

## 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

### 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

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

## Future Meeting Dates

Thursday 27th October, Thursday 24th November

**\*\*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.**

## "PLAY DAY" ...'a great time had by all'

The "Play Day" held in Ashley Memorial Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> August proved to be great fun for all concerned and was clearly warmly appreciated by the thirty-four children who attended (not to mention the parents!). Building on the success of the "Play Day" concept in the last two years, the Council is now looking at possible opportunities to broaden the reach of this activity and attract the participation of a greater number of children, perhaps with similar events also being held at other times of the year.



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## \*\*\*FREE MONEY!\*\*\* "Section 137" Grants

The Parish Council still has a significant fund available within the current financial year for discretionary expenditure that has not, as yet, been allocated to specific projects and activities. The money granted to the Council under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 can be disbursed at the Council's discretion to a variety of worthy causes, including charities, sports and social activities, improvements and benefits to the local environment, etc. In fact, to just about anything that can be perceived as being of wide 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. And the money needs to be spent! The next deadline for receipt of applications is 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

It's soon going to be that time of year... Residents will, it is hoped, be encouraged to learn that the Parish Council has already secured a significant stock of road salt, in anticipation of us having to face another severe winter and the attendant difficulties that often confront those having to negotiate public highways that are not covered by the 'gritting schedules' of Staffordshire County Council. The provision of supplementary 'gritting' facilities, paid for by the Parish Council, to complement the County Council's 'grit runs' will, it is hoped, exceed the commitment made during the winter of 2010/11. Further details will be published shortly.

## Public Consultation on plans for a new Fire Station

The Parish Council is liaising closely with Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service over the latter's plans for a new Community Fire Station in the Parish, to ensure that the views of residents are communicated effectively. It is understood that a further three public meetings will be held between now and the end of 2011 at which all Loggerheads residents will have the fullest opportunity to make known their views and concerns about the Fire Service's proposal.

## BUS SERVICES

The Parish Council is actively involved in the development of initiatives to try to help secure the future of bus service 164/64 linking Market Drayton and Newcastle-under-Lyme. One key issue which is now being addressing is the encouragement of more widespread use of subsidised services on Friday and Saturday evenings.

A well patronised and viable bus service is a vital resource at such times, particularly for younger people who wish to enjoy the broader range of social and entertainment facilities in the larger local towns, and the Council is committed to the retention of such services.

## THE "JOINING BIG SOCIETY" GROUP

The Parish Council has accepted an invitation to be represented on the 'Joining Big Society Group' within the Newcastle Partnership Structure. This group itself combines three groups; Community Cohesion Steering Group, Community Engagement Partnership, and the Compact Implementation Group. The key priority areas for the Group are to develop activities and projects that involve the transfer of assets to voluntary and community groups, community engagement, funding and volunteering.

It's really important that the Parish Council keeps all members of our Community fully up-to-date with matters of interest and concern to them – so we're keen to find out from you how you would prefer to receive information.

For example, we're replacing some of our current **noticeboards** – some are no longer water-tight, and others - including outside the Co-op in Loggerheads – will be bigger so that more information can be displayed. Do you read the notice boards? Know where they all are? And what would you like to see posted on them?

Which **local newspaper** do you read for information on local events and the Council's Plans & Actions – or would you prefer to receive **email bulletins**?

The **Parish Council's website** [www.loggerheadsparishcouncil.com](http://www.loggerheadsparishcouncil.com) is full of useful information – and this **Newsletter** is delivered to every home in our Parish. What would you like to see featured on our website and in this newsletter?

We may conduct a formal and more widespread consultation on this issue in due course but, for the moment we really just want to get a feel for what you want to know and how you want to receive the information.

We'd really appreciate it if you could email us at [loggerheadspc@btconnect.com](mailto:loggerheadspc@btconnect.com) with your ideas and suggestions to help us improve the way that we keep you informed.