# Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Council.

# Held at the Ashbrook Centre, Borrowash Wednesday 1st November 2023 at 19:00.

A minutes silence was held for the passing of Ex Councillor Mike Wallis and Ex Clerk Liz Martin.

## Public Speaking.

### Members of Public

Councillor G Maskalick opened the meeting with an update as to what the Parish Council did during the recent floods:

* I was in Borrowash at 7:15am attending to flooding called in by residents in the area of the Coop, Victoria Road, Nottingham Road, Elm Street, Kimberly Road and Balmoral Road Cemetery.
* The issue with the Parish Council is that all but two members have jobs, but Councillor S Fraser-Burton visited Ockbrook and informed the Clerk of areas of flooding. The Clerk also scouted the villages and called relevant authorities to action help. Thank you to Councillors J Fazackerley who helped residents of Ockbrook during the day, Erewash Borough Councillor R Locke who was at the scene of Collier Lane throughout the day liaising with Councillor W Major at EBC to action things and Councillor J White who updated residents throughout the day via social media.
* Derbyshire County Council ensures the riparian owners clean their section of the brook, although they can’t enforce this. Neither the Environment Agency nor Derbyshire County Council will take responsibility of the Cole Lane culvert, especially regarding the removal of the large tree trunk. In the past engineers have investigated the culvert but deemed the culvert could cope with the flow of water as long as the riparian owners kept their sections cleared.
* We need to plan to prevent future flooding problems, we need to form a working party with Parish Council members and the residents to come up with ideas on how to stop this happening again.
* A member of public agreed that we do need our own flood plan as the parish has been let down by the Environment Agency, they also recommended the purchasing of hydro snakes instead of sandbags, details will be passed onto the Clerk.
* A member of public mentioned the problem is stopping the water getting in through the walls. Barriers would just spread the water to other areas, they believed the answer is to get rid of the culvert.
* A member of public commented that sandbags are just a short-term measure, a long-term plan is needed. A suggestion would be to get a hydrological survey this would look at the whole catchment area and give recommendations on how to stop this problem.
* A member of public commented that:
  + The Environment Agency state they are not responsible for the brook, that lies with the land- owners who need to remove debris from the brook.
  + This flood is a repeat of the 2012 flood where a report was done and nothing has happened since, an application went to the Environment Agency to replace the culvert on Cole Lane, but this was rejected, they would like to see a copy of this report.
  + They have spoken to the Trent Rivers Trust who are prepared to do an environmental study of the whole area. The Trent Rivers Trust has already written to Derbyshire County Council and the Environment Agency to get information on the valley to be able to move forward.
  + They have spoken to some landowners, one in particular has said they will help, and they are trying to contact all of the remaining landowners.
  + From the residents point of view, between 9:00-12:00 no Councillors were seen on the 20th October on Cole Lane or Collier Lane.
  + A flood plan will be written with the residents within the next 14 days.
  + The roads will be closed the next time this happens, this will stop drivers making large waves which cause the gardens and houses to be flooded.

Councillor G Maskalick proposed a working group meeting at the Royal Oak, in Ockbrook on the 3rd November at 19:30.

* A member of public listed the responsibilities and the many things that Mike Wallis as a Borough and Parish Councillor achieved, they asked why will the flag not be flown at half-mast on the day of his funeral when this is mentioned in the flag policy? Councillor G Maskalick mentioned that the flag was not lowered when Ex Councillor V Tumanow passed away. Councillor S Fraser-Burton commented that there are plenty of people who do an immense amount for the Parish but the flag flying policy singles out a particular role which the Parish Council felt was unjust.
* A member of public mentioned the bus service 9 and 9a, Councillor G Maskalick commented that we have received emails regarding the bus as it’s not fit for purpose due to the number of passengers it can hold and the lack of disabled access, the Clerk has been in contact with Derbyshire County Council regarding this matter.

### Derbyshire County Council Report.

Apologies were received from Councillors W Major and R Parkinson, who submitted a report – see appendix 1.

### Erewash Borough Council Report.

Apologies were received from Councillor R Locke.

Councillor G Maskalick submitted a report – see appendix 2.

### Derbyshire Constabulary Report taken from their website - see appendix 3.

### Ashbrook Youth Group.

Achieved record attendance of 75 at the youth group, the trustees are now going to be charging the youth group rent of £40.00 per week which will take more than half of their income. This will not have an impact in the short term but will have an impact during the school holidays where normally they are able to provide hot meals each week for the children and do events without a charge.

## Present.

Councillors G Maskalick (Chair), S Fraser-Burton (Vice Chair), S Cresswell, G Markwell, A Dunn, J Fazackerley, T Stevenson, C Millward and K Thomas.

## Also, Present.

S Kitchener (Clerk and RFO), Councillors J White and F Phillips (EBC Mayor), and 39 members of public.

## 197/11/23 Noted Apologise for Absence.

Councillors J Fraser-Burton (illness) and K Eaglesham-Atkins (family matter).

## 198/11/23 Declarations of Members Interests.

Councillor G Maskalick will abstain from the vote on the solicitor for the public toilets as he knows him personally.

## 199/11/23 Dispensations.

None.

## 200/11/23 Variation of Order of Business.

None.

## 201/11/23 Approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting, Held on the 4th October 2023.

**RESOLVED** Proposed by Councillor S Fraser-Burton, seconded by Councillor G Markwell, 1 abstained as they did not attend the meeting with the rest unanimously agreeing that the minutes be approved as a true record and were signed by the Chair at the meeting.

## 202/11/23 Items to be Taken into Private Session.

None.

## 203/11/23 Report of the Parish Clerk/RFO.

Updates since Octobers meeting:

Remembrance Day

* The posters have been produced and advertised on the website, Facebook and the notice boards.
* Updated the Ambassadors Showband, bagpiper and the readers of the times.
* Names, readings and order of service will be sent to the groups w/c 30/10/23.
* Confirmed with the road closure company that they have all the information they require.
* The order of service has been sent to the Coop and they will be picked up 26/10/23.
* The road closure signs from Erewash Borough Council are in the office and will be installed w/c 06/11/23.
* I am unable to attend the service but will be giving the Parish Council wreath, order of service booklets and a copy of the names and reading to Councillor J Fraser-Burton.

Christmas

* The Christmas tree poster has been produced and advertised on the website, Facebook and the notice boards.
* The Long Eaton Silver Prize Band has confirmed their times of 18:00-19:00 at both venues.
* Erewash Borough Council have been informed we will be locking the public toilets on the 24/11/23.

Miscellaneous

* Informed Fox Landscaping that their quote was accepted – awaiting a date for this to be completed.
* Erewash Borough Council have been informed we have accepted their head of terms for the public toilets.
* Informed the playground inspector that their quote was accepted – awaiting a date for the first inspection.
* Informed the joiner that their quote was accepted for the external parish store door – awaiting a date for installation.
* The objection for ERE/0923/0024 Spondon Wood development was submitted.
* The hedgehog highway surrounds are now being advertised on the website, Facebook and the notice boards – only sold one so far.
* Local Council award scheme update -we need to show signs of public consultation, this will happen during the neighbourhood planning process then we will have passed the quality level.
* In the process of obtaining quotes for the parish tree survey.
* All hall hirers have been written to asking them to park in the car park rather than Church Street, updated the member of public who queried this in Octobers meeting.
* Wrote to DCC regarding the 9/9A bus, still awaiting a response.
* Items passed to DCC and EBC:
  + Acceptance of the amenity in the highway for the Ridings planters – still outstanding.
  + Road markings on Victoria Avenue slip road – been chasing this since December 2022, should be completed by October 2023.
  + Lifted curb stones on Priorway Avenue - this is now showing as logged.

