area of approx. 170 metres, at the bottom of the slope adjacent to Deans Drive.

There appears to be two practical solutions to improve the problem.

Option 1

Remove the affected area to a depth of 12 – 15 inches. Place a 'mattress' of graded stone to a depth of 6 – 9 inches and replace the turf. A membrane could be laid on top of the stone but there would be no guarantees that this would make any significant improvement to helping alleviate the problem.

Option 2

Remove the soil and turf to a depth of 12 inches and replace with graded stone, and finish with crushed stone to give a top surface. This would effectively create a car park for about 10 vehicles. This would help with parking issues on Deans Drive, if and when the under 8's from Borrowash Victoria use the pitch for the 2013 – 14 season.

Neither of these two courses of action can guarantee 100% to solve the problem. This can only be achieved by putting in land drains to take the water into the Ock Brook.

The cost of option 1 would be approximately £1200.00

The cost of option 2 would be approximately £1800.00.

The cost of putting a complete drainage system would be extremely expensive, and the Parish Council could be criticised for a financial outlay far in excess of the limited use of the ground.

As it is expensive to dispose of soil off site, if option 2 were used the spoil could be used to construct a bund around the area adjacent to the bungalow at the bottom of Deans Drive.

Decision

It was RESOLVED to have Option 1 with no membrane.
There was to be no consideration of any car park on this area.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to review the whole issue after a period of one year.

Derbyshire Constabulary Report

Nil

28/2013 Planning Applications

Nil

29/2013 Report of the Parish Clerk

Ashbrook Youth Centre – The question of any financial support will be discussed at the June Parish Council Meeting.

An invoice has been sent to Mr R Camp for the rental of the field. The Parish Council has received no response.

Wicksteed Leisure:

A revised quotation for the refurbishment of Bare Lane Play units was AGREED. Work would commence at an early date.

30/2013 DALC Circulars received since the previous meeting

Circular 09/2013

HR Workshops
Smisby Parish Clerk Vacancy

Circular 10/2013

Community Infrastructure Levy
CCLA and the Public Sector Deposit Fund
Internal Auditor
Severn Trent Water
Online Banking
North Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group-invitation for local people to become a member of their Health Panel
Department for Communities and Local Government – Empowering Communities Survey
Grant Thornton contact details

31/2013 Report from representatives on Outside Bodies

Nil

32/2013 Finance

a)

Expenditure since last meeting	£4,838.83
Income since last meeting	£109,215.95

Payments for May PC 2013 (VAT inc)

Ockbrook News	32.22
DALC 2013-14	829.69
EBC Waste Account	45.50
Plan4Print Newsletter	642.00
Clive Walters Window Cleaner	20.00
Park Hall Designs Web Site	145.39
Care & Repair Maintenance Cemetery	315.00
H Bevan Kettle & Keys	21.96
Assured Security Systems Alarm	145.20
Part Salaries April	1233.60
Virgin Media Broadband	29.99
EBC Parish Hall Rates	94.65
JWP Computers	12.00
EBC Cemetery Rates	12.60
Viking Direct Supplies	141.08
Virgin Media Payments Telephony	35.53
Midland Reprographics Photocopier	32.22

The above were approved for payment.

b) Internal Audit 2012/2013

The Internal Audit had been successful and signed off with no commentary.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for all work undertaken to achieve a successful Audit.

It was RESOLVED that the 2012-13 Accounts be signed and sent for External Audit.

A Financial Risk Assessment for 2013-14 was agreed.

c) Concurrent Functions return to EBC 2012/2013

This had been completed and sent.

Using the new criteria for Concurrent Functions calculations, the Parish figure would have been £47,000 not £34,222. (This is academic as the Parish has two years of further cuts agreed on £34,222)

33/2013 Correspondence Received

1. CPRE Annual Report 2012 and Newsletter
2. Skip Invoice
3. Fields in Trust AGM
4. CPRE Travel Choices
5. British Gas Service Improvements

All other email correspondence as sent.

34/2013 Burials, Recreation, Environment, Allotments, Finance

Burials:

A replacement seat had been delivered and would be fitted in the agreed position

Recreation:

Wicksteed Quotation: (see above)

Environment:

Church Farm Footpaths:

There appears to be no access to footpaths due to building work at Church Farm. An email has been sent to David Jenkinson.

Parked cars outside the Chip Shop on Victoria Avenue are becoming an issue. PC Walker will be informed and he can take the issue up with DCC Civil Enforcement if he is unable to resolve.

Allotments:

- The Parish Council has agreed to pursue the issue of self-management of Shacklecross and Elm Street Allotments with Elmcross Tenants' Association . A further meeting will take place in July.
- The Privet Hedge on Elm Street will be cut back week commencing 13th May 2013.
- Damage to the Pillar on Ladysmith Gate: P Archer will report back on this matter.

Finance:

Nil

35/2013 Items for the June 2013 Parish Council Meeting

Ashbrook Youth Club Application for funding

36/2013 Date and Time of the next Parish Council and Committee Meetings

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on the Wednesday 5th June 2013 at 7-00 pm in The Parish Hall, Ockbrook

There being no further business the meeting finished at 7.50pm

**Minutes of the JUNE 2013 meeting of THE OCKBROOK & BORROWASH
PARISH COUNCIL held at the Parish Hall, Ockbrook on Wednesday 5th June 2013
commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: T Holbrook Chairman
J Owens
MV Tumanow
J Wild
G E Taylor Clerk
H Bevan A/Clerk

4 members of the public. Councillor R Parkinson and Councillor W Major

37/2013 Apologies for Absence

M White, J Tizzard, A Solloway, B Solloway, M Wallis, P Archer, D Archer

38/2013 Declaration of Members' Interest

Councillor M V Tumanow - Ashbrook Community Centre

39/2013 To confirm The Minutes of the Meeting (s) held on:-1st May 2013

These were confirmed as a true record and signed

40/2013 Open To The Public

A Simms:

It was confirmed that The Parish Council have a 3 year contract , with Erewash Borough Council, for Hanging Baskets in both Ockbrook and Borrowwash villages.

It was confirmed by EBC that drainage works on Deans Drive Playing Field will be completed by the end of July 2013.

I Rose:

It was agreed that the Elm Street Ransom Strip will be trimmed by The Contractors as soon as possible.

Derbyshire County Council Report- Cllr R Parkinson

As you aware, the County Council election held on Thursday, 2nd May 2013 resulted in Wayne Major's and my re-election in the Sandiacre and Breaston Electoral Divisions respectively. The final figures for the new County Council were: Labour 43, Conservative 18, Liberal 3.

The new Chairman of the Council is Cllr. David Wilcox, whilst the new Leader is Cllr Anne Western. Cllr Andrew Lewer continues as Leader of the Conservative Group. The former Chief Executive (Nick Hodgson) has left the Council and his position is to be advertised nationally. Meanwhile, the Strategic Director of Environmental Services (Ian Stephenson) has been appointed Acting Chief Executive.

A new Youth Service review will be launched to find out what all young people want and need, although my reading of a report to yesterday's Cabinet meeting suggests that there will not be many changes to the proposals approved by the former Council.

Arrangements are in hand for all DCC residential homes to be visited before considering the future of Care for Older People and how it will be delivered. Again, it is likely that much of the existing plan will proceed.

Erewash Borough Council Report

Val Claire has been elected the new Mayor of Erewash

Derbyshire Constabulary Report

ASB

From April 1st 2013 to 2nd June 2013 – Reports of Anti Social Behaviour fell by - 58.3% cumulative – which is a reduction of 35 less calls for service.

CRIME

From 1st April 2013 to 31st May 2013 – Reductions in the following offences

Violent offences reduction of - 63.6%

Shop lifting reduction of - 66.7%

Theft from Motor Vehicle reduction of - 28.6%

Notes of interest - recently there have been one or two Shed break ins in Borrowash and Ockbrook where high value pedal cycles and power tools have been targeted. Also on a local park in Borrowash a male was found in possession of drugs. He was given a Police Cannabis Warning and drugs and paraphernalia were seized and destroyed. Also on the park a male was found supplying underage children with alcohol which was confiscated and he received a Fix Penalty Notice of £80 for his trouble.

Our next surgery date is 11th June 2013 1500-1600 at Cole Lane Police Station, where we are also available for the Cycle Coding program.

Other Information – Horse watch meeting has been arranged 15th July 1900 - 2100 at Long Eaton Town Hall.

41/2013 Planning Applications

Nil

42/2013 Report of the Parish Clerk

The Clerk had attended a training course run by DALC reference Council compliance with all matters relating to Human Resources (HR).

It was agreed that Staff Contracts, Job Descriptions, H&S and all Employment Procedures will be updated and sent to councillors over a period of time up to September 2013 for approval.

There have been many changes in legislation since 2010 and whilst the Council is presently compliant, numerous updates are required.

See DALC Circular 11/2013

43/2013 DALC Circulars received since the previous meeting

Circular 11/2013

HR Workshop – Keeping your Council Compliant
DALC Annual Executive Meeting and AGM
RAD ready to help communities tap into Neighbourhood Planning Cash

44/2013 Report from representatives on Outside Bodies

Nil

45/2013 Finance

For Approval

Expenditure since last meeting £9,597.28
Income since last meeting £1,077.14

Payments for June PC 2013 (VAT inc)

Salaries April	946.53
JMRC April	504.62
Care & Repair Burials, Recreation Maintenance	765.00
Magfern Skips	509.20
B Woodcock Internal Audit	88.87
GE Taylor Expenses – April	41.34
E.On Electricity Parish Hall	66.95

British Gas	Gas Parish Hall	187.00
Care & Repair Misc.	Maintenance	255.00
Caretaker	Election Duties	35.00
H Bevan	S Citizens Party Gifts	38.34
D Webster	Entertainment – S Citizens Party	120.00
The Royal Oak	S. Citizens Party Afternoon Tea	349.00
Assured Security	Smoke & C Monoxide Detectors	897.00
Salaries May		2560.66
HMRC May		761.05
Care & Repair Allot/Rec/Burials		625.00
Big Dug	Table Support – Parish Hall	378.00
EBC	Parish Hall Rates	96.00
Virgin Media	Broadband	29.99
E.On	Electricity	250.13
JWP	Computer Maintenance	12.00
Virgin Media	Telephone	33.38
EBC	Cemetery Rates	14.00
Midland Repro	Photocopier	32.22

It was agreed that Ashbrook Youth Centre will be paid in three separate payments of £1,500 in June 2013, October 2013 and February 2014. All in favour

The above were approved for payment. All in favour.

