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### Parish Councillors by Ward

#### Loggerheads Ward

(4 vacancies)

Cllr Ian Douglas

Cllr Jane Egerton

Cllr Gerald Hughes

Cllr Ed Martin

Cllr Paul Northcott

#### Mucklestone Ward

Cllr Graham Sedgley

Cllr Jim Vallings

Cllr Jamie Friend

#### Ashley Ward

Cllr Sue Fox

Cllr Bunty Hodgkins

(2 Vacancies)

#### Tyrley Ward

Cllr Bert Bennion

Cllr Roy Claydon

Cllr John Pimlott

All Councillors can be contacted on 01630 673426 or by email to:

[loggerheadspc@btconnect.com](mailto:loggerheadspc@btconnect.com)

Please note there are a number of vacancies to be filled on the Parish Council. If you think you have the necessary attributes to be a councillor and can spare a just few hours each month, then please contact the Clerk for further details.

### Parish Council Meetings

Meetings of the Council are being held on  
Thursday, 29th May, at The Oddfellows Hall, Ashley  
and Thursday, 17th July, at Hales Club, Hales.  
Meetings commence at 7pm



## YOUR Parish Council

### The newsletter of Loggerheads Parish Council

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### SOCIAL HOUSING ALLOCATION IN LOGGERHEADS AND ASHLEY

Planning permission for 6 new houses to be built by Aspire in Rowney Close in Loggerheads was granted by Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council in February. The Parish Council have long held the view that social housing should be made available for local people with a connection to the area. In March, Newcastle Borough Council and Aspire Housing, agreed that the new rented houses would be made available and prioritised for local people. Eligible local people need to express an interest in living in Loggerheads or Ashley so that when these and other vacant properties are advertised they are given priority before they are allocated to an applicant from outside of the Parish. Use the website [www.nhaoptions.co.uk](http://www.nhaoptions.co.uk) or call 0345 850 9698.

## FOOTPATHS

The Footpaths Committee of the Parish Council is going to re-publish the booklet, 'Six Walks around Loggerheads', first published in 1985 by George Riley, a member of the North Staffordshire Rambler's Association and Newcastle Borough Council Planning Department. All six walks, ranging from 1.5 miles to 8 miles and starting from Ashley, the Loggerheads pub and Hales Church have been walked so that the instructions are fresh for 2014... the white fences that are no longer white, the stiles and bridges that have disappeared, will all be put right so that you can enjoy the wonderful countryside on your doorstep without getting lost and cursing the book. Hopefully it will be available at the Community Information Shop and the Library this summer.



## POTHoles

Did you know that you can do something about potholes? Staffordshire County Council have made it easy to report them and they will then do something about it ...to prevent damage to your vehicle or an accident. So, use the internet or ring 0300 111 8000 (charged at local rate) to report any pothole or other road problem. All you have to do is:

Put [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/transport/staffs\\_highways](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/transport/staffs_highways) into your web browser. Then click on "Report a problem"; click on "Report a fault on line; click on "Road Issue"

Then choose the issue and fill in the details including the location of the pothole or problem. Its as easy as that!



## SPEED WATCH



In March, the Parish Council borrowed Market Drayton Road Safety Group's speed indicator device and, for a week, it flashed red at you if you went over 30mph and green if you were not breaking the speed limit on the A53 Newcastle Road, just as you left Loggerheads. During that week 51,000 vehicles travelled through Loggerheads, with up to 600 an hour recorded around 8am and 5pm. It recorded an overall average speed of 33 mph but included a maximum speed of 82 mph!

In the April newsletter an appeal was made for volunteers to join a Community Speed Watch initiative in the parish. You can help make a difference in your community by helping to reduce the speed that motorists travel through the area.

We are still looking for volunteers to operate the Speed Watch equipment and to put up and take down the flashing speed signs in locations across the parish. So, if you have some free time please contact the Clerk to offer your services.

## HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT TADGEDALE QUARRY



The Parish Council have been informed that a planning application is being prepared for a significant number of houses at Tadgedale Quarry. The planning consultant involved intends to hold an open evening in week commencing 19 May to inform local residents about the proposal. As more information becomes available it will be displayed on Parish Council noticeboards. **SO, WATCH THOSE NOTICE BOARDS**