## 204/11/23 Report of the Chair.

**POPPIES UP!**

A few weekends ago Councillors Stephen & Julie Fraser-Burton and their sons put up all the poppies on the light posts along Victoria in both villages. It was a monumental effort to get the job done and in poor weather conditions. The poppies look fantastic as they are back-to-back on each post. Thank you so much and please let your sons know we appreciate their efforts as well.

**YOUTH CONCERT**

On Friday 13th October we had our first Youth Concert at Ockbrook Moravian Church where three youth from the Parish performed wonderfully. It is a small start, but I hope that we – the Parish Council – can make this at least a yearly event and possibly an every six-month event to help give the youth of the Parish an outlet to express themselves via any performance medium. This is not restricted just to music. More annon on the next concert.

I would also like to thank the Ockbrook Moravian Church for hosting the concert for free. The Minister of the church said they were delighted to see the church being used for community events such as a Youth Concert.

**FLAGS**

Our flags representing the services and other causes has been very well received by the public. It is nice to see that our flag poles are being used fully now instead of minimal effort. I was very keen that our flag flying policy be updated and the way we use the flag poles to represent community, patriotism and culture be fully used throughout the year. I am very much in debt to Councillor Stephen Fraser-Burton for his efforts in this regard and we will be hearing from him later on with a flag policy update.

**YOUTH GROUP & AGM**

I was hoping to attend the Youth Group session and AGM at the Ashbrook Centre in October but sadly I contracted COVID and was unable to go. I will hopefully go soon before the Christmas season or in January. Youth development and the role the PC plays in supporting it is very important to me and the whole Parish Council.

**CLIMATE SCORECARD**

A Climate Scorecard was recently issued to all levels of government but not to Parish Councils. EBC did not do well at all. I presented this scorecard to Councillors, and we are going to see what we can do to attain high marks on the different categories. This will entail reshaping how we do certain things, but I am sure we can do well. Considering recent storms, it is imperative we do our bit to try and secure a brighter climate future for our children. This will be an agenda item next meeting. All of this dovetails with our Climate Emergency declaration in September. Now we must act without delay.

**FLOOD PLAN IN THE PARISH**

I and others on the PC will be meeting with residents of Ockbrook and Borrowash as soon as possible to put together a proposed flood plan strategy for the Parish. It will be a working group and the proposal will be put forward on the Dec PC meeting agenda under Environment if it is ready to be proposed. If not, an update will be provided. It is imperative that we work as quickly as possible as extreme weather events such as a few weeks ago are going to happen more frequently. I have asked the Parish Clerk to order sandbags to be given for free to residents who are flood affected in the Parish. It will be up to those residents to fill them with sand and keep them stored at their houses. This is in line with what other local parishes do and it seems to work well. Please be aware you can get free sandbags filled at EBC in Long Eaton. Details on their website or call their main number and ask.

**WHAT I AND THE PC DID DURING THE RECENT FLOOD EVENT**

* I was in Borrowash at 7:15am attending to flooding called in by residents in the area of Victoria and Nottingham Road.
* I was at Elm Street and Kimberly Road at 7:30am attending to flooding called in by residents in the area.
* I was at Balmoral Cemetery where there was localised flooding at about 7:50.
* Councillor Stephen Fraser-Burton was in Ockbrook scouting the whole village and keeping the Parish Clerk informed of areas of flooding the whole morning.
* The Parish Clerk also scouted the village throughout the day and took many phone calls and called relevant authorities to action help.
* Councillor Janet Fazackerley also helped residents of Ockbrook during the day.
* I came by Collier Lane at 4:15pm to survey the area which I recorded on video. I met with two residents and sent the video of drains overflowing… to DCC, EBC and EA.
* EBC Councillor R Locke was at the scene of Collier Lane throughout the day liaising with Councillor W Major at EBC to action things.

**NEW TABS ON WEBSITE REQUEST**

I will be working with the Parish Clerk to see what is possible to get new tabs for information pertaining to Public Consultations with EBC and DCC and another tab for Planning applications. This way I am hoping Parishioners will find it easier to get this vital information and act upon matters that are important to them and the wider Parish.

The Clerk commented that there is already a planning section but would look into the cost of a new tab for public consultation to be agreed at the next Parish Council meeting.

**OCKBROOK SCHOOL UPDATE**

I am pleased to announce that the charity taking over Ockbrook School would like to come and speak to the PC and consult with the Parishioners on interacting and working together. This is very welcome news, and we are hoping they attend our December meeting.

**CYCLE SURVEY 2.1**

Councillor Cresswell, her husband and I cycled around Borrowash East this past Saturday to look at safe cycling routes for children to ride to school. There will be more on this later in the meeting in the Environment report. We would like to do Cycle Survey 2.2 and cover Borrowash West and Ockbrook. Then we will produce a full report and recommendations that we may want to submit to Sustrans and lead government agencies. We will continue to consult with the public on this via social media, PC website and the bike rides themselves.

**NEXT PC SURGERY**

Speaking of consulting the public, our next PC Surgery is SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER 9:30AM – NOON at CAFÉ TORTE, BORROWASH. All are welcome to attend and enjoy a cuppa with me and Councillor Stephen Fraser-Burton. See you then!

**BEATING THE BOUNDS BIKE RIDE**

I intend to do a bike ride that follows the boundary of Erewash to raise money for the Erewash Museum which is an asset to all Erewash residents. This will occur in the Spring. More annon.

**MAYOR OF EREWASH – FRANK PHILLIPS**

I am pleased to turn over this last part of my Chair report to Frank to explain more about the Erewash Museum and why it is important to all of us and plans for the future.

At this point standing orders were suspended and The Mayor, Frank Phillips spoke about the Erewash Museum – see appendix 4.

Standing orders were reinstated.

## 205/11/23 Finance, HR, Contractors and General Purposes.

### Accept Accounts for Payment – see appendix 5.

**RESOLVED** Proposed by Councillor G Markwell, seconded by Councillor S Fraser-Burton and all unanimously agreed to accept the payment list.

### Accept the Bank statement Reconciliations. – see appendix 6.

* September 2023 HSBC Account.
* September 2023 Unity Trust Account.

**RESOLVED** Proposed by Councillor G Markwell, seconded by Councillor A Dunn and all unanimously agreed to accept the bank statement reconciliation.

### Accept the Income and Expenditure Breakdown for July-Sept - See appendix 7.

**RESOLVED** Proposed by Councillor G Markwell, seconded by Councillor K Thomas and all unanimously agreed to accept the quote.

### Agree to Instruct Mitchell Wilde Solicitors for the Borrowash Toilets.

**RESOLVED** proposed by Councillor G Markwell, seconded by Councillor C Millward, Councillor G Maskalick abstained from the vote with the rest unanimously agreeing to instruct the Solicitors. **ACTION** Clerk to inform Mitchell Wilde Solicitors.

