

A message from the Chair

What a year it has been... As we move forward with the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, the vaccination roll out has relieved us from recent lockdowns, though people still remain concerned about its impact over the coming months. It's encouraging to see the community adjusting to the new normal and continuing to come together to support each other. This has been especially so since late September, with the tragic loss of lives at Chandos Crescent. The outpouring of support for the families involved has been both sincere and humbling, and highly representative of the supportive and caring community in which we all live.

Since the transfer of the Sports Centre on long term lease to North East Derbyshire District Council (NEDDC), it is allowing for a £1.9m investment in the centre. Work has begun to refurbish the centre and updates are expected from NEDDC as the project progresses. This has brought the opportunity to modernise the centre providing a more distinct and vibrant community hub. The Parish Council is also looking to modernise the Parish Suite and are in the early stages of a refurbishment plan intending to provide improved facilities for community groups and events, aligning the facilities for future use. As part of the process, the Parish Council offices have also relocated to the old housing office by the entrance to the Sports Centre car park with a view to providing greater accessibility to the public.

Moving through the coming months, we will be in the process of reviewing budgets and planning for the coming year, determining how the Parish 'precept' part of your council tax will be used. As a priority we will be promoting community engagement, updating local facilities, delivering events and improving open spaces.

Steve Clough, Killamarsh Parish Council (Chair)



Recognition of Long Service to the Killamarsh Community

After many years serving the parishioners of our community, Councillors Barry Jones and Lillian Robinson retired from Killamarsh Parish Council during the summer. **Steve Clough, Chair of Killamarsh Parish Council stated that 'After contributing their valuable time to support the community for many years, the Parish Council wishes them a restful retirement and expresses thanks for their work.'**

Welcoming a new Parish and District Councillor for Killamarsh

Following the recent by-election, we are pleased to be joined by Tony Lacey, our new Parish and District Councillor for the Killamarsh East ward. Tony is keen to catch up with residents and looks forward to hearing your views and supporting your needs.

Killamarsh Christmas Lights

Keep an eye out for the Christmas lights that will brighten up December in Killamarsh. We have planned for them to be more decorative and encourage again the Christmas spirit of Killamarsh. The switch on of the Christmas lights is planned for the 1st December, and do keep a look out for other festive activities taking place during the month.

Remembrance Sunday Parade 2021

Following the challenges of COVID-19 and last years' cancelled Remembrance event, we're pleased to announce the Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday 14th November 2021 is going ahead.



The parade will start at 2.30pm at the Church Hall on Sheepcote Road, moving down to the War Memorial at the corner of Kirkcroft Lane for the laying of wreathes. The procession will then move onto St. Giles Church for a service at 3pm for approximately an hour.

Following the service, attendees are welcome to join the traditional afternoon tea at the Church Hall afterwards and will be joined by the Dronfield Genquip Band for entertainment. The afternoon tea is supported by a donation from the Derbyshire County Council Leadership Fund as per previous years.

Upcoming Parish Council Meetings

7pm - 9pm

Monday 29th November 2021

Monday 20th December 2021

Winter Grit Initiative for the Elderly & Vulnerable of Killamarsh

As a winter trial, Killamarsh Parish Council are making available bags of grit salt to elderly and vulnerable parishioners as winter heads our way.

Eligible householders in Killamarsh will be able to request a bag to be delivered to their homes by contacting the Parish Office on 0114 247 2260 or emailing parish.office@killamarsh-pc.gov.uk.

Please also let us know if any of your local grit bins need topping up.

Road Resurfacing is Happening in the Village...

After months of pushing for Derbyshire County Council to re-lay some of the more heavily damaged roads in Killamarsh, Foxcroft Chase and Foxcroft Grove have finally been scraped and resurfaced. This is after years of minor repairs that have failed to stand up to ever changing weather conditions. **Steve Clough, Chair of Killamarsh Parish Council stated 'road conditions affect the safety of people using it whether that's in a vehicle, on a bike or crossing it on foot. We will continue to push on the areas that cause serious issues to residents and improve those conditions wherever possible'.**



If the state of roads are particularly bad where you live, you can report it at www.derbyshire.gov.uk. Contact the Highways department on 01629 533190, or of course you can raise this with your local Councillor. As we know, they will deteriorate during the winter months!

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Funding up for grabs from Killamarsh Community Trust following Dissolution Announcement

On Monday 18th October, Killamarsh Community Trust held a meeting to declare dissolution of the organisation. At the meeting, it was stated that the remaining available funds were to be shared amongst Killamarsh's Community Groups.

For any constituted community groups wishing to apply for a share of these funds, they should contact Killamarsh Community Trust Association, details of which can be found at the Charities Commission website. The closing date for applications was indicated to be the 12th November.

As part of the dissolution, the CLOC building will be returning to the Parish Council as the lease on the building will terminate by default. Future plans for use of the CLOC building will be subject to further ratification by the Parish Council.

Local Mentions...

Thank you to Killamarsh Heritage Society for the continued fantastic local history shared on social media and in the community, including the event they recently delivered at Killamarsh Methodist Church on Saturday 16th October.

Further thanks go to the Killamarsh Conservation Group for their efforts over recent months. Various activities have included tidying up the Churchyard pathways, improving school gardens and developing the wildflower garden as well as the recent local Climate Change event on 25th September at the Methodist Church.

Killamarsh Wombles have been relentlessly picking up litter since the COVID19 lockdowns came about and have made a real impact and lifted morale in the community. The Parish Council thanks them for their continued efforts to make Killamarsh a tidier and more cheerful place.

A special mention also goes out to David Taylor, Pastor of Killamarsh Church on the Streets, who led the community in the vigil and brought the community together following the Chandos Crescent tragedy in September.

A huge thank you goes out to Killamarsh Junior and Infant Schools and residents that have taken part in the Poppy Trail project, where various displays are due to take place during the coming days leading up to Remembrance Day.

Newsletter Feedback

If you would like to:

- Ask any questions or raise any issues relating to the village
- Advertise your group or trade
- Suggest any news articles which would be of interest to the Community

Please contact the Parish Office Team on 0114 247 2260 or email parish.office@killamarsh-pc.gov.uk.