46/2013 Correspondence Received

1. Ashbrook Youth Club-request for financial support
2. The Clerk Magazine May 2013
3. EBC Hanging Baskets 3 year contract
4. Tree Preservation Order- 9 Towle Close, Borrowwash
5. Misc Planning Applications (see www.ob-pc.org.uk)

All other email correspondence as sent.

47/2013 Burials, Recreation, Environment, Allotments, Finance

Burials:

It was agreed that Care & Repair will undertake additional mowing and strimming of both Balmoral Road Cemetery and All Saints Cemetery due to the weather conditions.

All Saints Church - The Clerk has been in contact with EBC regarding an inspection of the Yew Trees and Crown Lifting, which EBC will undertake.

A new seat is due to be erected in Balmoral Road Cemetery week commencing 17th June 2013

Recreation:

All refurbishment work on The Bare Lane Playing Field, Ockbrook has now been completed. All footpaths on Bare Lane Playing Field are due to be refurbished by DCC in July 2013.

Environment:

D Jenkinson will be inspecting Church Farm Footpaths and will report to the July Parish Council Meeting.

The Environment Committee approved the provision of a bus shelter on Priorway Avenue near Derwent Avenue. This will be match funded DCC/PC.

Christmas Light Switch On for November 2013:

It was agreed that Councillor M V Tumanow and Mr A Simms will speak to The Ashbrook Youth Club regarding 'entertainment' for the Light Switch On in Borrowash. The Council agreed that a change in format was required in Borrowash and to this end the Puppet Show would not be booked in 2013.

This will be an Agenda Item for the July 2013 Parish Council Meeting.

Allotments:

An Allotment Inspection will take place in September 2013.

All Allotment Plots have now been rented out on The Elm Street Allotment Site, Borrowash.

It was agreed that all Allotment Plot Rentals for 2014 will be £40-00 per plot as per 2013 with no increase.

Councillor T Holbrook attended The East Midland Allotment Meeting and found it to be most informative meeting. Several points will be taken on board from the meeting.

Parish Hall

Quotations will be sought for a Damp Proof Course in the lower Hall of The Parish Council building.

All in favour.

Finance:

Nil

48/2013 Items for the July 2013 Parish Council Meeting

Christmas Light Switch On (Ashbrook Youth Club)

49/2013 Date and Time of the next Parish Council and Committee Meetings

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on the Wednesday 17th July 2013 at 7-00 pm in
The Parish Hall, Ockbrook

There being no further business the meeting finished at 7.50pm

DRAFT

**Minutes of the JULY 2013 meeting of THE OCKBROOK & BORROWASH
PARISH COUNCIL held at the Parish Hall, Ockbrook on Wednesday 17th July
2013 commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: T Holbrook Chairman
J Owens
MV Tumanow
J Wild
M Wallis
J Tizzard
P Archer
D Archer
B Solloway
G E Taylor Clerk

3 members of the public plus Councillor R Parkinson and Councillor W Major and PC Walker

50/2013 Apologies for Absence

A Solloway and H Bevan

51/2013 Declaration of Members' Interest

Nil

52/2013 To confirm The Minutes of the Meeting (s) held on:-5th June 2013

These were confirmed as a true record and signed

53 /2013 Open To The Public

Ian Rose:- Questions about The Barrell Factory on Ladysmith – the Chairman took up the matter and will report back .

Derbyshire County Council Report

Councillor Wayne Major

- Flooding in Ockbrook . Derbyshire County Council will be contacting the Parish Council offering to attend the next Parish Council meeting (in September 2013).

- DCC are to be considering an Emergency Budget, in September.
- HS2- DCC are supporting the Toton Route
- DCC are supporting The Chesterfield Unemployment Union to the tune of £37,000+

Councillor Robert Parkinson

- **Roads & Transport Survey**
- A questionnaire will be sent to a minimum of 4,500 Derbyshire residents in July asking their views on issues ranging from the condition of roads and pavements, to the quality of local bus services. Everyone who is sent the survey has the option to be entered into a free prize draw to win either £400, £200 or £100 funded by Ipsos Mori.
- The closing date for returning completed questionnaires is Friday 2 August 2013. Results are expected to be published in the early autumn.
- **Craft exhibitions at Elvaston Castle**
- Exhibitions include:
- **July 1-31:** Helen Stevenson, an artist who produces images on cards and prints, together with jewellery mirroring the colours she uses in her images.
- **August 1-31:** Michael Cook who will be exhibiting his new charcoal collection concentrating on natural themes.
- **September 1-30:** Moreen Cook who creates seaside themed designs, including painted pebbles, mirrors and driftwood.
- **New website helps people stay a step ahead of rogue traders**
- This is to help protect local consumers against rogue traders. The Derbyshire Consumer Hub has been designed to provide information about people's rights when a product is faulty or a service goes wrong. It is a partnership with Citizens Advice Bureaux across Derbyshire who have developed the site (www.derbyshireconsumerhub.info).
- The site brings together a network of advice agencies and local campaigners working to ensure people can find information and guidance about consumer affairs.
- **HS2**
- The Cabinet has endorsed the draft plans for HS2 and for the station at Toton.
- **Manor road/Princess Drive**
 - Now that work has started on pavements in Princess Drive as what DCC Highways call "Phase 1", I am in almost continual correspondence to ensure that Manor Road follows speedily- I will continue to update the Parish Council as appropriate.

Erewash Borough Council Report

Cllr Mike Wallis

The EBC Mayor has opened the new artificial football pitch at Sandiacre. Adjacent tennis courts are also being refurbished.

Summer Playschemes have been finalised in Erewash
Borrowash Victoria U9's are reforming and will use the Parish Pitch on Dean's Drive

Both the large football pitch and the small football pitch on Dean's Drive are being maintained by EBC

The Clerk notified the meeting that the Parish Council had submitted a response to the Boundaries Commission ref: Erewash Borough Council: Number of Councillors. The submission had been acknowledged.

Ashbrook Youth Club- The new Derbyshire County Council Member attended the Youth Club Meeting on 16th July 2013. V Tumanow is still the Vice Chairman.

The Parish Council were thanked for their continuation of financial help and support.

Derbyshire Constabulary Report – PC M Walker

Crime

Shoplifting is way down thanks to matters initiated by the new manager at the Coop

Shed Break ins are up in O&B especially with properties with Open Land to the rear.

ASB is down 37.4% in the months April – June 2013 but July figures are on the increase. There was a school leavers' party in Ockbrook which caused a number of issues to be reported.

Next Police Surgery – Wednesday 7th August 10.00 – 11 am at the Coop in Borrowash

And 2nd September 2013 2-3 in the Coop Borrowash

Bikes can be coded and engraved.

The Community Speed Watch has been reinstated and will take place in July and August.

PC Kimberley Palin will stand in for PC Walker in the latter part of the year, whilst he is convalescing after a hip replacement. The Parish Council wished PC Walker the very best.

A caravan had been dumped in the Gordon Lacey Hall . The matter has now been resolved.

54 /2013 Planning Applications

No 2 Nottingham Road, Borrowash

Resolved , by a split vote, to object to the Planning Application

Reasons for Objection

- There are already enough takeaways in Borrowash
- There is only enough parking spaces for the commercial use. Where are the residents of the studios going to park?
- More takeaways will lead to an increase in ASB, namely an increase in litter.

Ockbrook School Music Block-

It was agreed that the Parish Council would support the application.

55 /2013 Report of the Parish Clerk

a) Summer 2013 Newsletter.

It was resolved that the Chairman's Report , for inclusion in the newsletter, would be sent to all councillors for approval on Monday 21st July , with a response required by 23rd July 2013

The Newsletter would be sent to the printer at the end of the week i.e. by 25th July 2013.

b) Report of Audit 2013.

The Clerk read out Section 1 of the DALC circular 15/2013, just received.

“Grant Thornton, the External Auditors, have informed DALC that their staff have been asking for answers to supplementary questions, which in their opinion, are necessary to enable them to correctly carry out their assessments. Bridget Bowen, the Senior Manager overseeing this process has commented “It may be that because we are new suppliers, and have none of the previous working papers, that we are asking for more information than the Derbyshire clerks are used to.” In response to concerns about additional costs that might accrue to parishes she added “One short e mail or telephone call will have no charge. If we have to keep going back because, for example, the bank reconciliation doesn't add up again, or the explanations provided are not accurate again, then we intend to charge £25 per call / e mail. If we have to send an annual return back because it was incorrectly completed the charge will be £40.00.

If an ongoing audit issue develops that takes up a lot of time the situation is no different to with previous suppliers. However, we will exercise discretion in applying these charges but the reduced flat rate fees were possible on the basis that councils provide the correct information first time around”.

The Clerk confirmed that he had received one brief call from Grant Thornton's asking to confirm the variation in the Precept between 2011-12 and 2012-13 and also the variation in Parish Council reserves between the same dates.

A verbal notification was followed up by a notification, by email which had been acknowledged and accepted and filed.

- c) The new edition of The Good Councillor Guide would be downloaded and sent to all councillors
- d) Request made to Clerk by Finance Chairman P Archer

The Clerk is , in the future, to publish split salaries Clerk, Assistant Clerk (inc Caretaker) and show on the Parish Council Accounts. This is the net figure i.e. Gross Salary less Tax and National Insurance)

(Note: Currently a combined figure is shown, not split individually)

56/2013 DALC Circulars received since the previous meeting

Circular 12/2013

On-line Banking: Training Events; Rural Action Derbyshire – Wheels to work; Local Councils WIN New Community Powers

Circular 13/2013

DALC Website Members' Area; Free Software for Payroll; Press and Public Videoing and Tweeting at TC/PC Meetings; Charles Arnold Baker – Local Council Administration; Unlocking the power; DALC – Annual Executive Meeting and Annual General Meeting; Training/Seminars; Wind Turbines; Town and Parish Council Annual Returns; Health watch Derbyshire – Launch Events; Vacancy

Circular 14/2013

The Good Councillors' Guide; Public Sector Mapping Agreement; Free Trees for UK's Community and Youth Groups; Business Rates; Free Containers- suitable for Allotment use.

