

Autumn Newsletter Issue 5

Being Neighbourly 

DRAYTON BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome to the latest edition of the Drayton Bassett Parish Council newsletter. Sign up via the website so we can email your newsletter www.draytonbassett.info

A word from the Chair, Ian Watkins

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times" Charles Dickens. This seems to echo how many people feel about the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown, both going into it and easing out of it. It was heart-warming to see the community spirit thrive and grow. Many parishioners volunteered to support those isolating; with shopping, a phone call, whatever they could do to help. And so many of us got to enjoy our village and explore areas we haven't had time to before.

It was a shame that the Best Kept Village competition was cancelled this year, as so many people spent time in their gardens making them look fabulous. I'm sure it will be back next year.

As ever if you have anything you would like to contribute, or any ideas or concerns, please get in touch via the Clerk parishclerkdbpc@gmail.com.

Parish Council Meetings

We have continued with our parish council meetings via zoom, and latterly sat outside the 'office' at the sports pavilion whilst social distancing. Meetings are closed to the public at the moment because of Covid-19 restrictions. But you can still put your issues to the parish clerk and they will be raised at the meetings – parishclerkdbpc@gmail.com. Agendas and minutes are available on our website: [draytonbassett.info](http://www.draytonbassett.info).

St. Johns Juniors FC

We are delighted to welcome St Johns Juniors Under10s football team. They are training at the recreation ground on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. If you have a youngster interested in football, then please contact the club directly <https://www.stjohnsjuniorfc.co.uk/information>.

Fly tipping - We have had a few incidents recently where rubbish has been dumped in and around the recreation ground. We have to pay to have it removed which uses up valuable budget that could be put to better use. So please dispose of your rubbish in the appropriate places.

Dog Fouling

Please can you help us to keep the village clean and tidy, by placing your dog poo bags and litter in the bins provided. Dog poo bags can go in the normal litter bins. If the litter bins are full, please take them home and put them in your household waste bin.

Overgrown Hedges

Please remember that under the Highways Act 1980, s154, the property owner is responsible for ensuring that trees and shrubs from their property do not overhang roads, pavements and footpaths. This is especially important at this time because of social distancing regulations.

We're in the process of drafting a tree and hedge maintenance schedule of works, which will incorporate trees and hedges in public areas.

Historic Area at the back of the Church

This area is of massive historical significance and we are responsible for ensuring it is maintained and not damaged. We have had a couple of instances where visitors to residents nearby have parked on the grass. If you have visitors, please suggest they park elsewhere.