### **Drayton Bassett Village News**

#### **Summer 2025**

Well the weather certainly has been kind to us over the past months. It looks like it will continue into the school summer holidays too. We love to see the park well used by our residents but don't forget to bring down a drink with you and keep hydrated! To celebrate the end of the school year, the Village Entertainment Group have arranged a village Party in the Park on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July from 2pm – 5pm**. Just bring your own food and drink and something to sit on and the group will provide the games and entertainment!

#### **Councillor Vacancy**

Sadly we have received the resignation of one of our Councillors – Adrian Stockil. Adrian has been a Cllr for a number of years and has been a great support to the new councillors who joined in September 2024. The advert for a co-opted councillor to serve until the next election will be out soon.

#### **Parish Clerk Vacancy**

We have received the resignation from our Parish Clerk who will be leaving us in September. The advert for a replacement Parish Clerk is on our website so if you would like to apply or know of someone else who may like to apply, please let us know as the closing date is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

# A note from our County Councillor – Clir Alex Farrell

I am pleased to be the new county council representative for Drayton Bassett. I'm born and bred round the corner in Fazeley and have childhood friends living here, so I'm honoured to represent this beautiful village. The first issue I want to address is speeding on Drayton Lane, and I am working with the parish council, the county council and the excellent local SpeedWatch team to bring forward a scheme that brings the speed down. If there are any specific issues that I can help residents with, please don't hesitate to contact me on Alex.Farrell@staffordshire.gov.uk.

# Remaining meetings for 2025/2026

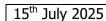
The Parish Council meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month in the sports pavilion on Rectory Close. Here are the upcoming dates for your diary for 2025/26 which all start at 7.30pm:











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16 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Ordinary monthly meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	Ordinary monthly meeting
18 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Ordinary monthly meeting
20 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Ordinary monthly meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Ordinary monthly meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Ordinary monthly meeting



#### **SpeedWatch**

The Parish Council have recently been successful in getting a grant from Lichfield District Council to install flashing speed awareness signs in the village. It is hoped that these will act as an additional reminder to drivers to slow down as they pass through our narrow roads. We are currently getting quotes for the work and checking on what approvals we need from the Highways Authority but hope that they will be in situ this autumn.

Don't forget that if you would like to join our Speed Watch team who monitor speeds of vehicles through the village at certain times throughout the year, please contact <a href="mailto:CSW@staffordshire.police.uk">CSW@staffordshire.police.uk</a>



# Dogs in the Park and around the village

Following a 6 month trial run of allowing dogs on short leads in the village park, the Parish Council considered all comments made during the time and agreed to go forward with applying to the District Council for a Public Spaces Protection Order for the park. This will mean that the walking of dogs on lead will be legally enforceable as will picking up after your dog.



The Parish Council are receiving an increasing number of complaints about dog walkers allowing dogs to foul on private ground including peoples lawns. Please be responsible dog owners and **PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG** no matter where it fouls!



# Contracts for grass cutting and general maintenance

The Parish Council has been considering the grass cutting contract for 2026 – 2028 and a new general maintenance contract. These will go to the parish council meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> July. If you are interested in being considered for this work, please have a look at our website or email <a href="mailto:parishclerk@draytonbassett-pc.gov.uk">parishclerk@draytonbassett-pc.gov.uk</a>