

PARISH GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

The Parish Grounds Maintenance Contract is up for renewal. The contract covers the cutting/strimming of grass and pruning of trees on land in the ownership/control of the Parish Council. The contract will be for 2 years, extendable for 1 year, commencing April 2014. Any interested parties should contact the Clerk for an information pack. The closing date for tenders is 14th February 2014.

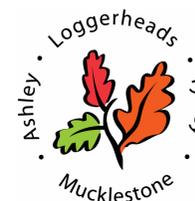
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Parish Councillors by Ward

Loggerheads Ward	Ashley Ward
Cllr Linda Banner-Perry	Cllr Sue Fox
Cllr Ian Douglas	Cllr Bunty Hodgkins
Cllr Jane Egerton	Cllr Dan Ellis
Cllr Gerald Hughes	Cllr Tim Wakelin
Cllr Jane Hughes	
Cllr Ed Martin	
Cllr Paul Northcott	Tyrley Ward
(two vacancies)	Cllr Bert Bennion
Mucklestone Ward	Cllr Roy Claydon
Cllr Graham Sedgley	(one vacancy)
Cllr Jim Vallings	All Councillors can be contacted
Cllr Jamie Friend	on 01630 673426 or by email

Parish Council Meetings

Meetings of the Council are being held on Thursday 27th February 2014 at Oddfellows Hall, Ashley, and Thursday, 27th March 2014 at Ashley Methodist Church. Meetings commence at 7pm.



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PARISH COUNCIL WEB-SITE

The Parish Council web-site has suffered some technical difficulties in the past few months but normal service is now resumed. Please visit www.loggerheadsparishcouncil.co.uk to read the minutes of meetings of the Parish Council and its Committees, to learn more about the background to the issues currently being addressed on behalf of the community and for some interesting features on the parish.

YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY



At times of cut backs in Council services it makes sense that the more the service is used the less it will be cut. This applies to the library in Loggerheads which is also the base for the Loggerheads Community Information shop. So as the saying goes:

USE IT so YOU DON'T LOSE IT



CENTENARY OF WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATION

The Parish Council is looking at ways that it can support local groups and organisations to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. The Council, together with Blore and District Historical Society, is keen to collect as much information as possible on life in the parish during the First World War and records relating to all those people who took part, including any old photographs you may have tucked away in boxes. If you have any such records or old photographs please contact the Clerk.

Did you know that the First World War Centenary Partnership is a network of over 1,800 local, regional, national and international cultural and educational organisations led by the Imperial War Museums? They are presenting a global programme of cultural events and activities and providing a range of online resources and digital platforms which will enable millions of people across the world to discover more about life in the First World War. Take a look at www.1914.org to learn more.



COULD YOU BE A VILLAGE ENERGY CHAMPION?

The Parish Council is working with a local organisation, Carbon Tonne, to apply to Eon who have funds available to support community organisations. We have submitted two applications, one would be to train 12 people in the community, Village Energy Champions, in the basics of energy efficiency and to help parishioners to understand their fuel bills and where applicable to claim Warmer Homes Discount payments of £140 per year. The other would be to run a community event to launch the Village Energy Champions providing advice on energy efficiency, insulation, reducing carbon emissions, and showcasing options for householders to reduce their energy bills and claim discount payments. If the bids are successful, the Council will work with Loggerheads Community Information Shop to identify the Champions. Training and the community event will take place before the end of March 2014. If you are interested in becoming a Village Energy Champion please contact the Clerk for more information.

DID YOU KNOW ?

In 2012 a report was published called "How the Localism Act hands power to older generations". I don't think it will come as a surprise to hear that:

- Councillors are getting older
- Few young people become Councillors
- Older people are heavily over represented on councils
- Councillors live in properties which are more valuable than the average for the area they represent
- Women are significantly under-represented on parish councils

So, how does Loggerheads Parish Council measure up? We have 5 female Councillors (31% against a population of 50%). We have only 1 Councillor under the age of 30.

Would you be interested in becoming a Councillor ...what do they do?

The work of the Parish Council may not, at first sight, seem very exciting, for example, poring over the detail of planning applications; keeping an eye on the weather in order to call out a gritting lorry; or checking to see if footpaths are kept free of overgrowth; (the list is by no means exhaustive!).

But, crucially, being a Parish Councillor also represents an opportunity to help shape the locality and its infrastructure in providing a platform upon which the community as a whole can flourish.

To ensure that a balanced approach is achieved, the Parish Council relies upon Councillors having different strengths, enthusiasms and interests; different skills and attitudes. Some are more 'ideas' people; others more 'practical'. The key is to develop a team that is both representative of the community and willing and able to work together effectively.

Would you like to be part of such a team? The Parish Council currently has vacancies which can be filled by co-option of suitably qualified residents. If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact the Clerk. And look at our website, www.loggerheadsparishcouncil.co.uk to learn more about what the Council does. Or, better still, perhaps also attend a future meeting as a member of the public, to help assess how you may be able to contribute to the future of Loggerheads.