Parish Newsletter

Spring 2024

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Well.... Spring is in the air and the new buds of foliage are starting to show across the village which indicates a season of renewal. With this in mind, the key focus of the Council during the coming months will be the Summer Festival in June, alongside other community activities that are taking shape across Parish Council facilities which we remain committed to. Whilst investing sensibly for the future of the Council, we have still managed to deliver another reduction of 6% in your village share of the Council Tax (Parish Precept) for the financial year 2024/25.

The refurbishment of the Parish Suite is complete, has been delivered under budget and without additional cost to the taxpayer. It has been received well by the community with activities regularly taking place and positive feedback being received. It's important to acknowledge and give thanks to our Parish Team for the effort and dedication in ensuring the refurbishment was completed prior to the new year, to the agreed specification and for sourcing additional external funding for the project.

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The Skate Park refresh is now complete with more features than before and has been received extremely well by young people in our village. It is now being used far more in comparison to the old worn park and Extreme Wheels have commenced their outdoor youth activity delivery program, after delivering a

successful winter season of indoor events at the Parish Council Community Hub. These continue to be well attended, providing our younger residents with activities that fill some of the recreational gaps outside of school and brings youngsters together in safe, secure environments.

The Parish Council has now installed the promised 3 new Speed Indicator Devices and three additional brackets across the village. Early usage of the system has identified that some more work needs to be undertaken to bring it up to optimum standard and this is being looked at by our Environment Committee. The confirmed CCTV and ANPR cameras have moved a step closer to installation with the supplier being appointed and the key sites being identified, and we are now working closely with Derbyshire County Council and the supplier to make this happen as soon as possible.

I am pleased to report that we have now successfully installed Solar Panels on the Community Hub, fitted by Killamarsh based Navitas Solar Installations, who were selected by the Council as our preferred installer. This work was completed in April, which was fully funded by an environmental grant from Derbyshire Environmental Trust and should help keep running costs down in the long term while also helping to meet some of our carbon neutral objectives.

Following the successful delivery of a newly refurbished park at Norwood, the ongoing work at Birchlands Park, and the early days of work to deliver the King Charles III park at Highmoor, the Parish Council have noted that work needs to be undertaken to deliver something better in the west ward of our village. As all parks in west Killamarsh are the responsibility of the District Council, we as a Parish Council are looking at ways we can assist NEDDC to deliver better children's facilities and address the balance.

After receiving news late last year that Killamarsh was earmarked for a new Police Station, the Parish Council has welcomed the news that work has now started on its development, and we look forward to a new facility arriving over the coming months. It's been well overdue that we have Policing facilities that have the capacity and capability to deliver a modern-day policing function in our village.

Finally, while we ring in new changes the Parish Council is happy to announce that it has agreed allocated space in the Community Hub

for our local Killamarsh Heritage Group to display the history of Killamarsh, and for the group to deliver events for the community that will be open to all.

I would like to thank you all for your patience while we have undertaken these various projects, and continue to work towards better community facilities and services for all of our residents.

Steve Clough, Chair of Killamarsh Parish Council

Killamarsh Crime Figures				
2024	Dec	Jan	Feb	Total
Anti-Social Behaviour	4	4	1	9
Burglary	4	6	0	10
Criminal Damage & Arson	2	6	0	8
Drugs	2	1	0	3
Other Theft	2	2	0	4
Other Crime	2	4	0	6
Possession of Weapons	3	0	0	3
Public Order	5	3	0	8
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Shoplifting	1	1	0	2
Theft from the Person	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Crime	6	3	0	9
Violence & Sexual Behaviour	17	9	0	26
Total	48	39	1	88







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Killamarsh Parish Suite

The Parish Suite refurbishment was completed in December 2023 just in time for our Christmas and New Year celebrations. The Suite now has a fresh and modern feel and the response we have received from those residents who have visited it so far is very positive. The cost of the refurbishment was £158,524 which was significantly lower than we had first anticipated. The Council managed to secure funding of £99,410 from the FCC Community Foundation Community Projects Fund towards the project and the outstanding balance was funded from the Councils earmarked reserves that had been allocated to the refurbishment. The Council would like to thank JBW Construction who completed the refurbishment and FCC



Community Foundation for granting us the funding so we could deliver this project.