57/2013 Report from representatives on Outside Bodies

Nil

58 /2013 Finance

Expenditure since last meeting £13,532.70

Income since last meeting £1,280.10

Payments for July PC 2013 (VAT inc) approved

Chairman	Allotments Meeting Expenses	£30.00
Care and Repair	General Maintenance	£500.00
Ockbrook News	Papers	£35.80
British Gas	Gas	£187.00
ST Water	Cemetery Rates	£20.28
ST Water	Elm Street Allotments	£37.44
Siemens Finance	Photocopier	£182.53
Premier 1 UK	Hanging Baskets etc Borrowash	£1944.00
Viking Direct	Office Supplies	£363.55
ST Water	Parish Hall	£102.81
Wicksteed Playscapes	Bare Lane Refurbishment	£3726.00
Care and Repair	Maintenance	£755.00
Park Hall Designs	Web Site	£80.00
H Bevan	Parish Hall Honorarium	£100.00
HMRC	June	£508.91
Caretaker	June	£280
June Salaries	Clerk & Assistant	£1905.99
Ashbrook Youth Club	Stage 1 Payment 2013/14	£1500.00
Virgin Media	Broadband	£29.99
EBC	Parish Hall Rates	£96.00
JWP Computers	Maintenance	£12.00
ST Water	Shacklecross	£24.86
E.ON	Electricity	£77.93
Virgin Media	Telephony	£38.89
EBC	Cemetery Rates	£14.00
Midland Reprographics	Photocopier	£32.22
British Gas	Gas	£187
EBC	Waste Account	£45.50
Care and Repair	Maintenance	£715.00

The above were approved for payment.

59/2013 Correspondence Received

1. Refurbishment of Borrowash Post Office
2. Snow Warden Scheme Participation 2013/14
3. Electoral Review of Erewash
4. Local Council Review Summer 2013
5. Income Bond NSI – Interest Reduction
6. EBC Minutes of March Meeting and Agenda for 27th June Meeting
7. Smiths of Derby Service Contract Jubilee Clock-
This was agreed

8. Clerks and Councils Direct- July 2013
9. Residents Notification- vandalism on Dean's Drive Playing Fields
PC Walker had inspected and reported back to the Parish Council.
10. British Gas Payment Plan
11. The Clerk- Magazine
12. Resident's letter reference Footpaths; Litter; Car Parking

All other email correspondence as sent.

60/2013 Burials, Recreation, Environment, Allotments, Finance

Burials:

The hedge on the R/H side of the entrance road is to be cut by the Council's Maintenance contractor. This will be done in late Sept/October.

It was suggested that the hedge could be cut in August but Council's contractor is abiding by legislation.

The issue would be further investigated.

Recreation:

It was resolved that The Annual Playground Safety Check would be conducted by the Parish Council's Insurance Company's recommended contractor

Environment:

- Who was the owner of the Willow Tree next to Victoria Avenue and the Cricket Pitch? – to be investigated
- Cllr Major would again raise the issue of HGVs in Ockbrook
- The flow in the brook from Collier Lane to Nottingham Road Borrowash was the responsibility of the Environment Agency and they have been asked to check as low water flow has meant the build up of significant debris. EBC would also do a check because of the concern being expressed by local residents.
- Trees and vegetation in the All Saints Church Yard- trees are checked and maintained by EBC. The PC in conjunction with the PCC of All Saints Churchyard deal with any vegetation issues in conjunction with EBC.
- Additional Light in Yew Tree Close Ockbrook. Cllr Major will check.

Allotments:

Self Governance Elmcross Allotment Association-

Representatives from Elmcross Allotments Association met with the Clerk and Chairman of the Allotments to discuss Parish Council Accounts. The Association were satisfied with the meeting and will continue to pursue their case for self governance.

They will report back to the PC by September 2013.

Christmas Lights

The issue will be further reviewed at the September Parish Council Meeting.

Borrowash Victoria U9 football goal posts – a contribution of £200 towards their purchase was agreed. The Clerk is to be given details of to whom the cheque is to be made out to.

61/2013 Items for the September 2013 Parish Council Meeting

Ratification of OBPC Employment Manual.

Christmas Lights in the Parish

Flood Update – DCC in attendance

Revision of “Opening Hours to the Public”

62/2013 Date and Time of the next Parish Council and Committee Meetings

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on the Wednesday 4th September 2013 at 7-00 pm in The Parish Hall, Ockbrook

The Chairman advised the meeting that The Revision of Opening Hours to the Public, shown on the published agenda, would be deferred to the September 2013 Meeting of the council to allow more consideration

The Office would remain open to the public, on Fridays, in August 2013.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.35pm

There will be a meeting on 24th September 2013 at The Community Centre commencing at 7.30pm. The meeting is open to all groups and members of the Community who are interested in breathing new life into the Ockbrook & Borrowash Community Building.

The Youth Club asked if they could be included in The Remembrance Parade Service. This was agreed.

The Youth Club would like to put an article in the next edition of The Parish Newsletter. Mid October is the date when all articles should be received for publication.

M. Shaw:

Permission has been granted on Pride Park II to commence Pile Driving Work at 7.30am – 6.00pm 7 days a week.

The Clerk will write to Derby City Council asking if there could be one day of rest.

Derbyshire County Council Report

Councillor Wayne Major

DCC Council Plan

The Council Plan will be published latter this month.

Winter gritting

A new Review of Winter Maintenance will begin Parish Councils will be asked to make comments.

Home Start

A Consultation as begun on options for the provision of low to medium need family support services. Currently this provision is provided by Derbyshire Home-Start contracts which as an annual cost is £212,000 funded from the CAYA core budget.

The Report States;

“ The current contracts cover Erewash, Amber Valley, South Derbyshire and High Peak only. The Bolsover and North East Derbyshire Home-Start closed in April 2012. The Dales and Chesterfield did not develop a Home-Start. Therefore some of Derbyshire’s most deprived communities are not provided for under current arrangements. All Home-Starts operate under the national constitution hosted by the umbrella organisation of “Home-Start UK”.

The core HomeStart service does not directly address children’s needs, but

supports the carers of young children through a weekly volunteer home visit. It also refers and signposts families to external additional services, and directly provides some group work and

crèche.”

I would disagree and believe Erewash home start to be an important service which makes use of leverages volunteer and therefore help more young family in need at a lower cost to the Tax payer than any in-house service could provide. This consultation is seeking to remove redistribute funding resources away from Erewash to The north East of Derbyshire.

Erewash Borough Council Report

An audit of Erewash Borough Councillor expenses has found that everything is in order. This has been reported in the Long Eaton Chronicle.

Fracking in Erewash:

No applications/ Licences have been recorded for to carry out fracking within the Borough.

A “Funding Through Partnership” Meeting will take place on 19th September starting at 10-00am to 1-00pm at Long Eaton Town Hall. Notices will be placed on Parish Notice Boards.

Vandalism on Deans Drive, Borrowash. A ‘Local Friends Group’ is hoping to be formed. A Notice will be appearing on the Notice Boards giving more information about forming this group.

Derbyshire Constabulary Report – PC Kimberley Palin

There has been a 21% increase in theft related crime.

Areas for concern:-

In the last week we have had 3 dwelling burglaries : 1 in Borrowash and 2 in Ockbrook.

CID is dealing with all 3 crimes at present.

I will be changing my shifts to carry out plain clothed patrols.

Our next surgery is 7th October 2012 at 11am at The Apple Tree Gift Shop.

67/2013 Planning Applications

244 Victoria Avenue, Ockbrook – Appeal has been made to The Secretary of State

A date for this hearing is awaited.

68/2013 Report of the Parish Clerk

Highways Act 1980 – Section 25 – Proposed Public Footpath Creation Agreement – Parish of Ockbrook and Borrowash – Hawthorne Avenue to Kimberley Road. The Parish Council were delighted that this had finally been implemented.

Snow Warden Training – 16th October 2013 - agreement from Parish Council to attend And SLCC Conference – 18th October 2013

69/2013 DALC Circulars received since the previous meeting

Circular 15/2013

Accounts (Annual Return); The Audit and Accountability Bill
Over 4 million pounds in Grant available
General Power of Competence
Good Councillor Guide 4th Edition
Disclosure and Barring Service
Derbyshire Policy Survey
Marie Curie Cancer Care
Derbyshire Walk
Hayfield Parish Council Clerk Vacancy
Dale Abbey Parish Clerk Vacancy

Circular 16/2013

2013/2014 National Salary Awards

Local Government Pension Scheme
GH Speed 2 (HS2)
2013/2014 Pay Award
HR Workshop – keeping your Council Compliant
Planning Seminar
Good Councillor Guide 4th Edition

(NOTE - OBPC Employment Manual is an agenda item)

70/2013 Report from representatives on Outside Bodies

Nil

It was agreed that Councillor T Holbrook would attend The Elvaston Quarry Meetings.

71/2013 Finance

For Approval

Expenditure since last meeting	£14569.28
Income since last meeting	£209.17

The above payments were approved for payment. All in favour.

- b) Chairman's Allowance 2013/2014
Definition – The allowance covers all aspects of a Chairman's work (in Ockbrook and Borrowash) but exclude expenses for any meetings, training courses, events out of the Parish, where the Chairman was representing the Parish "on approved Parish Council Business".

This puts a Chairman on a par with all other Councillors, where they can claim expenses for acceptable expenditure outside the Parish, on Parish business.

The Chairman has the option of claiming part, all or not even claiming the allowance at all.

- c) It was agreed that the above definition would be retrospective to 2008.