### Consider the Parish Council Contributing to the Running Costs of the Borrowash Toilets in the Interim Period Between Now and the 1st Apil 2024.

A brief discussion was held regarding the amount to contribute, Councillor J Fazackerley questioned if a plumber would be instructed to inspect the pipework before the Parish Council take over the toilets? Councillor G Markwell recommended a condition survey should be produced **ACTION** Councillor G Markwell will look into this.

**RESOLVED** Proposed by Councillor G Markwell, seconded by Councillor S Fraser-Burton and all unanimously agreed to a contribution of £500. **ACTION** Clerk to update EBC.

## 206/11/23 Recreation.

Nothing to report.

## 207/11/23 Cemeteries.

Three quotes were obtained for the construction of a memorial bench plinth – see appendix 8 . **RESOLVED** proposed by Councillor K Thomas, seconded by Councillor G Markwell, Councillor J Fazackerley abstained as she knows one of the quoters, with the rest unanimously agreeing to accept quote 1. **ACTION** Clerk to book the work in.

The Clerk will continue to use the successful applicant for further bench plinths unless the costs increase dramatically.

## 208/11/23 Halls.

### Agree Which Quote to Accept for the External Lights -See Appendix 9.

Two quotes were received. **RESOLVED** Proposed by Councillor A Dunn, seconded by Councillor C Millward and all unanimously agreed to accept quote number 1. **ACTION** Clerk to book the work in.

### Agree Which Quote to Accept for Repairing the Village Hall Carpark for Financial Year 2024/25 -See Appendix 10

Two quotes were received. Councillor G Markwell suggested using the quotes as an indicator of costs for budgeting purposes but then retendering at a later date.  **RESOLVED** proposed by Councillor S Fraser-Burton, seconded by Councillor G Markwell, Councillor J Fazackerley abstained as she knew one for the quoters and the rest unanimously agreed to use quote 1 of £2380 for budgeting purposes. **ACTION** Clerk to inform the quoters and Councillor G Markwell to find a third company to produce a quote.

## 209/11/23 Allotment.

Councillor S Cresswell updated members that allotment inspections were carried out this week and is pleased to report that the vast majority of plots are being well maintained and showing clear signs of cultivation.

### Discuss ways to secure Elm Street Allotments at Ladysmith Road.

History – prior to No 9, 11 and 13 Ladysmith Road being built, the gate at the top of the cart track was kept latched at all times. At the time of the planning application, representations were made by allotment holders, raising concerns about the impact that the proposed dwellings would have on security at the allotments, as access would be via the gate on the cart track.

Mention of 'a gated access' appears several times in EBC Planning Department documentation relating to the application for No 9, and in response to concerns raised about security, the document states 'It is difficult to see how this additional dwelling would compromise security on the allotments. The access track is gated and it does not serve only the allotments: it also serves the rear gardens of several houses’.

On Monday, Cllr Thomas and I went to inspect the gate at the top of the cart track. The gate can no longer be latched, let alone locked because the gate post to the left of the cart track has been moved, presumably to allow construction vehicles to access the site.

We are responsible for ensuring that our allotments are safe and secure and that tenants can work on their plots without worrying about strangers entering the site. In recent weeks, there have again been several instances of non-allotment holders entering the site via Ladysmith Road and wandering around. There are three other allotment sites in the parish, which, like allotment sites up and down the country have locked gates at the access points.

**RESOLVED** proposed by Councillor S Cresswell, seconded by Councillor K Thomas and all unanimously agreed that the Parish Council write to the owners of all properties concerned (including those houses that front Elm Street but have vehicular access or garages via the existing shared access on Ladysmith), making them aware of our responsibility to keep the allotment site safe and secure. **ACTION** Councillor S Cresswell to draft a letter and supply a list of properties for this letter to be sent to, to the Clerk so the letters can be sent out.

## 210/11/23 Planning and Environment.

### ERE/0323/0058 Ridings Farm, The Ridings, Ockbrook. Prior Notification for Change of Use From Agricultural Barn and Storage to Light Industrial Use as a Technical Development Unit for Lightweight Steel Frame Building System.

**RESOLVED** proposed by CouncillorA Dunn, seconded by Councillor K Thomas and all unanimously agreed for the Clerk to write to Erewash Borough Council again objecting to this. **ACTION** Councillor J Fraser-Burton to forward the video of the flooded field to include in the objection that the Clerk will write.

### Look into Purchasing Sandbags.

A brief discussion was held where the hydro snake was discussed and the Clerk gave costs details of sandbags after a quick Amazon search, **RESOLVED** proposed by Councillor A Dunn, seconded by Councillor S Fraser-Burton and all unanimously agreed for the Clerk to buy £100 worth of empty sandbags.

### Support the Climate and Ecology Bill – See Appendix 11.

**RESOLVED** proposed by Councillor A Dunn, seconded by Councillor G Markwell and all unanimously agreed for the Parish Council to

* Support the climate and ecology bill.
* Inform local residents and local press/media of this decision.
* Write to their MPs to inform them that this motion has been passed and urge them to sign up to support the Climate and Ecology Bill – or thank them for already doing so.
* Write to Zero Hour, the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the Climate and Ecology Bill, expressing the Parish Councils support.

**ACTION** Clerk to implement the above.

Councillor A Dunn updated members that the grant application has been submitted for the neighbourhood plan.

## 211/11/23 Communication.

### DE72 Magazine: Look at Having A Full Page Advert Each Month.

A brief discussion was held regarding the cost implications to the Parish Council, it was mentioned that charities do get this free **RESOLVED** proposed by Councillor G Maskalick and all unanimously agreed for the Clerk to look into the cost of an advert and to establish where the magazine is not delivered to within the parish.

### Our Responsibilities Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.

Councillor G Maskalick mentioned that Erewash Borough Council state on each of their agendas that filming is allowed during the meetings and asked should we be doing this? The Clerk suggested that within the Chairs opening speech of the meeting it could be mentioned then and that it is also mentioned in the standing orders for all to see. Councillor A Dunn asked if the template of the agenda could be changed, the Clerk stated that this would not be changed as the agenda belongs to the Clerk, Councillor G Maskalick mentioned that all Council information posted on the website needs to be accessible, which this is and changing the template would entail more work.

Due to time constraints the rest of the agenda items under communication will be discussed in Decembers meeting, this will include:

* Social media expansion to YouTube Channel.
* CANVA video app and account.
* Discussion on other ways to engage in consultation more fully with the public.

## 212/11/23 Correspondence Received – see appendix 12.

The correspondence received and listed in the agenda were available at the meeting.

## 213/11/23 Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled to take place at the Parish Hall, Ockbrook on Wednesday 6th December 2023, commencing at 19:00.

## 214/11/23 Exclusion of Press and Public.

Nothing to report.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 20:55.

### **Appendix 1 – Ockbrook & Borrowash Parish Council, Wednesday 1st November 2023, DCC Report, (Cllr Robert A Parkinson)**

**Government support for flood-hit areas**

Communities impacted by flooding will benefit from thousands of pounds of Government funding to help them recover from the impact of Storm Babet.

