

Dear Parishioner,

Firstly – a couple of photos of some of the lovely flower displays that have been provided by volunteers in the village.





A big "thank you" is therefore in order to all those who help with the upkeep of the village – those who have planted and maintain the beautiful flower tubs and troughs around the village and those who regularly maintain the Croft, Churchyard and other public areas. I am sure you will all agree these fantastic efforts keep Boylestone looking good throughout the long summer months.

We are now delighted to announce the appointment of Bill Holland as a councillor to the Parish Council. As many of you will be aware, the vacancy to which Bill has been appointed arose earlier this year following the resignation of a former Parish Councillor. We have no doubt that Bill will prove to be a great asset to the Parish Council and we know that he is looking forward to serving the community and representing the people of the village.

There was a meeting of the Parish Council on 25th July for which I sent out the minutes to you this week. Along with several other issues, the following were discussed, which I know will be of interest to you.

- Ditch Maintenance Working Group. The Working Group, led by Selwyn Adams, continues to make good progress in addressing the issues that have been experienced. There is a further meeting of the Working Group on Monday
 12th August at 6:30pm at the Village Hall, when further update will be given. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Highways verges. The Parish Council has made numerous enquiries with Derbyshire County Council and with contractors regarding the commissioning of additional cutting to some of the verges in and around the village. An application to obtain a licence to authorise this was also made. However, the required licence has not been forthcoming, and this may well be a consequence of legislation that now applies to the protection of biodiversity, for which the preservation of habitats such as those provided by highways verges and hedgerows can be critical. In the light of this, the Parish Council is unable to proceed any further and has therefore resolved that at least for the foreseeable future, no further action will be taken.
- New website. The Parish Council's new website is now well on the way to going live. If any villagers have any suggestions they would like to make regarding content, then please do email me to give me your thoughts.

Kind regards,

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Clerk to the Parish Council