A retrospective claim by Councillor M Wallis was approved for payment.

- d) Staff Salary Award 2013/2014
Noted

72/2013 Correspondence Received

- 1 Coach Road Ockbrook - DCC dealing
 - 2 Balmoral Road Cemetery – complaint – resolved
 - 3 Smiths of Derby- confirmed 3 contract agreed
 - 4 Play Units Annual inspection- arranged
 - 5 M Shaw- request for addition No Dog Fouling signs in the Parish
 - 6 EBC– Hanging Basket on Lamp on Church Street missing
 - 7 EBC – individual Electoral Registration –
 - 8 No 2 Nottingham Road Borrowash– PC response
 - 9 Good Councillor's Guide – downloaded
 - 10 Rose Ave- Resident's request Hedge and Overhanging Tree cut
- It was agreed that any complaints reference hedges and vegetation where it was a matter for Parish Council action, would be referred to the Council's Maintenance Contractor. Where trees overhang properties, if not Parish Council owned land, the responsibility for

- any pruning lay not with the Parish Council but the landowner. If trees were on EBC land then EBC would be informed.
- 11 Residents Complaint- Overgrown Hedge Flood Street (see 31)
 - 12 Flooding Issues in the Parish
 - 13 DCC Clean Ups In Derbyshire
 - 14 NALC- Local Council's Explained
 - 15 Summer Vibes- Free Activities
 - 16 Volunteer Centre Erewash – Newsletter + Poster
 - 17 Complaint Tree Branches in Cemetery (resolved)
 - 18 Wathalls – Triple Fees for Outside Resident query
 - 19 Residents : Manor Road / Princess Drive
 - 20 DCC - Sign on Church Street (Resolved)
 - 21 Request for Sponsorship- Ockbrook resident – Nothing further received.
 - 22 Vegetation cut back request Dean's Drive (see 27)
 - 23 Manor Road Pavements- further correspondence
 - 24 Vera Tumanow- Cemetery Report
 - 25 PI- Play Inspection Order Acknowledgement
 - 26 DCC – Elvaston Pit Northern Extension- decision
 - 27 Dean's Drive Playing Fields- resident complaint of overgrown vegetation
 - 28 EOn – Smart Meter Installation Parish Hall
 - 29 Countryside Voice- CPRE
 - 30 Bare Lane vegetation issue (resolved)
 - 31 No 5 Flood Street Hedge – DCC
 - 32 RAD Playground Inspection Training
 - 33 Overgrown Hedges Nottingham Road (nr Mill Close)- DCC
 - 34 Overgrown Hedges – Shacklecross Allotments Boundary (PC)
 - 35 Clerk's Attendance – SLCC Conference 18th October 2013
 - 36 FC Cavaliers- Request for Funding - £200 agreed by full Council.
The Parish Council is to be informed regarding who the cheque needs to be made out to.
 - 37 EBC Grit Bin Invoice 2012/13
 - 38 Moor Lane Corral Obstruction
 - 39 Overgrown Hedge No 2 Gordon Road Borrowwash (DCC)
 - 40 Resident Complaint – Condition of Balmoral Road Cemetery
 - 41 Resident: Concerns Reference Dean's Drive Playing Fields
10/8/2013
 - 42 DALC – Suicide Awareness Training
 - 43 RAD AGM Invite
 - 44 Parish Hall Charity (Virgin Holidays)- request for reduced hire costs
 - 45 Ockbrook Playing Fields- Issues (14/8/2013) - resolved
 - 46 Resident's further issues- Charnwood Close Borrowwash

- 47 DCC- Child Sexual Exploitation Training
- 48 Festival of Funding – Town Hall Long Eaton 19th September 2013
- 49 Resident’s Complaint (verbal)- Parish Council has not taken up the issue of Parking in Borrowwash with the Coop.
- 50 DCC - Hedging – Case Reference 842028 Gordon Road
- 51 DCC – Hedging – Case Reference 842036 Nottingham Road
- 52 Request to explore landshare/ Allotments- referred to Elmcross
- 53 Groundwork Summer Newsletter
- 54 Borrowwash Restorative Justice
- 55 Ockbrook FP 16 Temporary Closure
- 56 Highways Act 1980- Section 25- Proposed Public Footpath Creation Agreement – Parish of Ockbrook and Borrowwash- decision/response required
- 57 First World War- from P Latham MP- grants available for commemoration- action required. Heritage Society
- 58 Good Councillor Guide- 5 hard copies available for councillors
- 59 Concerns reference Bare Lane Playing Fields-addressed
- 60 Refurbishment of Bare Lane Playing Field Footpaths- commencing 19th August 2013
- 61 Snow Warden Training 16th October 2013- Clerk attending
- 62 Tree on Nottingham Road – G Lockley
- 63 Number of Newsletters required for the future – 3,200 agreed by full Council

All other email correspondence as sent.

73/2013 2NALC’s “Keeping your Council Compliant”

This will be put on the Agenda for discussion at the October Meeting

74/2013 Christmas Lights in the Parish

Pinxton Puppets will be contacted to see if they can do a performance at this year’s Christmas Light Switch On in Borrowwash.

Ashbrook Youth Club have left their email address. The Clerk will email regarding the Christmas Light Switch On.

It was suggested that Shop Owners in Ockbrook and Borrowwash be approached and asked if they could decorate their Shop Windows. A £100 cash prize will be given to ‘The Best Dressed Shop Window’. Councillor John Tizzard will organise.

The Christmas Light Switch On will take place on Friday 29th November 2013 at 6.30pm outside The Co-operative in Borrowash followed by the Christmas Light Switch On at 7.15pm at The Royal Oak, Green Lane, Ockbrook.

74/2013 Burials, Recreation, Environment, Allotments, Finance

Burials: Vera's Report

A meeting will take place on Wednesday 18th September 2013 at 8-00pm in The Parish Hall, Ockbrook.

Recreation:

Nil

Environment:

Annual Inspection of Parish Rights of Way:

It was agreed that That Councillors in conjunction with Councillor Wayne Major should carry out an Annual Inspection of all Parish Rights of Way in The Parish – this would commence in the Spring 2014

Allotments:

A resident has offered his garden to any prospective Allotment Holder to work on. This was handed over to Mr I Rose from The Elmcross Allotment Association to deal with.

Parish Hall

Replacement (Wide Angle Screen) for Parish Hall :

3 quotations have been sought for an Electronic Projector Screen.

It was agreed that a maximum of £200 should be spent on a new screen (excluding fitting)

76/2013 Items for the October 2013 Parish Council Meeting

Power of General Competence
Keeping Your Council Compliant
Clerk and Assistant Clerk's Job Description
Office 'Open To The Public' Hours

PART II – EXEMPT ITEMS

77/2013 Clerk and Assistant Clerk Job Descriptions

For discussion at the October Meeting

78/2013 Revision of “Open to The Public” Office Opening Hours

For discussion at the October Meeting

79/2013 Date and Time of the next Parish Council and Committee Meetings

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on the Wednesday 2nd October 2013 at 7-00 pm in The Parish Hall, Ockbrook

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9.15pm

**Minutes of the October 2013 meeting of THE OCKBROOK & BORROWASH PARISH
COUNCIL held at the Parish Hall, Ockbrook on Wednesday 2nd October 2013
commencing at 7.00pm**

Present: T Holbrook Chairman
MV Tumanow
M Wallis
J Tizzard
P Archer

G E Taylor Clerk

1 Member of the public

Part 1 Non Exempt Items

80/2013 Apologies for absence.

J Owens, M White, B Solloway, J Wild, D Archer, A Solloway, DCC Councillors W Major
R. Parkinson and H Bevan A/Clerk

81/2013 Declaration of Members Interests.

Nil

82/2013 Public Speaking – (30 Minutes)

Public

Ian Rose

Trees Pruning at the Cemetery awaiting completion and has the PC set a date for the
Allotments Inspection?

Trees will be completed later in October and the Allotment inspection will be week
commencing 28th October 2013.

Derbyshire County Council Report

Nil this month

Erewash Borough Council

Deferred to November

Derbyshire Constabulary Report

Nil this month

83/2013 Planning

Nil

**84/2013 To confirm The Non Confidential Minutes of the Meeting (s) held on:-
4th September 2013**

Note: Cllr P Archer gave apologies for the meeting

With this the minutes were approved and signed

85/2013 Report of the Parish Clerk

Nil

86/2013 DALC Circulars

Circular No 17/2013

Proposed Combined Authority for the areas of Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham, Sheffield and 5 Derbyshire Districts; CCTV Cameras- New Code of Practice; Seasonal Decorations; DALC Legal Topic Notes 19 and 31; Local Councils Explained; Playground Inspection Training; Finding and Bidding for Project Funding; Sport England Small Grant Fund; Vacancy Clerk RFO Hope with Aston Parish Council.

NALC Policy Consultation PC68-13, 21st August 2013; Joint Committee on Draft De-Regulation Bill Call for Evidence

Circular No 18/2013

DALC AGM; Planning Seminar Reminder; Localised Council Tax Support Schemes and capping; Your Derbyshire, Your Say; Derbyshire Dales CVS; Village Greens; Ashbourne Community Transport; Clerk Vacancies Morton and Litton.