The Communities Secretary Michael Gove and Environment Secretary Thérèse Coffey have announced support will be available to areas in England that have experienced exceptional localised flooding.

Under the measures announced:

* Flooded households in affected areas can apply for up to £500 to give cash quickly to help with immediate costs.
* Households and businesses significantly affected by recent flooding will be eligible for 100% council tax and business rates relief for at least three months.
* Small-to-medium sized businesses in affected areas will be eligible for up to £2,500 from the Business Recovery Grant to help them return quickly to business as usual.
* Eligible flood-hit property owners will be able to apply for up to £5,000 to help make their homes and businesses more resilient to future flooding via the Property Flood Resilience Repair Grant Scheme.

The support will be made available through a scheme known as the Flood Recovery Framework, which is used in exceptional circumstances to support councils and communities following severe flooding.

Environment Agency teams and first responders have been working round the clock on the ground with local partners to manage the risk of flooding, including operating flood defences, flood storage reservoirs and putting up temporary barriers where needed to help protect our communities. Around 62,000 properties have been protected thanks to the defences in place.

Funding for flood defences has increased with over 374,000 homes better protected since 2015 thanks to this investment, and the Government is going even further by delivering a record £5.2bn investment to better protect hundreds of thousands of properties.

Support will be available through councils who will announce further details on eligibility and how to apply.

**Support for flooded businesses**

East Midlands Chamber is also offering support for affected businesses.

They can provide advice to businesses – whether or not they are Chamber members – on what they can do and where support is available in their local area. Call 0333 320 0333.

### **Appendix 2 – Erewash Borough Council Report, Councillor G Maskalick**

**HARRINGTON GREEN UPDATE**

I asked a detailed question that in the end would have cancelled the sale of the green. In a nutshell it was not successful despite over 80 objections to the planned sale. The residents of Harrington Green worked incredibly hard to stop the sale and it was my pleasure to fully support their cause. Now, we must look forward to being fully involved in the planning consultation phase to ensure that any development is in keeping with the community and that community services will be enhanced through S106 money.

There will be a meeting with the Leader of the Council and Officer in Charge of the Sale at a later date with residents. This was suggested by the Leader of the Council and we are now searching for a date that works for all concerned.

It was very concerning that at the end of the EBC meeting that one councillor that represents Ockbrook & Borrowash actually said to a resident of Harrington Ave that came out and supported the meeting “what are you doing here?” That resident said “fighting for Harrington Green” and the Councillor said “don’t know why you are bothering, it’s only a bit of grass.” I was standing right behind said councillor when this happened. They didn’t even notice I was there.

I would advise any councillor anywhere that if they hold disdain for the views of the people they are supposed to represent then they should consider their position and allow someone else to be elected or appointed to the role that wants to be there and do the job right.

What adds insult to injury is the fact that said councillor never came to a meeting of the Harrington residents (there were 3 of them) to express an alternative view. I can only apologise to the residents that were subject to such callous remarks from an Erewash Borough Councillor.

**CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

A climate emergency was declared by Erewash Borough Council on Thursday October 26).  
  
Erewash’s Lead Member for the Environment Councillor Joel Bryan told councillors when they meet at Long Eaton Town Hall: “The climate crisis is the most existential threat that our communities face, none more so than Erewash.”  
  
As global temperatures continue to rise, extreme weather events affecting the UK, such as Storm Babet, are likely to increase in future years unless more is done to reduce carbon emissions at a local and international level.  
  
Cllr Bryan will refer to a warning issued by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change stating that “urgent action is required to tackle climate change to avoid catastrophic long-term environmental impacts”.  
  
Cllr Bryan said ahead of the full council meeting where the climate and ecological emergency is set to be declared:  
  
“The council is facing severe budget pressures amid the economic squeeze but we cannot lose sight of our duty to future generations.  
  
“We have to meet targets for transitioning to net zero. At the same time we are determined that residents are not being hammered to pay for it – so getting more money from the government and finding partners to work with is key.”  
  
He pointed to a recent major refurbishment of Ilkeston’s Toll Bar House, which is a council-owned business hub. The office building now boasts low-carbon technologies including solar panels thanks to Erewash securing £126,000 of government funding.  
  
He also confirmed that the council already buys its electricity from 100 per cent renewable sources such as wind and solar power.  
  
Meanwhile, the most vulnerable households in the borough are benefiting from a council link-up with E.ON Energy Solutions to make their properties more energy efficient. In addition, the council is creating new nature reserves and exploring re-wilding opportunities across the borough to increase natural habitats for wildlife.

NB: I did mention at the Council meeting that OBPC was the first PC in Erewash and Derbyshire County to declare a Climate Emergency.

**ILKESTON HALLOWEEN TRAIL**

Hundreds of little ones in spooky outfits will be snaking their way through Ilkeston – as it stakes a claim to being the Halloween capital of the UK.  
  
The children of Ilkeston – many of them just toddlers – will be filling their trick or treat baskets with sweets in what has now become an annual costume spectacle. And it is all thanks to a big-hearted retired policeman.  
  
Ex-bobby Joe Cahill, 67, came up with the idea to organise a Halloween trail in his hometown after seeing how the events are staged in the pumpkin-crazy USA.  
  
Joe said: “I used to visit my brother in Florida at Halloween. Shops and businesses there hand out treats – so I thought, Why not do the same in Ilkeston?”  
  
The Ilkeston Trick or Treat Trail debuted in 2019 with town centre shops eager to take part. It has since exploded in popularity. Last year NINETY of them signed up.

**EREWASH TOY BANK**

Residents across Erewash are being urged to purchase an additional gift with their Christmas shopping this year to donate to the Erewash Museum Community Toy Bank.  
  
Erewash’s award-winning museum is inviting the donation of toys which will then be distributed to local families in need this Christmas.  
  
Last year’s Community Toy Bank was a massive success and saw the much-loved local cultural hub nominated for a national Museums and Heritage Award.  
  
This year people can begin making their donations at the museum near Ilkeston’s Market Place from Thursday 19 October. Toys should be new and unwrapped.  
  
The opportunity to be a secret “Santa” continues until Saturday 25 November. Anyone struggling to afford Christmas gifts for children and young people will be able to collect a toy(s) on Saturday 2 December from the museum.

The museum’s Community Curator Jo Brown said: “Thanks to the generosity of the people of Erewash, last year’s toy bank brought Christmas joy to so many children. We want to once again offer families in need the chance to collect a gift.”  
  
The museum is open Thursdays to Saturdays from 11am to 4pm. In the run-up to Yuletide it will also be hosting a Craftsmas Fair on Friday 24 November to coincide with the switching on of Ilkeston’s festive lights. Check out the [Erewash Museum Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/erewashmuseum) for more info – including how to apply for a stall.  
  
Borough councillor Becca Everett, who is Erewash’s Deputy Leader and Lead Member for Community Engagement, said:  
  
“We know the cost-of-living squeeze is having an awful impact across our borough – and nobody wants to think of children not getting a visit from Santa. The toy bank is a fantastic opportunity to show the true spirit of Christmas. I have no doubt the kind-hearted people of Erewash will want to do all they can to bring smiles to the faces of every child here this festive season.”

Residents across Erewash are being urged to purchase an additional gift with their Christmas shopping this year to donate to the Erewash Museum Community Toy Bank.  
  
