

**BOYLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL  
DITCH MAINTENANCE WORKING GROUP**

Selwyn Adams – Leader;

Pete Hollins;

For the Parish Council: Matt Moore; George Upson & Helen Walker

Dear Residents,

**UPDATE 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

Further to previous correspondence regarding Ditch Maintenance, very many thanks to all those who have assisted in any way in identifying drains/gullies and ditch problem areas.

The Working Group met again Monday (17<sup>th</sup> June), Selwyn has been incredibly industrious (and persistent!) and has produced two maps/drawings showing:

- i) Drainage/ditch problem areas
- ii) Location of drains/gullies and also identifying blocked/problem drains

Copies of these maps are attached for information. I apologise for the poor quality. It is not too late to add information if you notice any problem area and/or a drain/gully has been missed.

The next steps to address the problems are:

i) Jetting and clearing the drains/gullies by Derbyshire County Council week ending 29<sup>th</sup> June. Hopefully the roads will be swept before jetting is carried out and we are extremely grateful to Paul and Lenora Harris for their assistance in this.

ii) Clearing of ditches/watercourses.

The Parish Council are pressing Derbyshire County Council to carry out as much of this work as possible, so the burden of expense does not fall on the residents of Boylestone. However, we may need and are prepared to carry out some ditch clearance in September/October if DCC have not responded and carried out the work. Financially, it will not be possible for us to work on all the problem areas and therefore the Parish Council may need to budget and plan for work in future years.

NB: The Parish Council will not carry out any work on the ditch at the bottom of New Road (The ditch the Parish Council have previously cleared in 2020). The weight of vehicles is pushing the road towards the ditch and it also appears to contain cabling, so this will definitely be the responsibility of DCC. The Parish Council will of course be highlighting this as a problem area and pressing for action from Derbyshire County Council.

Very many thanks again to all who have assisted in any way and special thanks to Selwyn Adams for the considerable amount of time and effort he has already given this project.

Regards

Helen Walker

Chair, Boylestone Parish Council