D-Day Recipe

D-Day Corned Beef Hash

Ingredients: 1 tin of corned beef, 1 medium onion, 2 medium sized carrots, 50g garden peas, 250g of potatoes, 1tsp tomato purée and 300ml Beef stock (or cubes in water)

1. Finely chop the onion & cut the corned beef & potatoes into bite-size pieces. Keeping the corned beef refrigerated makes it easier to cut up & won't fall away into the hash too quickly.

2. Fry the onion until soft & slightly translucent in a large pan, before gradually adding the potatoes & carrots along with the beef stock. Squeeze in the tomato purée. Keep the vegetables on a rolling boil for 15 minutes until the root vegetables are soft, turn down the heat, then add the corned beef & peas to a slow low boil, making sure all ingredients are thoroughly cooked. If needed, thicken the hash with a cornflour slurry or gravy granules if available.

3. Divide the hash between two plates.

Notes

1. Can also add a chopped parsnip, or turnip in step 2, with some boiled or steamed cabbage as a side dish to go further.

2. Double or triple for more servings & freeze any leftovers.

3. OR put hash into a baking dish, add a pie crust on top & bake in a 200°C/400°F or Gas Mark 6 oven for an



additional 25 minutes approximately, for a Corned Beef Meat and Potato Pie.

Community Awards

In every corner of Killamarsh, lies a wealth of unsung heroes and community champions who tirelessly dedicate themselves to making our community a better place. These individuals and groups embody the spirit of generosity, compassion, and selflessness that truly make Killamarsh the special place it is. Now, it's time to shine a spotlight on their remarkable contributions with the inaugural Pride of Killamarsh Community Awards.

Organised by Killamarsh Parish Council, these awards aim to celebrate and honour the outstanding efforts of those who go above and beyond to enrich the lives of others in our community. There are three categories for which to nominate:

Group Award: This award recognises the exceptional contributions of voluntary organisations and not-for-profit groups that have made a significant difference in the lives of Killamarsh residents. From local charities to community associations, we want to hear about the groups that are making a real impact.

Individual (18 and Over) Award: Do you know someone who consistently goes out of their way to make a positive difference in Killamarsh? Whether it's through volunteering, organising community events, or simply being a pillar of support for others, nominate them for this individual award and let their efforts be celebrated.

Individual (17 and Under) Award: Young people are the future of our community, and many of them are already making a big difference in Killamarsh. Whether it's through volunteering, fundraising, or showing exceptional kindness and leadership, we want to hear about the inspiring young individuals who are making a difference in our village.

Nominations for the Pride of Killamarsh Community Awards open on June 5th and close on August 5th.

We encourage all Killamarsh residents to take this opportunity to recognise and celebrate the remarkable contributions of their fellow community members. Nomination forms will be available from the Parish Office and the Parish Council website.



The prize-giving ceremony will be held at the Parish Suite in late September, where the winners of each category will be announced and celebrated. It promises to be a heartwarming occasion,

filled with gratitude and appreciation for all those who make Killamarsh the vibrant and caring community that it is. Killamarsh Parish Council sincerely hopes that residents will embrace the opportunity to nominate deserving individuals and groups for the Pride of Killamarsh Community Awards. Let's come together to give these unsung heroes the recognition they truly deserve for their invaluable contributions to our village. After all, it's the people of Killamarsh who truly make it a place we're proud to call home.

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Grass Cutting 2024 Update

The Parish Council have changed their grounds maintenance contract for 2024-25 to a local company, who will be undertaking the grass cutting and hedge/ shrub maintenance at all Parish Council owned parks and open spaces, including Killamarsh (new) Cemetery. Even though there has been a very challenging start to the grass growing season with all the rain we have been experiencing, the Council hopes that residents are happy with what has been achieved so far. Please let the Parish Office know if you have any feedback.



Your Parish Councillors

East Ward

Cllr Tony Lacey Cllr Harold Laws Cllr Stephen Reed Cllr Wendy Tinley Cllr Kevin Wood (Vice Chair) Cllr John Windle

West Ward

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Parish Council Meetings

Please come along to the **Annual Parish Meeting** in Killamarsh Parish Suite as it is an opportunity for residents to have their say on anything they consider important in their community. The Parish Council may also provide a report to let residents know what they have been doing over the past year.

Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 20th May 2024 at 6pm

Annual Council Meeting

Monday 20th May 2024 at 7pm

In addition the Council has regular committee meetings in Killamarsh Community Hub, details of these meetings are on our website.

We are aware that residents use several Facebook groups to air their concerns about village issues but unfortunately we do not always see these. The best way to report issues or concerns is to attend a meeting or to contact the office directly.

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