Erewash’s award-winning museum is inviting the donation of toys which will then be distributed to local families in need this Christmas.  
  
Last year’s Community Toy Bank was a massive success and saw the much-loved local cultural hub nominated for a national Museums and Heritage Award.  
  
This year people can begin making their donations at the museum near Ilkeston’s Market Place from Thursday 19 October. Toys should be new and unwrapped.  
  
The opportunity to be a secret “Santa” continues until Saturday 25 November. Anyone struggling to afford Christmas gifts for children and young people will be able to collect a toy(s) on Saturday 2 December from the museum.  
  
The museum’s Community Curator Jo Brown said: “Thanks to the generosity of the people of Erewash, last year’s toy bank brought Christmas joy to so many children. We want to once again offer families in need the chance to collect a gift.”  
  
The museum is open Thursdays to Saturdays from 11am to 4pm. In the run-up to Yuletide it will also be hosting a Craftsmas Fair on Friday 24 November to coincide with the switching on of Ilkeston’s festive lights. Check out the [Erewash Museum Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/erewashmuseum) for more info – including how to apply for a stall.  
  
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**FREE BULKY WASTE COLLECTION FOR HOUSEHOLDS AFFECTED BY FLOODING**

Erewash Borough Council is providing free of charge bulky waste collections for households affected by flooding.  
  
This will help residents who have furniture and possessions that has been ruined by flood water following Storm Babet. Dedicated crews from the council will continue to go out to impacted areas across Erewash to collect items from homes.  
  
Residents are advised to first liaise with their insurance company before removing possessions as some companies may require an inspection of damaged property before items are disposed of. Call the council’s contact centre on 0115 907 2244 to request a collection. People are urged to please be patient and bear with us as we try to get to everyone as quickly as we can.  
  
Councillor James Dawson, Leader of Erewash Borough Council, says:  
  
“The council continues to do all it can to help residents across Erewash whose lives have been adversely affected by Storm Babet. Our teams have been working around the clock to help those in the worse affected areas and I would urge residents to contact their insurance company and then get in touch with Erewash Borough Council if they have items to dispose of. We have staff on stand-by 24/7 to respond to emergencies such as these.”  
  
A further weather warning of rain has been issued for the East Midlands. Residents are encouraged to all they can to protect their own properties. Those who need to take precautions can collect empty sandbags from the town hall receptions during opening hours. In an emergency the council can deliver full sandbags to houses in imminent danger, where access allows. Go to the [flooding information pages](https://www.erewash.gov.uk/emergencies-section/flooding.html) for information and advice.  
  
Follow the council on Facebook for updates. October 26: The Government has announced that there will be help for flood hit areas. We are currently waiting for more information and we will update the flooding pages and social media when more information becomes available.

**BROWN BIN COLLECTION CHARGE & COMPOST BINS**

A proposal to end “free” garden waste collections is being considered by Erewash Borough Council as part of a number of changes to household waste collection services.  
  
Erewash is among only a few councils not to charge residents for collecting garden waste where many other councils have an annual fee to pay for the service.  
  
The proposed subscription charges include an ‘early bird’ fully discounted fee of £20 for the first year which will be available to all residents if they sign up for the service by 31 March, 2024. Those who sign-up after the 31 March by direct debit would pay a reduced fee of £32 for the service, and for non-direct debit payers, the full price would be £37 per year.  
  
The new charges for garden waste collection could be brought in as early as next April under plans that were considered by Council Executive on 5 September. Residents would be invited late this year or early in 2024 to sign up for the council’s garden waste collection scheme.  
  
From year two and as part of the cost-of-living action scheme, the council plans to offer a 25% discount on subscriptions for first bins to households that are in receipt of council tax support.  
  
Councillor Joel Bryan, Erewash Borough Council’s Lead Member for Environment, says:  
  
“In an ideal world we would want to carry on with the current system – even though brown bin collections have never actually been free for the council and it is not a statutory service.  
  
“This move is ultimately to protect the council’s frontline services with a budget gap of £1m plus for next year and to make sure we continue to provide a high standard of collections to residents.”  
  
Residents who choose not to participate in the garden waste subscription scheme will still be able to take their garden waste to one of the Derbyshire County Council’s household waste recycling centres or compost their garden waste at home.  
  
In support of home composting, the council will subsidise composting bins and offer half price bins for up to 1,000 households (£14.25 instead of £28.50) via ‘Getcomposting’. Households would still need to pay the £6.99 delivery charge.  
  
Other proposed changes to the council’s operational services include:

* Discontinuing the council’s free community household waste collection service. Residents can instead dispose of items at Ilkeston Household Recycling Centre on Manners Road or use the council’s bulky waste collection service.
* Removal of the household waste recycling bring banks at Stanton Road car park (Ilkeston), Asda car park (Long Eaton), West Park leisure centre car park (Long Eaton) and Co-op car park (Sawley). All items that can be recycled at these sites can be put in blue bins and green bags as part of the fortnightly household collections.

The council is committed to supporting people through the cost-of living. Information and advice can be found on the Cost-of-Living page.

**Consultations**

**2023 Erewash Borough Council Polling Station Review - This survey is now closed.**

The council used a short survey to carry out a full Polling Station Review during October 2023 to look at their location, accessibility and the size of venues.

For information about the survey findings please contact EBC Electoral Services:  [elections@erewash.gov.uk](mailto:elections@erewash.gov.uk).

**2023-24 Q2. EBC Tracker Survey - This survey is now closed.**

These surveys ask general questions about Erewash Borough Council, the services it provides and their methods of communication. The same questions are used on a regular (quarterly) basis to allow the council to monitor and compare its performance over time.  
  
Tracker Surveys will next be available for completion during the following months:

* November and December 2023.
* February and March 2024.

For more information about the survey and findings please contact EBC's Communication and Culture Manager: communications@erewash.gov.uk.

**Erewash Core Strategy Review**, **Examination In Public**

We have now reached the next stage of the Examination and the Inspector has released to the Council, Examination Guidance Notes, a Draft Hearings Programme and the Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions.

The hearing sessions will commence at 9.30am on 12 December 2023 at Erewash Borough Council, Long Eaton Town Hall, Derby Road, Long Eaton, Derbyshire NG10 1HU.

