

Parish Councillors by Ward

Loggerheads Ward

Cllr Ian Douglas

Cllr Sue Fox

Cllr Ed Martin

Cllr Ron Perry

Cllr David Loades

Cllr Sherrie Thorley

Vacancy to be filled on Loggerhead Ward

Mucklestone Ward

Cllr Jamie Friend

Cllr Graham Sedgley

Cllr Jim Vallings

Ashley Ward

Cllr Dan Ellis

Cllr Bunty Hodgkins

Cllr Ashley Howells

Cllr Alan Machin

Cllr Chris Taylor

Tyrley Ward

Cllr Bert Bennion

Cllr Roy Claydon

Cllr Jane Hughes

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Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 20th April 2010 7:30pm Ashley Memorial Hall

On Tuesday 20th April 2010, Loggerheads Parish Council will be holding their Annual Parish Meeting, this is a real opportunity for residents to get involved as YOU determine what is on the agenda for discussion. Please forward any agenda items to the clerk by Wednesday 7 April 2010 using the contact methods on the front page of this newsletter.

Refreshments will be provided by Ashley WI



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Dear Resident,

As many of you will be aware by now we are due to have an election for a vacancy on the Loggerheads ward of the Council in April to replace Councillor David Howell, the Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Howell for all his support and hard work during his time on the Council.

A number of residents requested this election, this is the first election to be held for a number of years as vacancies have in the past been filled by co-option. I hope you will take this opportunity to vote during this election so that the money which will have to be spent on it will be worthwhile.

Details for the election can be found on local web sites and poster boards.

I am also pleased to see that the Playbuilder project in Tadgedale Brook is now well underway and being enjoyed already by our local children and I hope they can go on to enjoy the facility for many years yet.

As for our highways this is still in my opinion an unsatisfactory situation and we are still working on trying to get this area improved and with a better quality of repair in the future.

To close for this month remember to try and vote in our local election it is important that you have your say as to who sits and represents you on the parish council.

Dave Loades (Chairman)

Future Meeting Dates

Thursday 22 April
Thursday 27 May
Thursday 24 June

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

MEETINGS COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PLANNING COMMITTEE WHICH IS AT 7PM

All meetings are open to the public, there is a public participation session prior to the start of the meeting, please come along and share your issues and views with us

See page 4 for Annual Parish Meeting information

Precept Increase

Loggerheads Parish Council has made the decision for the next financial year to significantly increase the precept, members felt that it was time to start addressing some of the longstanding issues in the parish. The extra money raised by this increase will go straight back into improvement projects within the parish. It is hoped that this will include signs in all villages within the parish, youth facilities, improved village centres, gritting and lots more, your feedback throughout the year would be most appreciated. Thank you.



DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know how 'Birks Drive', Ashley Heath got it's name? Please contact the clerk if you have any information. Thanks!



Its 25 years since the Parish of Loggerheads was created from the old parishes of Mucklestone, Ashley and Hales. At the time of the re-organisation there was a lot of bickering about the number of seats allocated to each of the new wards, and Loggerheads itself, formerly carved up between Mucklestone (all the Badger Brow and Mucklesone Wood Lane area), Ashley (the whole of the Heath and down to Tagedale brook) and Hales (all the Burntwood) got the largest allocation of seats.

Mostly Councillors from the 3 former Parishes stood for the new Loggerheads Parish Council which with 19 seats became (and probably still is) the largest Parish Council in Staffordshire. However there was a lot of disquiet at the time , and the Mucklestone Parish Council even erected a sign commemorating " The Demise after 70 years "

It took a long time for these communities to learn to work together. Old jealousies surfaced and the first Chairman of the new Council (Mrs Eileen Mills) had her work cut out banging heads together. At a time of massive expansion of housing in the Parish (especially at the Burntwood) , the Borough Council was in dread of the new Parish Council it had recommended to the Boundaries Commission, whose review started the whole process.

Press release from Ashley Howells – Vice Chairman

UPDATE ON SAVE FOLLY WOOD CAMPAIGN

As you know your Parish Council has been fighting to save Folly Wood, one of our many woodland beauty spots, from sand and gravel quarrying. We can report that, following our campaign, the County Council is now right behind us but the final decision on quarrying in principle in our area lies with the unelected West Midlands Regional Assembly PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO OUR GOING TO PRESS AFTER THE DECISION THIS IS TO KEEP YOU INFORMED – WE WILL OF COURSE TELL YOU THE RESULT IN OUR NEXT EDITION AND OUR PLAN B TO TRY TO OBTAIN A PUBLIC INQUIRY IF THE WMRA DECIDE TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO

Excessive haste in settling minerals targets could drive the West Midlands into an enormous hole, Staffordshire County Council has warned.

“The decision the Regional Assembly makes in the next few weeks will determine the fate of our countryside and village communities for the next decade. It’s a massively important decision and it feels like the region is sleep walking into it,”

“Consultation on options for how much sand and gravel is extracted from the region’s beautiful countryside is being driven by a timetable which is allowing the mistakes of the past to be repeated,” he said.

The formal consultation period runs out tomorrow, but there are still a few weeks left to influence key decision makers before decision day at a meeting of the Regional Assembly on the 17th March.

Staffordshire is appealing to its neighbours to back the only option on the table which looks to the future and provides a fairer deal for local communities.

This compromise which would see Staffordshire’s quota of sand and gravel would drop by 10% to 55%, which would mean one million tonnes a year less to 2020.

“The sands of time are running out for a fair deal. We are calling on our regional partners to reject the status quo approach to quarrying.

“This is about protecting communities across the West Midlands – from north Staffordshire to south Herefordshire – from unnecessary, disruptive and environmentally damaging extra quarrying. Staffordshire is on the front line.

“The present process of establishing new targets for the next decade is deeply flawed, based on past demand patterns and industry expectations rather than looking to the future, meeting local needs and reducing environmental impacts.

“We can all benefit from choosing the only option that looks to the future. This takes into account the work of independent consultants which has already been adopted in the south east.”

The next key date in the campaign is the 8th March when planners and minerals industry representatives meet to make their recommendation to the Regional Assembly. The final decision will be made at the Assemblies meeting in Lichfield on the 17th March.

WE WILL REPORT THAT RESULT IN OUR NEXT EDITION

FARM WATCH

Loggerheads Parish Council and Staffordshire Police are inviting residents who live at rural properties to become involved in a rural farm watch scheme, it works in a similar way to the traditional neighbourhood watch scheme, if you are interested in this please contact the clerk of the council who will forward your details to Staffordshire Police.