87/2013 Report from representatives on Outside Bodies

Elvaston Waste Committee- no representation at this meeting

88/2013 Finance

a) For Approval

Expenditure since last meeting	£	13,997.47
Income since Last meeting	£	9.45
Approved by the Council		

Expenditure for October 2013 Parish Council Meeting (inc VAT)

EBC	Parish Hall Rates	£96.00
Virgin Media	Broadband	£29.99
JWP	Computer Maintenance	£12.00
E.On	Electricity	£113.02
Virgin Media	Telephony	£55.58
EBC	Cemetery Rates	£14.00
Midland Reprographics	Photocopier	£32.22
British Gas	Parish Hall Gas	£301.00
Care and Repair	Maintenance	£655.00
Care and Repair	Maintenance	£955.00

Broker Network	Insurance	£3667.04
EBC	Grit	£336.00
LITE	Christmas Lights	£3540
T Holbrook	Chairman's Allowance (part)	£250.00
FC Cavaliers	Sponsorship	£200.00
Clerk	Sept Salary	£1192.91
A/Clerk/ Caretaker	Sept Salary	£1074.50
HMRC	September	£563.86
Clerk	Expenses July-Sept	£31.40
M Wallis	Retrospective Expenses	£117.44
Borrowash Victoria	Sponsorship	£200.00
Siemens	Photocopier	£182.54
EBC	Hanging Baskets	£378.00

b) External Audit of Accounts 2012-13
Successfully completed without referral or comment.

c) Damp Proofing – The Parish Hall

A quotation from Midland Preservation was approved. It would be helpful if the work could be completed before the worst of the winter set in

89/2013 Correspondence Received

1. DCC/ BACS Letter
2. DCC Nottingham Road Borrowash
3. September Diversionary Activities Matrix ;EBC
4. Grant Thornton – Accounts Enquiry UC Cheques
5. Exchequer Services Team DCC
6. DCC Hedge 2 Gordon Road Borrowash
7. EBC OBPC Hanging Baskets
8. EBC Introduction to Planning Training
9. 63 Dean's Drive Tree Overhanging
A quotation from Canopy Tree Services was approved
- 10 244 Victoria Ave- Ms McFadden
- 11 The Johnson Partnership – Correspondence Ref Post Office Robbery Trial
- 12 DCC Further BACs Letter
- 13 TPO 9 Towle Close Borrowash

- 14 Green Lane/Pares Way Footpath- Weeds
- 15 Invoice – Grit Bins – Paid in September
- 16 244 Victoria Ave – further correspondence
- 17 EBC- Housing need Ockbrook
- 18 Came & Company- Insurance Documentation
- 19 V Browne- Overgrown Hedge Cemetery
- 20 McMillan Cancer Support – Autumn Raffle
- 21 Holme Farm Close Ockbrook – damaged pavements
DCC Cllr W Major is to arrange an urgent inspection by DCC Highways of the pavements after on-going complaints have not been resolved.
- 22 Complaint about Wasp Nest at Shacklecross
- 23 Damp Proofing Parish Hall- quotation agreed
- 24 Autumn Newsletter Contributions- see agenda item
- 25 Pride Park II- Derby City Council
- 26 LITE- Christmas Lights 2013
- 27 The Clerk Magazine- September 2013.
- 28 Festival of Funding – Long Eaton 19th September 2013
- 29 DCC – Public Footpath Agreement
- 30 The Ashbrook Youth Group- Open Public Meeting 24th September 2013
- 31 Cope Memorials – Memorial Request
- 32 Borrowbrook Home Link – Chair based exercises- now recommenced
- 33 Clerk and Council’s Direct
- 34 SLCC Notice of AGM – 18th October 2013- Clerk attending
- 35 Ashbrook Youth Club – Notice of Open Day + Posters
- 36 EBC Small Grants
- 37 Road Closure EBC – Public Liability
- 38 Remembrance Parade- PC Palin
- 39 Pinxton Puppets – Booking Confirmation
- 40 L.I.T.E. – Christmas Lights- Booking Confirmation
- 41 Autumn Footprints 2013
- 42 Grant Thornton 2012-13 Audit
- 43 Came & Company – Insurance Documentation 2013-14
- 44 Hate Crime Training- Derbyshire Constabulary
- 45 SLCC Conference- 18th October 2013

90/2013 Christmas Lights Borrowwash

Cllr Tizzard is completing arrangements for shops and business participation in the lights switch on and premises Christmas decoration.

Two categories of prizes were agree £75.00 in one and £25.00 in another.

A meeting is to be arranged between Cllr Tizzard , The Coop Store manager and Care and Repair regarding the siting of the Christmas Tree in the centre of Borrowwash.

91/2013

a) The Youth Club at Ashbrook Community Centre

A further meeting has been arranged for 22nd October 2013.

b) The Ashbrook Community Centre

The following resolution was agreed

“The Parish Council is to enter into discussions with Derbyshire County Council regarding incorporating Ashbrook Community Centre into the Parish and the Parish Council control”

Cllr R Parkinson will make arrangements for a meeting with senior offices at DCC and the Parish Council.

92/2013 The Principles of the Power of General Competence

These were reiterated

93/2013 Electoral Review of Erewash- Consultation – Response due by 11th November 2013

The Parish Council concurs with the recommendations of the Local Government Boundaries Commission.

94/2013 Burials, Recreation, Environment, Allotments , Finance, Remembrance Service

A date for the next Burials Committee Meeting will be agreed in November .

It was resolved that any complaint reference the Churchyard or Cemetery should be directed in the first instance to The Burials Committee Chairman.

The Parish Council is to consider the field that it owns, at the Spondon- Ilkeston Road end of Moor Lane , being the next Burial Ground for Ockbrook and Borrowwash Parish.

Procedural Change

It was Resolved that all complainants making verbal complaints to the Parish Council should be asked to put their complaints in writing. This is to be implemented from the date of this meeting.

95/2013 The Autumn Newsletter 2013

Items for inclusion

Reports from Cllr J Tizzard reference Christmas, The Heritage Society, Borrowbrook Home Link, the WI and Elmcross are anticipated by 18th October 2013.

96/2013 Items for the November 2013 Parish Council Meeting

Results of the Allotments Inspection

97/2013 Date and Time of Next Meeting (s)

6th November 2013

PART II – EXEMPT ITEMS

98/2013 The Clerk and Assistant Clerk Job Descriptions

99/ 2013 The Parish Office – “Open to The Public” times

100/2013 The Ockbrook and Borrowwash Parish Council Employment Manual

All deferred to a meeting which is to be established in November 2013. These issues are to be considered along with Budgets for 2014-15. Latest guidance from EBC reference Concurrent Functions is not likely to be forthcoming until the end of the current calendar year , at the earliest.

The Parish Council resolved to call a Budget Finance Meeting in mid January 2014, if guidance had been received from EBC. In the meantime councillors should begin to think of their committee bids for finance in 2014-15.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.10pm

Minutes of the NOVEMBER 2013 meeting of THE OCKBROOK & BORROWASH PARISH COUNCIL held at the Parish Hall, Ockbrook on Wednesday 6th November 2013 commencing at 7.00pm

Present: T Holbrook Chairman
J Owens
J Wild
M Wallis
J Tizzard
P Archer
D Archer
A Solloway (part of the meeting)
G E Taylor Clerk
H Bevan A/Clerk

2 members of the public. Councillor W Major, Councillor R Parkinson and PC Kimberley Palin, Ian Cooke.

101/2013 Apologies for Absence

M. White, Councillor MV Tumanow, B Solloway

102/2013 Declaration of Members' Interest

Nil

103/2013 To confirm The Minutes of the Meeting (s) held on:- 2nd October 2013

These were confirmed as a true record and signed

104/2013 Open To The Public

M. Shaw:

The Elvaston Castle Workshop was very interesting and worth a visit. Arrangements are being made to hold a Workshop in The Parish Hall, Ockbrook.

I Rose:

The Allotment Inspection was postponed due to bad weather. Will it be rescheduled.

Thanks were expressed to The Chairman for the prompt delivery of a new lock for the Allotment Gates.

Derbyshire County Councillor Report Councillor R Parkinson

Community Centre.

I have approached DCC Property Services about arranging a meeting with the OBPC about Community Asset Transfer of the Community Centre, which they have agreed to arrange.

Elvaston Castle & Estate

I have forwarded to the Clerk for circulation papers on this subject.

HS2 Information Events

You may have notice of HS2 information events:

15 November 12pm - 8pm West Park Leisure Centre, Wilsthorpe Road
16 November 10am - 5pm West Park Leisure Centre, Wilsthorpe Road

Budget Review

The DCC Cabinet has reviewed its budget for the year 2013-2014 to help make changes considered necessary to save £157m over five years. Accordingly, DCC is considering fundamental changes to the way it delivers services.

A new fund is to be set up: the Derbyshire Challenge Fund.

This currently stands at £2.5m, from savings including:

- smarter purchasing - £2 million each year for the next four years
- invest to save money - £420,000
- savings on the civic budget - £80,000
- ending the Derbyshire Young Achiever and Excellence in the Community awards - £30,000

The fund is part of “The Derbyshire Challenge”, under which DCC hopes to:

Put its own house in order by:

- modernising the way it operates
- scrutinising all areas of spending to ensure the cash is used where it is needed most
- reviewing senior management structures and introducing strict vacancy controls
- ensuring smarter and sharper ways of working
- disposing of redundant land and buildings.

Work closely with other public services, councils, community and voluntary groups by:

- sharing services
- integrating health and social care priorities
- identifying the needs of every community to see how they can best be met.

Maximise income and grants by:

- ensuring Derbyshire benefits from the Enterprise Partnership funds to help deliver more jobs and growth
- use every opportunity to bid for extra cash to support specific projects.

Over the next four years, the Council intends to use the Fund to help maximise savings by seeking to deliver services in a new way.

Other measures to top up the fund include:

- smarter purchasing - £2 million each year for the next four years
- invest to save money - £420,000
- deletion of the chauffeur post and savings from the civic cars - £35,000
- cuts to the civic budget - £45,000
- ending the Derbyshire Young Achiever and Excellence in the Community award schemes - £30,000

New initiative aiming to make sure 'every contact counts'

DCC employees and other frontline staff are to receive training to help them improve the health and wellbeing of the residents they visit across Derbyshire communities.

Plans to develop the 'Making Every Contact Count' (MECC) initiative will train staff who work directly with residents to provide health information and put them in touch with relevant support services.

It is aimed at giving non-specialist staff from a wide range of organisations the skills they need to encourage residents to make choices that will prevent illness and improve their lifestyles and wellbeing.

As well as advice about stopping smoking, eating healthily and being active, the project will also take into account wider factors which can affect health such as housing issues, low incomes and financial difficulties.

MECC will involve DCC staff and those from District and Borough Councils, pharmacies, charities, voluntary organisations, businesses and other agencies that have contact with vulnerable people. Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service already operates the system and has been supporting its development with other partners.