For further details, please refer to the Inspector’s documents which can be found on the website:

* INS02 – Erewash Core Strategy Review - Inspectors Guidance Note
* INS03 – Erewash Core Strategy Review – Inspector’s Matter Issues and Questions
* INS04 – Erewash Core Strategy Review – Inspectors Draft Hearings Programme

 The following documents have been recently released by the Council and may be referred to in the Inspectors questions. They may also be found in [the Examination Library](https://www.erewash.gov.uk/categories/planning/1695-core-strategy-review-examination-library) along with all other Examination documents:

* EBC01 Councils response to INS01 inspectors initial questions
* EBC04 Erewash Borough Council local plan viability report – September 2023
* EBC05 Green belt technical paper
* EBC06 Infrastructure delivery plan for the Erewash core strategy review
* EBT1.1 Erewash local plan reporting v5.2 (replaces EBT1)
* EBT1.1a 111083 Erewash local plan assessment figures document v5.2 (replaces ETB1a)

### **Appendix 3 – Police report – taken from the website.**

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| --- | --- |
|  | August |
| Violence and Sexual Offences | 9 |
| Public order | 3 |
| Anti-social behaviour | 5 |
| Other crime | 3 |

### **Appendix 4 – Report from the Mayor Frank Phillips.**

**What the museum does/offers:**

* Erewash Museum is an important ‘Community Hub’ used by all residents and visitors of Erewash to have new experiences through events, learn something new, and improve their wellbeing.
* Exhibitions within the museum cover different subject matters with information related to the local area such at Stanton Iron Works, the War Gallery, the Hope Robinson Exhibition, the Victorian Kitchen and the 1950’s sweet shop.
* Successful exhibitions include the George Bissel exhibit and the Pentrich Revolution in Art.
* During the school holidays and at weekends large scale events are held, which are attended by huge numbers of visitors. These are always either free or affordable to allow for engagement from the whole community.
* Throughout the year, we also provide free trails and craft activities for children. Our Friends of Erewash Museum volunteer run tea-rooms are the most affordable in Ilkeston.
* The Museum is managed by a team which are committed to offering a good value public service to residents and visitors of Erewash. Alongside the committed staff are a regiment of dedicated volunteers. At the Museum they can socialise, meet new people and be involved in important community programmes.
* Alongside the traditional Museum offer, which is part of the councils Culture Service, the Museum links in with the Corporate Events programme, Community Health and Wellbeing Development, Digital and Design to drive the councils’ corporate priorities around health and wellbeing, community development and resilience as well as strong partnerships.

**Future plans:**

* The council is currently delivering two medium term projects at the Museum including a Cultural Events Programme funded through the councils UK Shared Prosperity Fund allocation. This includes the employment of a Cultural Events Officer to lead the project.
* The other project is the councils Arts Council England funded Erewash Valley Past, Present and Future in which a dedicated Community Curator is in post to deliver garden and school projects as well as exhibitions.
* The council has also committed to renewing the longstanding partnership with the Friends of Erewash Museum by exploring more formal partnership ties with the charitable organisation.
* The council is also looking at how it can strengthen its tearoom and retail offer to enhance the footfall into the museum and maximise income and future sustainability of the service offer.
* The council is continually horizon scanning for grant funded opportunities which it can bolt onto and enhance its existing service offer relating to wellbeing, culture and heritage.
* The council is intending to submit a Heritage resilience and recovery funding bid to the (National Lottery) Heritage Fund for the museum and indications from early discussions is that this would be received favourably.
* The council is preparing for re-application to Arts Council England for Accredited Museum Status with the deadline expected in mid-2025.

**Upcoming programme of activities and events:**

* 1st – 4th Nov – Half term Halloween Fun
* 11th Nov – Star Gazing Night. Ilkeston Astronomical Society
* 18th Nov – New exhibition launch and ‘Model Exhibition Day’ with interactive workshops.
* 24th Nov – Craftmas Fair at the Museum alongside the Ilkeston Light Switch On.
* 2nd Dec – Community Toy Bank Day.
* 9th and 16th Dec – Santa Saturdays at the Museum

2024 Planning Underway

* Tearoom re-launch
* Easter Themed Event
* Steampunk Day
* And much more!

**Promotion of the Friends of Erewash Museum:**

* The council and Friends of Erewash Museum (FoEM) are currently working to formalise its longstanding partnership.
* The council is due to release a partnership video through their media channels promoting the FoEM featuring the Chair of the FoEM and EBC’s Deputy Leader Cllr Everett.
* The council supports the FoEM through its volunteer development and management as well as its events such as Afternoon Tea, history talks etc.
* The council is committed to ensuring the FoEM have a successful charitable income base as it enables further sustainability and growth of the Museum and councils Culture Service.

***Thank you so much for inviting me.***

***Frank Phillips***

***Mayor of the Borough of Erewash***

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| **Invoices to be paid** | - | - | minute agreed |
| Time Assured Limited | £150.00 | Borrowash clock service | - |
| Ashbrook Youth Group | £200.00 | Monthly donation | 270/12/22 |
| Wicksteed | £80.90 | Gate replacement part | - |
| EBC | £3819.98 | Oct payroll | - |
| Sarah Kitchener | £17.78 | Expenses Oct – mileage | - |
| Borrowbrook Homelink | £2,500 | Yearly donation | 270/12/22 |
| Royal British Legion | £25.00 | Wreath | - |
| **Invoices already paid** | - | - | - |
| Hydrologic Services | £529.20 | Maintenance – missed off last payment run | - |
| Mrs Woods | £520.00 | 07/014/23-28/09/23 cemetery open and close | - |
| EBC | £6.56 | VAT for invoice 3069548 | - |
| **Monthly direct debits** | - | - | - |
| British Gas | £74.43 | Elec 18/209-23/10 | 26/05/23 |
| Virgin | £64.80 | Broadband and phone Oct/Nov | 26/05/23 |
| O2 | £33.58 | Mobile Oct | 26/05/23 |
| Lloyds Bank | £529.94 | Toner, flags, keys, graffiti wipes, stamps | 26/05/23 |
| EBC | £21.00 | Cem rates Oct | 26/05/23 |
| EBC | £299.00 | Cem waste 01/10-31/12 | 26/05/23 |
| Everflow | £77.11 | Water Nov | 26/05/23 |
| BT | £41.66 | Sept phone and broadband | 26/05/23 |
| BT | £43.06 | Oct phone and broadband | 26/05/23 |
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### **Appendix 5 –** November 2023 Meeting Payment List .

### **Appendix 6 – Bank Reconciliation**

**September 2023 Bank Reconciliation - HSBC Account**

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| **Bank Balance** | - | - | - |
| Bank s/m bal as at 01/04/22 | - | 14,874.50 | - |
| + total cash book receipts | - | 80,000.00 | - |
| - total Cashbook payments | - | 40,048.00 | - |
| **Cashbook Closing Balance** | - | **54,826.50** | - |
| - | - | - | - |
| **Bank Balance at 04/10/23** | - | **54,826.50** | - |
| - outstanding payments | - | 0.00 | - |
| + outstanding receipts | - | 0.00 | - |
| **Net Balance** | - | **54,826.50** | - |
| - | - | - | - |
| **-** | - | **-** | **Difference: 0.00** |

**September 2023 Bank Reconciliation - Unity Trust Account**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Bank Balance** | - | - | - |
| Bank s/m bal as at 01/04/23 | - | 20,760.24 | - |
| Less items related to 22/23 | - | 11,114.11 | - |
| - | - | 9,646.13 | - |
| + total cash book receipts | - | 209,330.09 | - |
| - total Cashbook payments | - | 163,440.72 | - |
| **Cashbook Closing Balance** | - | **55,535.50** | - |
| - | - | - | - |
| **Bank Balance at 30/09/23** | - | **62,761.38** | - |
| - outstanding payments | - | 8,399.44 | - |
| + outstanding receipts | - | 1,180.12 | - |
| **Net Balance** | - | **55,542.06** | - |
| - | - | - | - |
| **Balance per Cashbook** | - | **55,535.50** | **Difference: 6.56** |
| Notes | - | Difference | - |
| Paid net of invoice 63069548, VAT still outstanding | - | -6.56 | **Difference 0.00** |
| - | - | - | - |
| Charity Accounts included in bank total: | - | - | - |
| William James | 1,981.09 | - | - |
| S Alcock | 0 | - | - |
| B/W Burial Ground | 48.61 | - | - |

