

New Clerk for the Parish Council

Your new Clerk to the Parish Council is Mrs Karen Watkins, MBE. She has lived in Loggerheads for 25 years with her husband and 2 sons and worked for Cheshire Police for 27 years. Karen was honoured with an MBE for services to policing in 2012. She is looking forward to working locally and playing a part in making a difference to the Loggerhead Parish. The Parish Council wish to thank Andrew McRea, the outgoing Clerk, for providing them with invaluable support and advice and wish him well in his new role with the Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association.

Please visit www.loggerheadsparishcouncil.com to read the minutes of meetings of the Parish Council and its Committees, and learn more about the background to the issues currently being addressed on behalf of the community.

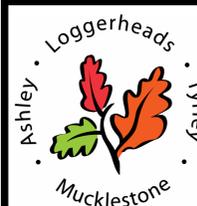
Parish Councillors by Ward

Loggerheads Ward	Ashley Ward
Cllr Linda Banner-Perry	Cllr Sue Fox
Cllr Neil Bown	Cllr Bunty Hodgkins
Cllr Ian Douglas	Cllr Dan Ellis
Cllr Jane Egerton	Cllr Tim Wakelin
Cllr Gerald Hughes	
Cllr Jane Hughes	
Cllr Ed Martin	Tyrley Ward
Cllr Paul Northcott	(one vacancy)
(one vacancy)	Cllr Bert Bennion
Mucklestone Ward	Cllr Roy Claydon
Cllr Graham Sedgley	
Cllr Jim Vallings	
Cllr Jamie Friend	

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

Parish Council Meetings

Meetings of the Council are being held on Thursday, 28th November 2013 at Methodist Church, Ashley and Thursday, 19th December 2013 - venue to be confirmed. Meetings commence at 7pm.



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GRITTING

As in previous years, the Parish Council will try to help ensure that local residents face the minimum inconvenience during the coming winter by gritting the routes identified below, at times of severe weather, to complement the work done on major routes by Staffordshire County Council.

Mucklestone: From Junction of B5415 to junction of B5026 at Mucklestone Church
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.

A number of Parish Council-owned grit bins will be placed and serviced at the following locations adding to those provided by the County:-

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
Tower Road by Eccleshall Road
Brookfield
Smithy Lane Knighton

Neighbourhood Statement Update

Following consultation on the Neighbourhood Statement this summer, to which over 200 residents responded, the Parish Council presented its conclusions to Newcastle Borough Council in September. The Parish Council also wrote to Bill Cash MP to seek his support in respect of concerns over the legitimacy of the Borough Council's arbitrary designation of Loggerheads as a "Key Rural Service Centre". Bill Cash MP in turn wrote to Nick Boles MP, the Planning Minister, and his response was considered by the Parish Council at its meeting on 24 October 2013. His response is set out below:

"Former Planning Policy Statement 7: Sustainable development in rural areas stated that councils should identify the centres within their areas that provided the best access to essential local services and employment opportunities. It set out that new development should be focused in or near these centres. This policy was not carried forward directly into the National Planning Framework published in March 2012.

The Framework recognises that planning should take careful account of the different character of different areas, the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside, and the need to support thriving rural communities. However, it still remains appropriate for local councils in conjunction with their communities to identify areas around which to focus taking account of their character and suitability to support development. Enabling appropriate development in rural areas can, for example, support the vitality of rural communities and the viability of services.

Newcastle under Lyme is proposing the identification of Loggerheads as a key local service (centre) through their Local Plan. This process will ensure that any proposals are founded on a robust evidence base and that the views of local people are taken into account. When ready, Newcastle under Lyme Council will submit its Local Plan for a public examination before an independent inspector. Before the examination Loggerheads Parish Council will have an opportunity to make representations and may request to appear before the examination. At the examination the Council will have to show that the views of local people have been taken into account and its proposals have been based on evidence.

I would encourage members of Loggerheads Parish Council to continue working with Newcastle under Lyme Council to ensure that they can continue to influence decisions on the most appropriate development for their area."

The Parish Council resolved that it will continue to work with the Borough Council as it progresses its Local Plan.

HIGHWAYS



In response to complaints from residents, Councillors have considered the increasing incidence of problems caused by large farm vehicles. Damage to verges, and high speeds which such vehicles are often driven at, was commented upon. The failure on the part of some hedge-cutting contractors to clear hedge clippings, which subsequently compromises drainage courses, was also noted some of these matters could amount to criminal offences and it was suggested that anyone witnessing such behaviour should record the registration numbers of the vehicles concerned and inform the police. The Council resolved to write to local contractors to advise them of these issues.

DOG FOULING



In June 2013 The Dogs Trust and Keep Britain Tidy launched a joint national campaign called 'The Big Scoop' as for the first time in 10 years an increase in dog fouling was reported. In the Loggerheads Parish, Councillors have received complaints on the problem of dog mess on footpaths, noting in particular the lack of bins in The Burntwood. The provision of a bin by a local resident near Chapel Lane was applauded by the Parish Council but they noted that there is a shortage of bins provided by the Borough Council. They resolved that the Footpaths Committee would review where bins were needed in the Parish and liaise with Newcastle Borough Council about the possibility of increasing numbers. If you are a dog owner please remember:

**Collect your dog's mess but dispose of it properly too,
And if there are no bins please take it home with you!**

POLYTUNNELS

The Parish Council have received a request from Bill Cash MP asking for its views on polytunnels and this was discussed at the meeting on 24 October. It was noted that polytunnels are not used to the same extent in Loggerheads Parish as in other parts of Staffordshire. However, it was felt appropriate to record concern at their proliferation and associated problems, including noise in high winds, a lack of control on numbers and harvesting of water run-off. If you have a view that you would like the Council to include in its response to Bill Cash please contact the Clerk or your local Parish Councillor.



Christmas Event 2013 – Santa comes to town

On **Sunday 8 December at around 4pm**, the area around The Peel Arms in Ashley will fill once again with local families welcoming Santa Claus. He will be taking a break from his busy pre-Christmas schedule to call by and see us.

Santa will officially switch on the lights on our Christmas tree, located in The Peel Arms garden, before going into a specially created grotto inside the pub. Here groups of children can meet him, have a story read, be able to make a special Christmas wish and take away their first present of the festive season.

New for this year there will be craft stalls and games in the new marquee for mums, dads, and children to enjoy while they wait to see Santa.

Mums and dads will need to book places in advance and there will be a small charge for entry to the grotto – all funds raised will go towards future BloomIn' Ashley projects.

Tickets for the grotto event will be available from the Peel Arms from late November. For more information on tickets or taking a stall table, please contact :

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