A total of £50,000 will be made available to develop the scheme to start in April.

Trusted Traders

Members of the Trusted Trader Scheme are said to bring an estimated £130 million into the local economy each year.

Trusted Trader gives peace of mind to customers wanting work done because every business on the register is checked out by the Trading Standards team and it is also a way of encouraging people to use local businesses. Businesses who sign up to join Trusted Trader must be based in Derbyshire or do at least half of their work in the County.

Set up in 2008, there are some 1,300 traders signed up representing over 80 different trade sectors, offering a wide range of services including home improvements, building and electrical works, plumbing, painting and decorating. Customers can check reviews online when deciding which trader to use.

Consultation on transport to faith schools

Parents and carers are being asked for their views on proposals to end subsidised transport to faith schools in Derbyshire.

DCC is considering ending discretionary transport subsidies for students attending schools preferred on grounds of religion or belief, but any decision about whether or not to make the changes would only be made following a full consultation. It currently costs £1m a year to provide transport for 1,680 pupils whose parents or carers have chosen to send them to a faith school.

From Monday 14th October people can fill in a questionnaire which is available on the DCC website, or by calling 01629 533365 to make their views known.

Letters are also being sent to parents of children who attend faith schools across Derbyshire to let them know about the proposed changes.

The consultation will end at 5pm on Monday 2nd December.

Results of the consultation will be considered by the Cabinet before a decision is made in the new year. The proposed changes would not come in to effect until September 2015.

Under the proposed changes the authority would still continue to meet its legal duty to provide free home to school transport for the 9,000 pupils attending schools in their "normal area".

This free transport is given to pupils attending their "normal area" school if it is more than three miles away from their home for secondary-age students, or two miles for primary-aged children.

Erewash Borough Council Report Councillor M Wallis

Ilkeston and Long Eaton Christmas Light Switch on will be on 28th and 29th November 2013.

The Chestnut Fair will be held on 23rd – 26th November 2013 in Long Eaton.

Ashbrook Community Centre. A constitution is being sorted out and a committee has been formed.

Derbyshire Constabulary Report – PC Kimberley Palin

ASB:

From 31st April – 31st October 2013, reports of ASB fell by 24.7% which is a reduction of 40 less calls for service.

Looking at the figures from last October to this October we have a reduction of 50% less calls for service.

ASB remains to be one of our priority profiles.

CRIME:

From 31st April to 31st October 2013, reductions in the following offences:

Violent offences-reduction of 34.5%
Theft Offences-reduction of 33.6%

Reduction in burglaries – only 4 reports in the last month, 3 of which were shed breaks. There has been a 55% increase in reports of criminal damage. This is due to a cluster of incidents on one particular street. A neighbourhood watch scheme is currently being set up. Next meeting is 11th November at 7.30pm

None dwelling and burglaries and criminal damage specifically on Elm Street are our priority profiles.

Our next surgery date is Saturday 9th November 2013 – 11am at The Co-op, Victoria Avenue.

105/2013 Planning Applications

Noah's Ark Public House, Borrowash :
This will be discussed at Erewash Borough Council Planning Committee on 16th November 2013.

106/2013 Report of the Parish Clerk

Training Update

Snow Warden Scheme- 16th October 2013

Attendance at training session and signing up of respective documents means that the Parish Council is now (again) signed up to the full scheme. In the next few weeks we will get a free delivery of half a tonne of sand and gravel and Care and Repair will be filling all our grit bins.

If any member of the public ask for grit bins to be refilled please refer them to the Snow Warden i.e. The Clerk

SLCC Training Day (at Conference at Hinkley)- 18th October 2013

Presentation by Alistair Cambell to Parish Representatives- excellent

S for Strategy
T for Tasks
T for Teamwork
T for Targets
A for Achievement

Failure to have any of these in place will demonstrate an underachieving Council. Can anyone say OBPC has all of these?

New Quality Parish Council Scheme- scheduled for 2014

OBPC will have to seek accreditation if it wishes to. Cannot be reaccredited under the old scheme..

There will be monitored criteria this time.

Pivotal- Clerk's Qualifications The Council's Employment Procedures and adherence to National Processes as notified by NALC/SLCC. NALC/SLCC will continue to update Parish Councils (New Model Standing Orders for adoption is part of this process) Numbers (%) of elected councillors and Finance (successful audits). This time you wont just have to say what you do you'll have to prove what you do.

It has Financial implications which will have to be considered by the Finance Committee

Cemetery Training

Vera (as Burials Chairman) has asked that the Clerk and Chairman attend a full day's SLCC course (at £165.00 per head). This will have to be built into the Burial's Budget for 2013/14 and a course attended near to OBPC.

Final Clerk Training for the year 2013

Saturday 30th November 2013 at Hulland Ward- Management of Community Halls and Buildings (e.g. Parish Halls and possibly Ashbrook Community Centre(?)- £25.00 fee approved

This will complete the SLCC Clerk Training Schedule for 2013 (Continuous Professional development).

Parishes/Borough Liaison Committee – 20th November 2013

The Clerk and Chairman will attend.

Budget Setting 2013/14

The Finance Chairman Phil Archer discusses this later in the meeting.

107/2013 DALC Circulars

Circular 19/2013

Neighbourhood Plans
Derbyshire Sport
Update on Pensions
Sustainable Communities Act

DCLG Guide to Community Rights
National Minimum Wage
Clerk/RFO Vacancy

1-8/2013 Report from representatives on Outside Bodies

This will include Ashbrook Community Centre in future.

109/2013 Finance

a)	Expenditure since last meeting	£8,379.84
	Income since last meeting	£1,859.29

Expenditure for November 2013 PC Meeting

SLCC	Conference Attendance	£114.00
Care and Repair	Maintenance Burials and Recreation	£865.00
D Webster	Local Group Funding	£50.00
Professor Popup	Community Centre Theatre	£150.00
EBC	Parish Hall Rates	£96.00
Virgin Media	Broadband	£296.99
JWP	Computer Maintenance	£12.00
E.ON	Electricity	£67.73
Virgin Media	Telephony	£36.18
EBC	Cemetery	£14.00
Midland Reprographics	Photocopier	£32.22
Costco	Annual Membership	£24.00
EBC	Waste Account	£45.50
R Roberts	Cemetery Skip	£244.80
British Gas	Gas	£548
Clerk	October Salary	£1510.26
Assistant Clerk + Caretaker	October Salary	£1139.52

The Play Inspection Co Ltd	Annual Inspection	£143.88
Care and Repair	Burials	£1255.00
Care and Repair	Recreation	£120.00
HMRC	October Salaries	£821.28
Care and Repair	Burials and Recreation	£475.00
Midland Repro	Photocopier	£15.72
Park Hall Designs	Web Site	£60.00
EBC	Rates	£96.00

The above payments were approved for payment.

b) Concurrent Function Budget Spend-exhausted

c) VAT Reclaim £3089.56

110/2013 Correspondence Received

1. Minor Maintenance DCC – increased to £430-00 pa
2. Groundwork – Newsletter
3. DCC Free Safety Checks for Electric Blankets
4. South Derbyshire Local Plan – for comment
5. Shaws-Local Government Supplies
6. EBC Council Agenda and Previous Minutes
7. British Gas-Fixed Term Gas Contract
8. Litter on Deans Drive Playing Fields-complaint. EBC have taken action
9. LGBC –Review of Erewash-acknowledgement of submission
10. Mr C Winfield-complaint about condition of Pares Way/Green Lane footpath
All ROWS are cut in accordance with the Parish Council’s protocol. This footpath is no different.
11. PC Palin-correspondence relating to The Remembrance Service 2013
12. Ashbrook Youth Club-second stage payment
13. Christmas Lights Switch On and Remembrance Service
14. LSI Parish Council entry supplies
15. DCC Winter Gritting Scheme 2013/14-Grit Delivery
16. CAB Review 2013/14
17. Elmcross Allotments Association-Allotment Action
18. Borough Parish Forum 20th November 2013
19. EBC Play scheme Standardisation
20. Ashbrook School ;residents complaint reference parking
21. Cemetery Legal Compliance-course attendance Chairman and Clerk

22. RAD-Community Buildings Management Course. For Clerk Training?
23. EBC – Housing for Rent or Buy Ockbrook
24. EBC-Awards for All Big Lottery Workshop
25. DCC Ashbrook Community Centre-Meeting with Parish Council
26. NALC Model Standing Orders for Parish Councils
27. Ockbrook Phone Box-update
28. Derby City Council-Local Plan
29. Parish Wards-Boundary Commission- OBPC want no change to existing boundaries.

111/2013 Christmas Lights in the Parish

Borrowash:

In attendance at The Co-Operative, Victoria Avenue, Borrowash will be:
Harry Bodkin-Ockbrook & Borrowash Town Cryer
Christmas Carols round the tree
Pinxton Puppets
Ashbrook Youth Centre

Light Switch On – 6.30pm Friday 29th November 2013

Ockbrook:

In attendance at The Royal Oak, Ockbrook will be:
Harry Bodkin – Ockbrook & Borrowash Town Cryer
Nelson Hand Bell Ringers
Christmas Carols round the tree
Santa's Grotto (from 6-00pm) Royal Oak

Light Switch On Approx. 7-00pm

112/2013 Remembrance Service

Grass cutting will take place on Saturday 9th November 2013 in readiness.

All arrangements have been finalised.

113/2013 The Playground Inspection Report 2013 (Bare Lane/Deans Drive)

A copy of this document will be circulated to all Councillors.

Thanks were expressed to John Tizzard as Chairman of this committee.

114/13 Trees – Protocol for Overhanging Trees o Council owned land

Tree Policy:

The Parish Council agreed to follow the Erewash Borough Council Tree Policy and procedures, which clarifies the situation regarding the maintenance of trees in the Parish.

b. Rights of Way – The Protocol for dealing with Rights of Way issues in the Parish

This has been increased to £430-00 for all Footpath Maintenance within Ockbrook and Borrowash.

The Parish Council is concerned about the lack of Financial support from DCC.