### **Appendix 7 – Income and Expenditure Breakdown 2ns quatre**

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|  | ***Budget 2023/24*** | ***¼ 2***  ***July- Sept*** | ***Actual to date 2023/24*** | ***Forecast to year end 2023/24*** | ***Total forecast to year end***  ***2023/24*** | ***Variance to budget 2023/24*** | ***Variance to budget 2023/24*** | ***Notes*** |
| **Income** | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | % | - |
| Precept and Grant | 147,886 | 0 | 147,886 | 0 | 147,886 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Burials | 11,550 | 4,347 | 7,260 | 4,290 | 11,550 | 0 | 0 | Overbudgeted using average figures |
| Recreation | 2,741 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,241 | 2,741 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Hall/lettings | 18,264 | 1,886 | 5,403 | 9,100 | 14,503 | -3,761 | -21 | Extra bookings, class time increases/decreases and cancelled bookings |
| Allotment | 3,707 | 0 | 95 | 3,612 | 3,707 | 0 | 0 | Rent comes in Dec onwards |
| Other | 791 | 126 | 541 | 250 | 791 | 0 | 0 | under budgeted using average figures |
| Ashbrook | 7,666 | 400 | 2,820 | 0 | 2,820 | -4,846 | -63 | Extra bookings, class time increases, cancellations, handed back to trustees from Aug |
| Environment/NP | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| VAT | 0 | 0 | 2,824 | 0 | 2,824 | 2,824 | 0 | - |
| **Total Income** | **192,605** | **8,258** | **168,330** | **18,493** | **186,823** | **-5,782** | **-** | **-** |
| **Expenditure** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Parish Hall | 13,189 | 1,572 | 4,184 | 9,005 | 13,189 | 0 | 0 | Overbudgeted |
| Ashbrook | 17,116 | 745 | 2,390 | 0 | 2,390 | -14,726 | -86 | Overbudgeted and handed back to trustees from Aug |
| Sal/miles/train/ chair allowance | 51,810 | 12,495 | 24,031 | 27,779 | 51,810 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Rec/ events | 13,716 | 2,391 | 2,938 | 10,778 | 13,716 | 0 | 0 | Spends normally later in the year |
| Environment | 25,298 | 3,433 | 7,364 | 17,934 | 25,298 | 0 | 0 | Over budgeted, new contractor making savings |
| S137/ donations | 8,000 | 600 | 1,759 | 6,241 | 8,000 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Gen/admin/bank charges/Subs/ ins/ utilities | 18,901 | 3,870 | 9,183 | 9,718 | 18,901 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Reserve build up | 20,000 | - | - | 20,000 | 20,000 | - | - | - |
| Burials | 20,782 | 5,761 | 8,904 | 11,878 | 20,782 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Allotments | 3,793 | 1,777 | 2,533 | 2,463 | 4,996 | 1203 | 32 | New water bill after replacing the meter, replacement locks |
| VAT | 0 | 1,095 | 3,396 | - | 3,396 | 3,396 | - | - |
| **Total Expenditure** | **192,605** | **33,739** | **66,681** | **115,797** | **182,478** | **-10,127** | **-** | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Total Income and Expenditure 2023/2024 (+surplus/-deficit)** | **0** | **-25,481** | **101,649** | **-97,304** | **4,345** | **4,345** | **-** | **-** |
| **Balance carried forward from 2022/2023** | 9,646 | - | - | 2022/23 | 9,646 | - | - | - |
| **HSBC A/c 22/23** | 14,875 | - | - | - | 54,827 | - | - | - |
| **Forecast balances as at 31st March 2024** | **24,521** | - | - | 2023/24 outturn | **68,818** |  | - | - |

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| --- | --- |
| **RESERVES** | £ |
| Ashbrook Centre | 2,610 |
| Reserve build up | 20,000 |
| Bi election | -663 |
| Charity amounts | 2,030 |
| General reserves | 44,841 |
| - | **68,818** |
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### **Appendix 8 - Memorial Bench Concrete Plinth Quote**

**Quote 1**

Excavate down to formation level and remove to tip.

Supply, lay and consolidate limestone to form new levels.

Form 740mm x 1188mm shutter and supply and lay C-30 mix concrete to form plinth for bench.

£496.00 + VAT

**Quote 2**

£380.00 no VAT

**Quote 3**

Construct a timber shuttering to the size of the memorial benches including an extra 100mm all the way round.

Mark out the area, dig out a depth of 100mm and fill with road stone.

Pour concrete plinth.

All waste to be removed.

£640.00 no VAT

### **Appendix 9 – External Light Quotes, could only get two quotes.**

**Quote 1**

1 timeclock for the 6 external lights and 1 inline photocell to hold the lights off during light skies.

£177 + VAT

**Quote 2**

1 timeclock and I photocell

£153.80 + VAT

### **Appendix 10 – Car Park Repair Quotes, could only get two quotes.**

**Quote 1**

Breakout existing damaged tarmac, cart away to tip.

Saw cut joints to match into existing surface, paint joint with bitumen to form bond into existing.

Supply lay and roll 50mm of 20mm dense bit base course and 25mm of 6mm dense bit wearing course to form new surface.

Seal joints with bitumen.

£2380+VAT

**Quote 2**

Remove the old crumbling tarmac.

Dig out affected area of 4mx6m to a depth of 150mm.

Lay type one MoT road stone.

Lay new tarmac and seal around.

£2030 no VAT

### **Appendix 11 – Climate and Ecology Bill Motion (Last Updated 20/10/23)**

***Preamble***

Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt in the UK, and across the world. The average global temperature has already increased by 1.2°C above pre-industrial levels and—alongside this—the natural world has reached crisis point, with 28% of plants and animals threatened with extinction. In addition, the UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world as more than one in seven of our plants and animals face extinction, and more than 40% are in decline.

Climate change remains a major concern for UK voters with 66% of people (according to YouGov) expressing they are ‘worried about climate change and its effects’. Alongside this, the popularity of Sir David Attenborough’s *Save Our Wild Isles* initiative demonstrates public concern that UK wildlife is being destroyed at a terrifying speed.

***Climate & Ecology Bill***

The Climate & Ecology Bill, a private member’s bill currently before the House of Commons, seeks to address the challenges that this situation poses by creating a whole-of-government approach to deliver a net zero and nature positive future.

Based on the latest science, the CE Bill aims to align current UK environmental policy with the need to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030, which was goal agreed to at COP15, via the *Kunming-Montreal Framework* (22 December 2022); and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with the UK’s fair share of the remaining global carbon budget to give the strongest chance of limiting global heating to 1.5°C, which was the goal agreed to at COP21, via the *Paris Agreement* (12 December 2015).

By bridging the gap between the UK Government’s current delivery, and what has been agreed at international levels, Britain has a chance to be a world leader on climate and the environment; seizing the opportunities of the clean energy transition, including green jobs and skills; reduced energy bills; and boosting the UK’s food and energy security.

Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Councilnotes that:

The Climate and Ecology Bill has been introduced in the UK Parliament on four occasions since 2020, including most recently in the House of Commons 10 May 2023. The Bill is backed by 180 cross-party MPs and Peers, 237 local authorities, alongside the support of eminent scientists, such as Sir David King; NGOs, such as the Wildlife Trusts, the Doctors’ Association, Oxfam, the W.I. and CPRE; businesses, such as The Co-operative Bank, Riverford and The Body Shop; and 42,000 members of the public.

The CE Bill would require the UK Government to develop and achieve a new environmental strategy, which would include:

1. Delivering a joined-up environmental plan, as the crises in climate and nature are deeply intertwined, and require a plan that considers both together;

2. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with 1.5°C to ensure emissions are reduced in line with the best chance of meeting the UK’s Paris Agreement obligations;

3. Not only halting, but also reversing the decline in nature, setting nature measurably on the path to recovery by 2030;

4. Taking responsibility for our overseas footprint, both emissions and ecological;

5. Prioritising nature in decision-making, and ending fossil fuel production and imports as rapidly as possible;

6. Providing for re-training for those people currently working in fossil fuel industries; and

7. Giving the British people a say in finding a fair way forward via a temporary, independent and representative *Climate & Nature Assembly*, as part of creating consensus and ensuring that no one and no community is left behind.

Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Counciltherefore resolves to:

* Support the Climate and Ecology Bill;
* Inform local residents and inform local press/media of this decision;
* Write totheir local MPs to inform them that this motion has been passed, and urge them to sign up to support the CE Bill—or thank them for already doing so;
* Write to Zero Hour, the organisers of the cross-party campaign for the CE Bill, expressing Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Council’s support (councils@zerohour.uk).

### **Appendix 12 –** CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED- up to 30/10/23.

Emails/letters received from members of public:

* Request for a copy of the flood report produced by Eric Fletcher – Informed them this was done between Mike Wallis as an EBC Councillor and Chris Rogers at DCC, we never received a copy. (1)
* Request for copy of minutes – informed them how to find them on the website. (2)
* Request for back copies of the Parish Council newsletters – Informed them where to find the newsletter on the website. (3)
* Requests to purchase Christas trees. (4)
* Letter about installing their own 30mph signs on the Ridings – informed them it can go on their own fence but if they wanted to install them on lampposts would need permission from DCC. (5)
* Complaint regarding the state of 2 road signs in Borrowash – contacted EBC. (6)
* Request from a resident to get a hedge cut at Balmoral Road cemetery behind the building – contacted Fox they will cut it the week later, informed the resident. (7)
* Request to install a bench at Balmoral Road Cemetery – forwarded a memorial bench application form. (8)
* Querry into reducing the height of a tree at the back of their garden – informed them a tree survey is going to be done then we can comment further on the tree. (9)
* Request to get the work schedule for Fox and asked how we will be monitoring the works – schedule forwarded, forwarded the monitoring question to Cllrs G Maskalick and G Markwell. (10)
* Complaint regarding drug use and dealing in a rental property – contacted East Midlands Homes who can raise a case if the complainant calls them, updated the resident. (11)
* Request to purchase the hedgehog gates. (12)
* Copied into an email regarding an objection to planning application ERE/032/0058. (13)
* Emails regarding the charity accounts - responded to. (14)
* Queried if the Church Farm solar panel planning application would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting – forwarded to Cllr A Dunn. (15)
* Questions asked about the memorial surrounds in Balmoral Road Cemetery – all questions answered. (16)
* Request for the basketball hoop on bare Lane playground to be fixed – informed them it belongs to EBC. (17)
* Copied into emails between a resident, EBC and the DCC Flood team regarding the culvert under Cole Lane being blocked by debris (cleared by residents in the end), houses being flooded on Collier Lane and Cole Lane and a large tree trunk in the brook (cleared by a resident with a JCB). (18)
* Copied into emails between a resident and EBC regarding their land being allocated as green belt land. (19)
* Queried who to contact regarding the flooding problems on Cole Lane and complained about the lack of Parish or Local authority Councillors visiting them – informed them it’s the Environment Agency, DCC Flood Team and EBC for sandbags. (20)
* Concerns regarding a tree next to their property – informed them a tree survey is going to be done then we can comment further on the tree. (21)
* Hall hiring payments, enquiries, cancellations, updates and confirmation to use the car park. (22)
* Allotment updates. (23)
* Interment enquiries. (24)

Other emails received:

* Update from Streetscape regarding supplier issues for replacement parts. (25)
* Confirmation of the date for the servicing of the Borrowash clock. (26)
* Request for information on who to contact for the Ashbrook Centre. (27)
* Request for information on our hedgehog surrounds, the Remembrance poster, the parish flag and an update on the public toilets so they can be published in Borrowbrooks next magazine -all forwarded. (28)
* Update from Fox regarding the dead whips on Deans Drive – forwarded to Cllrs G Markwell and A Dunn. (29)
* Information received regarding the £1 million defibrillator fund. (30)
* Request for support for climate and ecology bill – agenda item. (31)
* Road closure notifications – added to Facebook. (32)
* Citizens Advice 6 months report – added to Facebook. (33)
* Cadent – Information on improving gas pipes in the area and the gas might be cut off. (34)

Emails received from EBC:

* Planning applications/amendments/appeal decisions:
  + ERE/0823/0046, amended 1 St Stephens Close, Borrowash – Erection of 10ft-by-10ft garden shed. (35)
  + ERE/1023/0020 2 Dovecote Drive, Borrowash - Change of use: part of landscape strip to domestic garden, plus erection of timber fencing. (36)
  + ERE/1023/0013 Brook Close House, Nottingham Road, Borrowash – two storey and single storey side extensions, loft conversion and addition of dormers. (37)
  + ERE/1023/0005 176a Nottingham Road, Borrowash – Proposed single storey rear extension, replacement and raising roof with dormer windows and other associated internal and external works. (38)
  + ERE/0323/0058 Ridings Farm, The Ridings Ockbrook – change of use from agricultural barn and storage to light industrial use as a technical development unit for lightweight steel frame building system. (39)
* Review of polling and polling places – On website and Facebook. (40)
* Core strategy review, examination in public. (41)
* Update on the Clerks request to replace 2 road signs – will get added to the next order should be before Christmas if not early next year. (42)
* Peer challenge focus group invitation – forwarded to Cllr G Maskalick. (43)
* Planning meeting agenda/minutes. (44)

Emails received from DCC:

* Update on the Clerks request for a hedge to be cut – contacted the owner again, should be done in the next two months. (45)
* Update on the Clerks request for information on a removed tree on Victoria Avenue – it was uprooted in July so had to be removed, updated the resident. (46)
* Copied into an email between Cllr R Parkinson and DCC regarding an overgrown hedge on Brook Road, Borrowash. (47)
* Community news x 3 – on website and Facebook. (48)

Emails from DALC including Octobers newsletter – Forwarded to Cllrs (49)

Numerous emails received from NALC - forwarded to Cllrs. (50)

SLCC updates and news bulletins. (51)

ICCM updates and news bulletins. (52)

ICO updates. (53)

Rural action newsletter. (54)

Magazines:

* Local Councils Update, November. (55)