

OCKBROOK AND BORROWASH PARISH COUNCIL

2019 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

WEDNESDAY 29 MAY 2019

REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN

It was with great pride and an honour to be once again nominated for the position of Chairman of Ockbrook & Borrowash Parish Council in 2018 and for 2019.

After the local elections we welcomed five new members onto the Parish Council. Steve Fraser Burton, Jayne Kennedy, Teresa Kokiet, Sheila Owens and Jane White.

In addition to this late 2018 we welcomed Sarah Kitchener our new Parish Clerk and RFO who has quickly settled into this important role.

Many thanks to Margaret Waine, Karen Knapp, Daniel Walton and Sarah Rigley for your contribution as Parish Councillors during the last 12 months.

Sadly we also said goodbye to Vera Tumanow who has been involved in both Parish and Erewash Borough Councils for over 40 years.

Thankyou Vera for your dedication to local politics your presence will be missed.

Looking back over the last 12 months I think once again the most talked about topic has been the transformation of both villages since the appointment of Wayne Peapell, as our consultant horticulturist.

A significant investment by The Parish Council is now paying dividends as we see both villages bursting into bloom and a completely different landscape to what we had a few years ago.

This has been helped by the magnificent work of 'Borrowash in Bloom'. A group of residents who came together in January 2018 to brighten up the village and what a magnificent job they have done achieving awards and so much more in such a short period of time.

We now have the same in Ockbrook where 'Ockbrook in Bloom' has been formed with exactly the same aims in mind.

Both villages can be assured of our continual support in 2019 and onwards.

The 2018 Christmas light switch on went extremely well in both villages with a record attendance in Borrowash which was once again jointly organised with Ashbrook Community Group.

Remembrance Sunday on 11th November 2018 had significant importance as it will be exactly 100 years since the guns fell silent in the Great War that lasted from 28th July 1914 to 11th November 1918.

The work on the Ashbrook Centre is progressing well.

There is a lot of hard work still required to bring the building back into a safe usable state but we can now see the light at the end of the tunnel.

This will be a great asset to the Parish and I look forward to seeing the building back into regular use in a matter of weeks and months.

Finally, can I thank every single Parish Councillor for your support and look forward to working with you all for the next 12 months.

Michael White

Chairman

Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Council

23 May 2019