

Parish Councillors by Ward

Loggerheads Ward

Cllr Ian Douglas
Cllr Sue Fox
Cllr Ed Martin
Cllr Ron Perry
Cllr David Loades
Cllr Sherrie Thorley
Cllr Tony McCullagh

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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Playbuilder programme
funded by



department for
children, schools and families

At the end of March the Playbuilder project came to an end for the parish council . you will be aware that during the previous 12 months we installed play equipment on 4 sites within the parish and the children seem to be enjoying the chance to play on it - when Councillors have visited sites there have even been queues of children waiting to take their turn on the equipment . The final project at Tadgeale was opened on the Saturday 27 March and although we had to scale down the equipment we installed due to local opposition the local children seem to be very happy with what has been installed . We still had a small amount of funding left from the £50,000 grant and so intend to plant some trees and shrubs on 3 of the sites as soon conditions are favourable . The council would like to thank the many people who have supported us during the project !!

Ed Martin .



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Dear Resident,

As many of you will be aware this is my last Chair report as I am standing down as the Chairman for the Parish council at this month's A.G.M and I wish my successor accomplishment in their term as Chair of our PC. It has been a steep learning curve for me in my term as Chair of this Parish and I have been amazed of what residents want to get involved in and other areas that many appear not to want to be involved, but one thing that does stand out is the majority of you if called upon will help those in need in your close proximity which was displayed when one of our residents went missing and many people came out to help look for them. I have also been surprised by the anger of some people and how it is directed when any improvement accepted by the majority of residents came close to home and what methods they will use to get a minority point over to members of this Parish Council even though the majority are in support of it and it was requested in our local Parish Plan researched in 2007. I understand that the minority in this case were near to the location where improved facilities for the residents of our parish were to be installed. I was always of the view that if you have a concern you express it in constructive manner and not in the form that I myself and many councillors have had to experience this last twelve months from some local residents without any come back from us on the method or threats used to express a point of dispute. In my case and at least 3 local councillors including NULBC members we were taken to the Standards Committee by residents after the decision to go ahead with the play facility did not go the way they wanted. (report continues on page 2)

I am pleased despite after an appeal the standards pre committee found that there was no case to be answered as no councillor had acted inappropriately even after a very difficult time that we as councillors were not able to defend ourselves and were continued to be verbally attacked as we were unable to discuss the matter other than in a public forum as a result of the actions taken by residents. All volunteers in our community work to improve our local facilities and opportunities are open to all our residents to become volunteers in the community to help make life safer and better, I thank the many volunteers for their valued work. I intend to remain as a councillor and my future involvement will be around making sure that all residents get the representation they want within our community and those who are concerned about changes are heard and despite what I have been accused of this year that is one of the main reasons I became a volunteer within our parish. I am limited to space within this Newsletter but I have always been open with all residents and I am easily contactable to discuss the current and future of our Local Parish. I would like to thank all those who have helped me during the last year and to those who are considering becoming involved with your local community it is still very rewarding and worthwhile and please be assured we need more help to make sure that our Parish remains a good place to live and starts to have the facilities a parish of our size needs. **David Loades—Chairman of Loggerheads Parish Council**

We won the Gravel Battle!

Working with Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council and Staffordshire County Council, I am pleased to report that our local community driven and Parish Council supported demand for a cut in the County's share of the West Midland's sand and gravel quarrying output has been answered. The Staffordshire share has been cut from 65% to 55% after many decades of quarrying industry intransigence and political apathy.

This is just the first stage in the campaign to really take the pressure of potential quarrying off our local beauty and recreational spots such as Folly Wood near Blore Heath. We will keep working to preserve our rural quality of life and to safeguard us all from quarrying blight, noise, dust and highway congestion.

Future Meeting Dates

Thursday 24 June
Thursday 22 July
Thursday 26 August

****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.

PARISH FESTIVAL 2010

**SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER
12:00 noon until 4pm**

LOGGERHEADS PUB

LOADS OF FUN & ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY

**1940'S THEMED PARTY IN THE EVENING 7:30PM
TILL MIDNIGHT**

DISCO & ENTERTAINMENT

TICKETS £5:00 PER ADULT

£3.00 PER CHILD

Details in next edition

Councillor Corner—The Newest Recruit

I am Tony McCullagh and I was elected as a Councillor for Loggerheads Ward on 8th April.



My past experience in Public Service could I hope prove useful to the Council. I am also involved in outside community activities and will be able to provide a perspective on those needs expressed by the residents.

I look forward to working both for the Council and also for the residents

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Borough Council Election May 2010

..... A report back from newly elected Borough Councillor for Loggerheads and Whitmore, Ashley Howells



If you don't already know by now, the result was as follows

Conservatives (Ashley Howells) 2662
Liberal Democrats 1029
UKIP 393

And to those who supported and voted for me, my thanks ... to those who didn't, I hope to earn your trust and support by the next time!

My marvellous Conservative team of volunteers delivered some 3000 election addresses throughout the various villages and hamlets of Loggerheads and Whitmore Ward.

Upon meeting many villagers, we found that the various priorities outlined by me matched their concerns and demands to a very great extent – for example, residents want to preserve the rural characteristic of the area whilst enhancing local services such as children/youth facilities and senior citizen activities; local folk see a police presence and rapid response rate as key in preventing crime and reducing the fear of crime; residents of all our villages are concerned about Wind Farm, Quarrying and Methane Gas Drilling threats; highway safety and speeding are worries for many

I know that Loggerheads Parish Council, responding to its parishioners via the Parish Plan, wants to plan for an improved village centre and I will continue to work with them and the Borough team to drive the initiative on. I've met many from the various community and parish groups which do such important work for the communities of the rural area and I look forward to working with them to enhance our shared quality of life.

I'm learning all the time and will do my utmost to represent these demands and concerns, aspirations and wishes, at Newcastle Borough Council.

My very best wishes to all ;Councillor Ashley Howells (Loggerheads and Whitmore – Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council) - for continuing information log onto Cllr Howells blog at <http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/>