

## **The Ashbrook Centre**

In negotiating a fifty year, rent free lease with Derbyshire County Council to take over the running of the Ashbrook Centre in Borrowash and bring it back, after a major refurbishment, into community use.

The decision to award the Centre to the Buildings Committee who have been involved with the negotiating process came after a CABco meeting at D.C.C. Matlock on June 7<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Five years of talks, submitting eight revisions of the business case and providing a vast amount of financial information have finally paid dividends. The search to provide funding to allow the work to begin has been under way for some time. Funding to repair the flat roof at the centre has already been secured from Erewash Borough Council by way of a Rural Communities Grant.

The Parish Council has already committed to providing forty thousand pounds of funding over four years to get priority work under way as quickly as possible. Funding Applications are being prepared for submission to the Garfield Weston Trust, the National Lottery and W.R.E.N..

The floodlit outdoor games area has already been brought back into use for clubs to use. The grounds at the centre will be tended by the Parish Councils' Wayne Peapell and local businesses will be approached for sponsorship to help with the refurbishment.

The Parish Council are extremely grateful to everyone who has helped over the last five years, and in particular, David Steare who has done a brilliant job in preparing the business case.

Over twenty groups have contacted either myself or the Parish Council directly to express an interest in using the centre for a variety of events.

Any group or organisation who would be interested in using either the outdoor pitch or the centre please contact Councillor Mike Wallis tel. 01332 679222 or mob. 07590 453.410 or by e-mail, [mike\\_wallis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mike_wallis@hotmail.co.uk).

Finally, a very big thank you to Councillor Barry Lewis, Stephen Walters and Katie Granger from Derbyshire County Council for all their help and support.

Councillor Mike Wallis