115/13 Terms and Conditions of The Hire of The Parish Hall

It was agreed that a 50% reduction in room hire would be granted to W.I. for the inconvenience of the central heating braking down, at their meeting in October.

116/2013 Burials, Recreation, Environment, Allotments, Finance

Burials:

All grass cutting has been completed for 2013.

The Yew Trees, in All Saints Churchyard, are due to be crowned .

A faculty is awaited regarding the boundary wall adjacent to Church Farm, Ockbrook.

Recreation:

All grass cutting has been completed.

Environment:

All Grass cutting has been completed for 2013.

The Clerk will communicate with James Middleton from DCC regarding Flooding in Ockbrook.

Allotments:

Nil

Parish Hall

Mr. R Camp Field Rental.

If no payment has been received by December 2013, Mr Camp's contract will be cancelled.

117/2013 Items for the December 2013 Parish Council Meeting

Budgets

Setting of The Precept 2014-15

Flooding Issues in Ockbrook in Ockbrook and Borrowash

Storage of Parish Council Christmas Lights

118/2013 Date and Time of the next Parish Council and Committee Meetings

The Parish Council Meeting will be held on the Wednesday 4th December 2013 at 7-00 pm in The Parish Hall, Ockbrook

The Finance Committee Meeting 25th November 2013 at 7.30 in The Parish Hall.

Coffee and Mince Pies will be served after the December PC meeting. Residents are welcome to attend.

PART II – EXEMPT ITEMS

Nil

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.20pm

OCKBROOK AND BORROWASH PARISH COUNCIL 2013 PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE MEETING

25TH NOVEMBER 2013 at the **Parish Hall Ockbrook commencing at
7.30pm**

1/FCM/2013 Apologies for absence

A Solloway; B Solloway; MV Tumanow; M White

2/FCM/2013 Declaration of Personal Interest

Nil

3/FCM/2013 Job Descriptions for Clerk and Assistant Clerk

It was RESOLVED to adopt the NALC Clerk and Assistant Clerk's Job Descriptions with the following amendments;

Clerk;

Removed Sections 20 and 21 , as circulated and replace by Section 20

“ The Clerk is to be present in the office during the core “open to the public times””

Assistant Clerk

Remove all documentation after the sentence “ To assist the Clerk in all matters”

4/FCM/2013 Office “Open to the Public” times

It was RESOLVED that The Open to The Public Office Hours would be as follows:-

Monday and Tuesday 08.00 to 12.00

Wednesday Closed

Thursday 08.30 – 12.00

Friday 08.30-12.00

For appointments outside these hours the public can ring 01332 664100

5/FCM/2013 Parish Council's Employment Manual

This was RESOLVED to adopt the Employment Manual as circulated.

6/FCM/2013 Parish Councils Standing Orders

This item was deferred to the May 2014 AGM

Note items 3,5,6 were to bring the Parish Council in line with NALC Model Procedures

7/FCM/2013 Parish Council Financial Strategy for 2014-15 and 2015-16

The situation is as follows:-

EBC do not anticipate receiving their Government Grant information until Christmas Eve.

It is possible that there could be cuts of Government Support to EBC in the order of 13% in 2014/15 and 15% in 2015/16. This is likely to have knock on effects on the Parish Councils in Erewash in the form of a reduction in Concurrent Functions Budgets in 2014/15.

The Clerk read out the latest briefing from the Chairman of NALC concerning the Council Tax Benefit Support Grant. It could result in an increase in levels of Town and Parish Council tax; Ministers may consider capping any such increases.

Until further information is received from Government EBC are not in any position to comment further.

Ian Sankey, EBC Finance Director has indicated that he will be in a position to notify all EB Parish Councils guidance on Concurrent Functions and Council Tax Benefit Grant on Friday 17th January 2014.

The Parish Council therefore RESOLVED to take the following action;

To set a balanced budget for 2014-15

To set a date for the next Finance Meeting to be Monday 27th January 2014, with a pre meeting on Monday 20th January 2014.

Budgets will be set at the 27th January 2014 with Ian Sankey being advised by email, on 31st January 2014, as to the Parish Council's Budget (broken down into Precept and Concurrent Functions).

Between now and 27th January 2014, the Chairmen of Burials; Environment; Recreation; Finance and Allotments Committees are to consider their budget bids for 2014/15 and let the Finance Chairman know by 20th January 2014.

The Clerk will circulate all Expenditure and Income spread sheets to Councillors in time for the December 2013 PC meeting (as per normal practice) and councillors will be able to see the breakdown of expenditure and income to date.

In future additional information will be given to councillors on the breakdown of invoices in expenditure for monthly parish council meetings to enable a better understanding of how monies are spent.

Thus the final date for the setting of budgets for 2014/15 is 27th January 2014.

8/FCM/2013 Staff Salaries 2014-15 (Clerk/Assistant Clerk/Caretaker)-

Confirmed as per NJC/NALC National Scales Agreement (excluding Caretaker)

9/FCM/2013 Maintenance Contractor

Care and Repair were confirmed as the Parish Council's Maintenance contractor until May 2015.

10/FCM/2013 Concurrent Functions 2013-14

This will be set at the 27th January 2014 meeting

11/FCM/2013 Hire of Hall Fees/Burial Fees 2014-15/Allotment Fees (2015/16)

These will be set at the 27th January 2014 Parish Council Meeting

The aim of the Parish Council has always been to make the Allotments self sufficient and allotment rents consistent with the average rental rates across the Borough.

The Clerk will obtain sample hall rental rates so that councillors can compare with Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Hall rates. Presently the Parish Hall is being significantly subsidised by the Council.

Allotment rents will have to be set for 1st January 2015, whereas all other hire rates and Burial Fees are for the 1st April 2014.

12/FCM/20132 Precept 2014-15

This will be set at the 27th February 2014 Meeting and advised to the Borough Council on 31st January 2014

New Quality Parish Council Scheme- Financial implications (to be built into Precept) if the Parish Council decides it wishes to participate in the new scheme.

Note: The Precept Bid for 2014/15 has to be agreed at full council but given the timescales the Council determined that the 27th January 2014 meeting will be regarded as being a full council meeting and the Precept will be reconfirmed at the February 2014 Parish Council Meeting

13/FCM/2013 Date and Time of next Meeting

4th December 2013 Parish Council Meeting at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall
Ockbrook

27th January 2014 Full Finance Meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall
Ockbrook

GE Taylor Clerk to Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Council

Minutes of the DECEMBER 2013 meeting of THE OCKBROOK & BORROWASH PARISH COUNCIL held at the Parish Hall, Ockbrook on Wednesday 4th December 2013 commencing at 7.00pm

Present: T Holbrook Chairman
J Owens
M Wallis
D Archer
G E Taylor Clerk
H Bevan A/Clerk

6 members of the public. Councillor W Major, Councillor R Parkinson and E. Cooke

119/2013 Apologies for Absence

J. Wild, B Solloway, A Solloway, P Archer, Councillor MV Tumanow and M White

120/2013 Declaration of Members' Interest

Nil

121/2013 To confirm The Minutes of the Meeting (s) held on:- 6th November 2013

These were confirmed as a true record and signed

122/2013 Open To The Public

A Sims:

The Youth Group would be grateful if they could have a mention in The Parish Council Newsletter and any other public publication.

It was suggested that the Youth Leader writes into the Parish Council with up and coming events and this information would be put onto the Web Site and Notice Boards. The next Spring Newsletter will contain an article on Youth Club activities, if the council is given relevant material by the Youth Club.

**Derbyshire County Councillor Report
Councillor R Parkinson**

Helping families get the help they need

A handbook packed with information about where families can get help bringing up their children is now available. Available online and featuring useful telephone numbers and web links, it and can be read at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/eho.

The quick-reference guide includes all services for families, including parenting classes and nursery education and drug and alcohol misuse and welfare. Called the Early Help Offer, it is designed to make it as easy as possible for families to get the help they need before things get on top of them.

Possible changes to mobile library service

DCC is considering asking residents for their views on changes to the mobile library service as part of the budget review.

The mobile fleet currently consists of two large maximum capacity vehicles (MCVs) and eight smaller standard mobile libraries. They make almost 1,300 individual stops accounting for 17 per cent of total library issues and seven per cent of all library visits and costs £720,000 a year.

Four potential options to make savings are to be considered for consultation in a two-stage process:

- Option 1: Withdraw all ten mobile library vehicles to create a saving of £720,000 by 2016;
- Option 2: Withdraw eight standard mobiles and maintain the two MCVs to create a saving of £530,000 by 2016.
- Option 3: Withdraw one MCV and seven standard mobiles and maintain one MCV and one standard mobile to create a saving of £560,000 by 2016.
- Option 4: Community offer – as changes would mean many individual stops would no longer be provided DCC would consider supporting community groups or organisations wishing to provide a more local service. This could include, for example, working with communities to develop a network of drop-off points in accessible premises and other locations such as children's centres.

The first stage of consultation would ask for initial views on these options and any proposals for community offers and a second stage would involve more detailed consultation in relation to any preferred option or options.

Plans to help people live healthier lives

Local people are to be given more support to adopt healthier lifestyles under new plans by DCC. The new approach will provide extra support for people who are most at risk of ill health, together with more accessible wellbeing services. Three existing service areas - help to stop smoking, weight management and the 'health trainer' programme - will be combined to offer people one point of access for health and wellbeing support. A team of 'wellbeing workers' will lead up the new service, providing a range of advice and support and pointing people in the right direction for help from other services when they need it.

Community Transport Consultation

A consultation about Derbyshire's Community Transport Services aims to find out if the community transport currently provided is meeting people's needs or how it can be improved. There are two surveys – one for residents who already use community transport and the other for non-users.

Copies are available from the seven county community transport schemes and six volunteer centres, Derbyshire Adult Community Education and children's centres, Borough Council offices and online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/communitytransportsurvey. Closing date for responses is 31 December 2013.

