

Public Consultation on plans for the new Community Fire Station in Loggerheads

Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service recently opened a further public consultation over its plans for a new Community Fire Station in Loggerheads, and, in so doing, scheduled a number of 'drop-in' sessions at which members of the public were able to examine the plans for the new facilities on the Market Drayton Road. These were due to be held on Monday, 16th July at Newcastle Fire Station, and on Friday, 20th July at Ashley Memorial Hall. The Parish Council is continuing to liaise closely with, and make appropriate representations to, the Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service about the plans for the new fire station, and is keen to hear from residents any related views and concerns.

Parish Councillors by Ward

Loggerheads Ward

Cllr Bob Dickson

Cllr Ian Douglas

Cllr Jane Egerton

Cllr Jane Hughes

Cllr Ed Martin

Cllr Tony McCullagh

Cllr Paul Northcott

Cllr Della Rowley

Mucklestone Ward

Cllr Graham Sedgley

Cllr Jim Vallings

Ashley Ward

Cllr Sue Fox

Cllr Bunty Hodgkins

Cllr John Lovatt

Cllr Chris Taylor

Tyrley Ward

Cllr Bert Bennion

Cllr Roy Claydon

*All Councillors can be contacted
on 01630 673426 or by email*

Parish Council Meetings

Meetings of the Council are being held on

Thursday, 26th July at Ashley Methodist Church

Thursday, 23rd August at Knighton Village Hall

Thursday, 27th September at Hales & District Club

all meetings commence at 7pm



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PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

The Parish Council has money available which it can dispense, at its own discretion, to worthy projects and causes under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. In the past a number of local charities, sports and social clubs have benefitted, bringing improvements and benefits to the community and the local environment. The Parish Council will be pleased to consider applications for anything that can be perceived as being of widespread benefit within the Community and where that extra bit of help is still required to meet a specific objective that otherwise might be left unattained. The deadlines for receipt of applications in 2012 are 31st July and 31st October. So, if any organisation, club or society based in the Parish feels that they might be eligible, please contact the Parish Council office for an application form, or download one from www.loggerheadsparishcouncil.com

Street Lighting; what would you like to see at night?

Following recently approved operational changes determined by Staffordshire County Council to modernise the way in which its street lighting service is delivered on the highway network, the Parish Council is keen to receive the views of all residents on the subject of night-time street lighting.

Incorporated within the County Council's changes is an objective to introduce dimmable street lights throughout Staffordshire. If appropriate, street lights will be dimmed to a lower output level from late evening to early morning with the intention of conserving energy. The County Council is keen to point out that an appropriate selection process will be applied for the introduction of dimming facilities to ensure that Staffordshire's communities remain safe.

During its review, the County Council also considered the option to introduce 'Part Night' street lights (i.e. to switch off street lights from midnight until early morning). However, the Council decided not to propose this option, as it was deemed inappropriate for the majority of Staffordshire's communities. The County Council is nonetheless aware that some communities have a high level of environmental awareness and that some residents may wish to support a return to a more natural night time environment. Taking this view into consideration the County Council has suggested that it will support this option and will vest the decision as to whether or not to proceed with individual Parish Councils, reflecting the objectives of the government's localism agenda.

Thus Parish Councils which obtain the support of their community can recommend the 'Part Night' street lighting option, but the Parish must be sure of the widespread support of residents if this course of action is to be followed. Should the need arise to revert back to all night lighting then, other than a proven link to crime or road safety concerns, the Parish Council itself would have to take responsibility for any reversions that may be required along with the associated costs.

So – you, the residents of Loggerheads Parish, must have your say!

To register your views, please complete and return to the Parish Council the brief questionnaire opposite. Completed forms can either be left at the Loggerheads Community Information Shop / Library or posted to the Parish Council office at the Presbytery, 75 Church Road, Ashley, Market Drayton, TF9 4JY

LOGGERHEADS PARISH: NIGHT-TIME STREET-LIGHTING

I am in favour of the following:-

1. Dimming only, throughout the Parish YES / NO
2. A selective approach, involving dimming only on the main thoroughfares (the A53 Market Drayton / Newcastle Road and the B5026 Eccleshall / Mucklestone Road), but 'part-night' (i.e. lights switched off altogether) on the residential 'side streets' and Hunters Point/Tadgedale estates? YES / NO
3. 'Part night' (i.e. all lights switched off, including on the main roads, throughout the Parish)? YES / NO

Supplementary question (but please answer one of the three above regardless)

I would prefer to see no change at all. YES / NO

Name..... Signature.....

Address

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..... Date.....2012

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DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE PEN SETS

All children aged 5 to 11 years who attend either St Mary's School, Mucklestone or the Hugo Meynell School recently received a presentation pen set commemorating the Diamond Jubilee. If you have a child aged 5 to 11 resident in Loggerheads Parish who does not attend either of the local schools, and who you feel would like to receive a commemorative pen set, you may obtain one by completing the declaration below and presenting it in person at the Community Information Shop to collect the set. (*photocopy this form if necessary, e.g. you wish to apply on behalf of two eligible children*)

I hereby confirm that my child (please enter name)....., who is resident in Loggerheads Parish, is between the ages of 5 and 11 and attendsschool.

I hereby claim a Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Pen Set on behalf of the aforementioned child. Name of parent/guardian.....

Address

Signature

Date.....2012

Additional pen sets can also be purchased, at cost of £3.50 per set, from the Community Information Shop.