

Parish Councillors by Ward

Loggerheads Ward

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Cllr Jane Hughes

Cllr Ed Martin

Cllr Tony McCullagh

Cllr Paul Northcott

Ashley Ward

Cllr Sue Fox

Cllr Bunty Hodgkins

Cllr Chris Taylor

Tyrley Ward

Cllr Bert Bennion

Cllr Roy Claydon

Mucklestone Ward

Cllr Graham Sedgley

Cllr Jim Vallings

Cllr Jamie Friend

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Future Meeting Dates

Thursday 25th August, Thursday 22nd September

****Please Check Parish Notice Boards for venue****

All meetings, which commence at 7pm, are open to the public. There is a public participation session prior to the start of each meeting; please feel free to come along and share your issues and views with us.

NEW PARISH CLERK

The Parish Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Andrew McRae as its new Clerk. Andrew, who is a graduate of both Sheffield and Staffordshire Universities, lives locally and has worked in North Staffordshire for more than twenty years, principally in the ceramics industry. In addition to his new duties with the Parish Council, Andrew is about to embark on a Masters degree course in legal practice. In his spare time he is a keen student of the 'heroic age' of Antarctic exploration, and has a number of publications on British railway history to his name.



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Public Consultation on plans for a new Fire Station

Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service has opened a Public Consultation on plans for a new Community Fire Station in the Parish.

All members of the local community and other interested parties are being encouraged to contribute to the exercise and discuss plans for the new Station, which it is intended should also incorporate broader community facilities. As this newsletter went to press, members of the Fire Service Area Command were scheduled to present their proposals at a public meeting at Ashley Fire Station on 26th July.

PLAY AREAS

The Parish Council is making a number of further improvements to the four play areas within the Parish, including the installation of new 'Play Builder' equipment and the addition of bark cushioning material to enhance the existing facilities where necessary. The Parish Council has also engaged Loggerheads resident Bob Hope to conduct weekly checks on all equipment to ensure that it remains in good condition and safe to use.

"PLAY DAY" Thursday, 11th August

Last year, for the first time, Loggerheads took part in the National 'Play Day' campaign and held events at two of the Play Area sites to celebrate play and encourage children to come out to express themselves and have fun. With very little time to organise and promote these events, we still attracted nearly a hundred children and, to coin a phrase, 'a great time was had by all'.

This year we have decided to hold one larger event which is to take place at Ashley Memorial Hall on Thursday, 11th August, from 12 noon to 4pm, with attractions both inside and outside given the large area surrounding the hall. This event will be aimed primarily at the age range of 8 to 13 yrs but no one will be turned away!!

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

At its meeting on May, the Parish Council received a comprehensive report from an officer of the Newcastle Rural Neighbourhood Team, on the incidence of crime in the Parish by reference to comparative figures for the years 2009/10 and 2010/11. Details of the figures are available in the published minutes of the meeting (go to www.loggerheadsparishcouncil.com/fullminutes.php)

A speed enforcement gun has been purchased and is now in use by Community Support Officers monitoring traffic on the A53 as it traverses the Parish.

Visit of Nick Bell, Chief Executive of Staffordshire County Council, to Loggerheads Community Information Shop on Thursday, 16th June

On a recent visit to the Parish, Nick Bell, the new Chief Executive of Staffordshire County Council, was introduced to the Loggerheads Library and Community Information Shop and saw the benefit and value of these institutions and the very active role they play at the centre of village life.

Mr Bell's visit also provided an opportunity for a frank discussion about issues of concern within the Parish, notably the urgent need for improvements to the roundabouts on the A53 in the centre of Loggerheads and other highways matters, including the difficulties faced by residents in respect of the A53/A51 junction at Blackbrook. Mr Bell undertook to review such concerns with officers in the County Council's Highways Department to assess the range of options for alleviating current dangers, and report back to the Parish Council in due course.

All concerned are grateful to the staff of Hugo Meynell School for their hospitality in hosting the meeting at short notice.

Grants awarded to-date in 2011/12 by your Parish Council

The following grants were awarded in response to the first call in the current financial year for applications for funding under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972

Knighton Village Hall £242
Bloomin'Ashley £220

Blore Heath Heritage Group £180
Blore Rural History Soc. £200

To apply for a Grant from the Parish Council you can download a form on the Parish Council's website, www.loggerheadsparishcouncil.com, or contact the Clerk.

Closing dates for applications: 31 October 2011 & 29 February 2012

To apply for a Community Chest Grant, please download a form from Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council website and, when completed, please send it to the Clerk at the address on the front of this newsletter.

Please be aware that all grant applications must satisfy the specified criteria to be considered.