Erewash Borough Council Report Councillor Mike Wallis

1. The Council Meeting, scheduled for December 2013 has been cancelled due to lack of business.
2. The Council Executive Meeting will take place on 5th December 2013 at 10.30am
3. There was record attendance at both Ilkeston and Long Eaton for the annual Christmas Lights Switch On.
4. Planning Issue regarding 244 Victoria Avenue – An Appeal Date has been set for 17th December at Ilkeston Town Hall.
5. See Web-site for Cultural and Leisure Junior Membership Scheme.
6. Litterpick – This will take place on 21st December meeting at The Gordon Lacey Hall and 22nd December meeting in the Car Park at The Parish Council, Ockbrook
7. Love Your Town Scheme – see Councillor Wallis for more details

Derbyshire Constabulary Report – PC Kimberley Palin

ASB-

From 31st April 2013 to 30th November 2013, Reports of Anti-Social behaviour fell by 25.7 % which is a reduction of 47 less calls for service.

Looking at the figures from last November to this November we have a reduction of 33% less calls for service.

ASB remains to be one of our priority profiles.

CRIME

From 31st April 2013 to 30th November 2013, reductions in the following offences-

Violent Offences- reduction of 37.1 percent.

Theft Offences- reduction of 29.5%

Theft offences- reduction of 29.5 Percent

Non domestic Burglaries (shed breaks) have risen by 23.8 %.

3 house burglaries in November. Spondon are having similar issues. Offenders appear to be attacking houses that back on to or are near to the canal Towpath on Station Road.

We are carrying out extra patrols around that area.

Our next surgery date is Wednesday 8th January 2014. 3pm at the Shell garage, A52.

123/2013 Planning Applications

ERE/083/0029 – Land to the North of 61/63 Central Avenue, Borrowash
Appeal has been made to The Secretary of State

244 Victoria Avenue – Inspector Appeal on 17th December 2013. The Clerk is to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

124/2013 Report of the Parish Clerk

Community Hall Training Away Day – 30th November 2013

A report has been sent to all councillors for consideration at the Finance Meeting on 27th January 2014.

It was agreed that the Clerk should attend the SLCC Conference event on Friday 28th February 2014. The cost would be £85.00 plus VAT.

125/2012 DALC Circulars

Circular 21/2013

December Drop in Surgery
DALC, Erewash Physical Activities Survey
Localised Council Tax Support Arrangements
Sustainable Communities Act
Good Neighbourhood Schemes

Circular 22/2013

DALC Drop in Surgery
Clerk Induction Training
Cilca 2 Day Training Course
Councillor Induction Training
DALC Spring Seminar
Revised Model Standing Orders
DALC Contact telephone numbers
Clerk RFO Vacancies

126/2013 Report from representatives on Outside Bodies

A meeting has taken place regarding the Ashbrook Community Centre.
A Constitution and Business Plan are being put together. The next meeting will take place on 7th January 2014.

127/2013 Finance

Approved

Expenditure since last meeting £10,658.65

Income since last meeting £3,837.29

Expenditure details:-

Clerk's Expenses	October 2013	95.55
Ashbrook Youth Club	Stage II Payment 2013-14	1500
Care and Repair (Cemeteries 195; Recreation 120)	Grass Cutting and General Maintenance	315
Assistant Clerk	Diaries 2014	5.75
Grant Thornton	Audit 2012-13	480
Ockbrook News	Papers	40.58
Art Core	Community Centre	1500
Virgin Media	Telephony	40.38
British Gas	Parish Hall	548
PCWB.Com	Electronic Screen Parish Hall	301.
Currys	Fridge for Parish Hall	139.99
Chairman Expenses	Allotment Keys	24.56
Rural Action Derbyshire	Clerks Training Day 30 th November 2013	25.00
Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal	17.00
Care and Repair	General Cemetery Maintenance	195
Erewash Sound	POWB Donation Remembrance	100.00
Scouts	POWB Donation Remembrance	100.00
Play Inspection Co Ltd	Play Inspection 2013	143.88
Clerk	November Salary 2013	1379.95
A/Clerk	November Salary 2013 inc Caretaker	992.77
HMRC	November 2013	634.28
Ambassadors of Borrowwash	Remembrance POWB 2013	100.00
Plan4Print	Autumn Newsletter 2013	720.00
Clerk	SLCC/ILCM Membership 2014	231.00
EBC	Parish Hall Rates	96.00
Virgin Media	Broadband	29.99
JWP	IT Maintenance	12.00
E.On	Parish Hall Electricity	131.92
Virgin Media	Telephony	32.88
Care and Repair	Environment Christmas Trees (erection) and Christmas Celebrations; Ockbrook & Borrowwash	585.00
Care and Repair	Final Mowing and Strimming All Saints Princess Drive- (environment)	120.00 45.00
D Wild	Newsletter Distribution	95.00

The above payments were approved

Finance Committee Meeting – 25th November 2013

Reports and Recommendations to The Parish Council.

These were approved in full and the Minutes of the Finance Meeting were approved and signed by the Council Chairman.

Legislation abolishing the “2nd Signatures” rule and allowing electronic payments is anticipated in 2014.

L.S.I Energy Bills : it was agreed to accept the recommendation to transfer the Parish Council’s gas account to Scottish and Southern.

128/2013 Correspondence Received

1. Electoral Review of Erewash (update)
2. ACRE Briefing – Entertainment Licensing- noted
3. Local Waste Collection Christmas 2013
4. Ashbrook Community Centre Update
5. DCC Minor Maintenance
6. Clerk Magazine : Closed Churchyards
7. Elmcross Issues
8. EBC Free Tree Scheme
9. Derbyshire Childrens’ Holiday Centre – To consider a donation- deferred to February 2014.
10. British Gas – Monthly payment
11. Elvaston Castle Working Party
12. Countryside Voice
13. Groundwork Newsletter
14. Borough/ Parishes Agenda for 20th November 2013 Meeting
15. Draft Planning Enforcement Plan- EBC- noted
16. Derbyshire CC Snow Warden – additional Winter Advice
17. Additional Information EBC Enforcement Policy
18. DALC- Election for Executive Committee Member 2013-2015 - None
19. A Sims- Youth Club
20. Extension to Temporary Closure of Ockbrook FP16- part
21. Affordable Housing in Ockbrook- Availability of land. (see agenda item)
22. The Children’s Playground Co Ltd- advert
23. Rainbows- Santa on the Run
24. Shipley Country Park- Events for Children
25. Complaint about lack of Drop Down Kerbs on Balmoral Rd Borrowash- referred to DCC
26. CPRE – Save Our Countryside Charter- Do the PC wish to sign? – February Agenda Item

27. Electoral Review of Erewash (update)
28 A Resident's concerns- flooding and car parking in Elm Street,
Gordon Road

129/2013 Affordable Housing in Ockbrook

Do the Parish Council consider that affordable housing in Ockbrook is a priority?

Would The Parish Council wish to commission an affordable housing needs survey in Ockbrook?

Is the Parish Council aware that an affordable housing development in Ockbrook could include a small development on a suitable greenbelt site?

Before the Parish Council could make any comments the Borough Council were advised to go back to the people of Ockbrook and ask them for their opinion.

The Parish Council has a long standing objection to any development in the Green Belt.

130/2013 Urinating, Defecating and Spitting Byelaw consultation questionnaire

It was agreed that The Parish Council will support Erewash Borough Council in any recommendations, provided any bye law can be policed.

131/2013 Playground Inspection Report 2013

No recommendations have been received from the Chairman of The Recreation Committee, so the Parish Council resolved not to take any actions.

Erewash Borough Council thanked the Parish Council for a comprehensive Playground Inspection Report.

Councillor Mike Wallis was thanked for his support in getting the grass cut all season free of charge on the small Playing Field on Deans Drive.

There is a possibility of a Football Team playing on the pitch on Bare Lane Playing Field next year. The Council awaits any further development.

132/2013 Burials, Recreation, Environment, Allotments, Finance

Burials:

Reports and Recommendations from the Burials Chairman have been sent to all councillors.

The Burials Meeting scheduled for December has been cancelled and the reports and recommendations will be considered at the January 2014 Finance Meeting of the Council.

Recreation:

Ashbrook Community Youth Club were thanked for the participation in the Borrowash Light Switch On.

Environment:

Flooding in The Parish. DCC Emergency Planning representatives will attend the February 2014 Parish Council Meeting to give an update.

Christmas Decorations- it was RESOLVED that all decorations would be returned to the Parish Council for storage.

The Council would embark upon consultations with residents and commercial businesses in Borrowash as to the future of Christmas Lighting and switch on events. Lighting is becoming increasingly expensive and the Parish Council want the opinions of residents and businesses to be forthcoming before planning for 2014.

The Council will make decisions over the future of the Christmas Lighting by June 2014.

Allotments:

Crime Prevention at Elm Street Allotments

The Police Commissioner is to be approached reference obtaining monies from The Proceeds of Crime Act. Any developments will need a joint collaboration between the Elmcross Allotments Association and The Parish Council.

In the meantime it was reaffirmed that the Parish Council wishes to make the Allotments self-sufficient (i.e. Income Received balances with Expenditure) and that Allotment rents move towards the average for Erewash.

It was RESOLVED that Allotment rental per plot will be increased to £45-00 from 1st January 2015 with a discount of 25% remaining in place for Senior Citizens. For Senior Citizens this represented an outlay of 65p per week.

Parish Hall

Councillors were reminded that they would be considering Hire of Hall rates at the Finance Meeting on 27th January 2014. Recommendations have been put to the council, which would bring The Parish Hall Hire rates into line with many others both in Erewash and the local area.

The structure of the hire rates need to be considered, in order that the Council can maximise revenue from the Hall.

All Committee Chairman were once again reminded that they must formulate their committee bids for 2014-15 and present these to the Parish Council Finance Meeting in January 2014.

133/2013 Items for the February 5th 2014 Parish Council Meeting

Save Our Countryside Charter – CPRE
Village Games 2014

134/2013 Date and Time of the next Parish Council and Committee Meetings

Finance Meeting :- 27th January 2014 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Ockbrook.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on the Wednesday 5th February 2014 at 7-00 pm in The Parish Hall, Ockbrook

The Parish Council does not have a monthly meeting in January.

PART II – EXEMPT ITEMS

Nil

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.55