

Parish Councillors by Ward

Loggerheads Ward

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Cllr Jane Hughes

Cllr Ed Martin

Cllr Tony McCullagh

Cllr Paul Northcott

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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 24th November, Thursday, 15th December

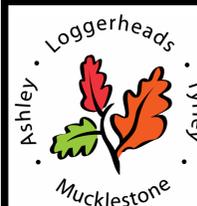
****Please Check Parish Notice Boards for venue****

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.

Market Drayton Young Farmers' Club

Market Drayton Young Farmers' Club has re-launched itself this Autumn, along with its new host, The Hind's Head in Norton-in-Hales. Over the last few years the club has struggled to maintain numbers, but this year they are starting afresh with the new chair Samantha, Secretary Jo, and Treasurer Tim. The club is aimed at ages 16 to 26 and has planned a variety of activities including pub quizzes, indoor climbing (the experience last year taught us that throwing yourself backwards off a 6 foot wall is NOT a good idea!), a brewery visit, paintballing, seasonal events and county/joint club dances to name but a few! The club plans to meet every Monday at 7.30 in the conservatory at the back of the Hind's Head for a drink, chat and casual discussion on what further events the club might hold. No membership needed to come along for a few events to get to know everyone and find out if it's for you!

For further information on the club and events contact Samantha on 07894954768, or email the club at marketdraytonyfc@yahoo.co.uk.



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PROPOSED COMMUNITY FIRE STATION

The Parish Council has submitted its views to the Borough Council on the outline planning application submitted by Stoke & Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service for a new Community Fire Station on Market Drayton Road. The Council has expressed a number of concerns about the Fire Service's plans, having noted that the proposed height of the building and the height of a related acoustic screen are both of an inappropriate scale that would impact unfavourably on the visual amenity and character of the immediate neighbourhood.

The Council has similarly registered concerns about its environmental impact, notably in relation to noise and light pollution, and also in respect of existing traffic speeds on A53, in light of which there are concerns about the potential safety hazards arising from such a development at the proposed location. It has been noted that the proposed community use of the facility would be compromised by lack of adequate parking facilities, and there is a concern that such use would add to unwelcome street parking nearby (notably in Kestrel Drive).

In summary, whilst the development itself is not one to which the Council objects in principle, it has been recommended to the Borough Council that the actual site of the development should be subject to further review, with consideration given to it being located at some remove to the west, away from existing residential buildings.

GRITTING

The Parish Council will once again be taking a pro-active role this coming winter in providing supplementing gritting services, to try to help ensure that local residents face the minimum disruption at times of severe weather. It has been determined that the gritting routes identified below will be serviced when appropriate to complement the work done on major routes by the County Council.

Mucklestone: From Junction of B5415 to junction of B5026 at Mucklestone Church (both sides of triangle).

Loggerheads: Hunters Point, St Margaret's Road, Badger Brow Road, Chestnut Road.

Ashley: Pinewood Road, Charnes Road, Sovereign Lane to Junction with Church Road. Doctor's Bank, School Lane to Junction with Church Road. Lower Road from The Dale to junction with B5026 – Eccleshall Road.

Additionally, a number of grit bins will be placed and serviced at the following locations in the Parish:-

St Mary's Road by Hunters Point
Sharpland
Chartwood / Badger Brow Road
Meadowside by Chestnut Road
Beech Grove by Chestnut Road
Reynards Rise by Fox Hollow

Hugo Way
Meynell Fields close to No 10
St John's Way
Smithy Lane Knighton
Tower Road by Eccleshall Road
Brookfield

Highways Improvements

Staffordshire County Council Highways Dept has confirmed a number of items of significant expenditure on roadways within the Parish. Major structural repairs are to be undertaken on the carriageway of the A53 between Gypsy Lane and Gravelly Hill. Street lighting is to be improved at numerous locations in the Parish. Our local County Councillor, Frank Chapman, is continuing to press for improvements to the busy A51/A53 junction. The 'safer Roads' Partnership will also shortly be providing mobile speed camera units for use on the A53 between the centre of Loggerheads and the county boundary to the west.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Please let us have your views!

Each full meeting of the Parish Council is preceded by a meeting of the Council's Planning Committee, which reviews and evaluates all Applications for Permission concerning land and properties in Loggerheads, as submitted to the Local Planning Authority, Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council.

It would strengthen the Parish Council's ability to respond to applications with full authority if residents who receive neighbour consultation notices about planning applications let us have their views on relevant planning issues. The Committee will be pleased to take all these into account in its deliberations on specific planning applications.

There have been a number of reported issues in recent weeks concerning items being dislodged in windy conditions from green cardboard recycling bags supplied by Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council when left by residents for collection. The Borough Council has provided the following statement to address these concerns and encourage more responsible use of the recycling bags.


The possibilities are endless.

It's been over a year since the collection services changed, and thousands of tonnes of material which would have gone to waste have been recycled.

The recycling rate has jumped to over 50% - a sign of real success. The services have won three national awards too. The services are easy to use and there's lots of information. Everyone knows that it's important to recycle and use the collection services properly in order to protect the environment. Remember to strap securely the contents of your green cardboard bag, and tie your red sacks when you put them out for collection. Containers should only be put out on collection day, and brought back to your property as soon after collection as possible. The Council collects between 7am and 6pm. If your age or health makes using the services difficult we may be able to help with an assisted collection. Additional containers for food waste and recycling are available at no charge - a small range from the Loggerheads Community Information Shop, and the full range from the Council directly. The website has full service details, and you can order containers online at www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk or contact the Council on telephone 01782 717717, email customerservices@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk.

Phytophthora Plant Disease

Many residents of the Parish will be aware of the serious plant disease *Phytophthora*, the presence of which was identified in the area earlier in 2011 amongst rhododendron plants in the Burntwood area. The Parish Council website, www.loggerheadsparishcouncil.com, now features a comprehensive document, prepared by Defra, describing how plants are affected by the disease and drawing attention to the ways in which members of the public can help to ensure that its spread is minimised. Those residents who walk regularly in the Burntwood are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the details of the disease and how they can contribute to its control and elimination.