

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

June 15th, 2016  
Offley Hay Village Hall

July 20th, 2016  
Broughton Parish Rooms

September 21st, 2016  
Eccleshall Community Centre

October 19th, 2016  
Offley Hay Village Hall

November 16th, 2016  
Eccleshall Community Centre

Residents of Eccleshall parish are welcome to attend meetings and may address the members during the Public Participation session at the start of the meeting. All meetings commence at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

## REFUSE LORRY

The Civic Amenity Lorry will be on Stone Road opposite the Methodist Church from 9 - 11am.

May 14th, 2016  
July 16th, 2016  
September 17th, 2016  
November 12th, 2016

## OPEN SPACE - BADGERS CROFT

Ownership of the open space has been transferred to Bovis to enable them to connect the sewers from the new development into Badgers Croft.

Work is due to commence in June and the open space will be temporarily fenced off. Once completed a pathway will be created to link Badgers Croft to the new development, open space and play facilities.

## USEFUL CONTACTS

### HIGHWAYS

Street lights, pot holes, standing water or highway matters - can be reported online:-

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/reportit](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/reportit)

Highways web pages offer the ability to chat to the Customer Service team using a WebChat box. The team can provide updates and information and take details for new reports.

The email address below can be used to request update information or to provide further information about an existing report  
[highways@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:highways@staffordshire.gov.uk)

The Customer Service Centre is responsible for logging new reports and providing advice and guidance.

**0300 111 8000**

### BOROUGH COUNCIL

To report problems associated with grass cutting, play areas, fly tipping, street sweeping and name plates  
Street Scene - 01785 619401

Recycling collection - 01785 619402

email: [info@staffordbc.gov.uk](mailto:info@staffordbc.gov.uk)

Dogs - dog fouling and stray dogs -  
01785 619000

Email: [dogs@staffordbc.gov.uk](mailto:dogs@staffordbc.gov.uk)

**Please note that the Parish Council newsletter will be now be published every six months the next edition being in December 2016.**

# ECCLESHALL PARISH COUNCIL



# NEWSLETTER JUNE 2016

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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## Presentation from Gist - Parish Council Meeting April 20th, 2016

Mr D. George – Site Manager, Gist, reported the following:-

- \* A new contract which had been awarded to Gist had brought an additional 4 warehouse jobs and 4 drivers to the site, together with 10 additional vehicle movements into the site each day and 8 outbound.
- \* The company had had a positive start to the year and the site was busy and thriving
- \* There was still some spare capacity on site and Gist was actively trying to fill the empty chamber and pallets.
- \* Transport capacity to comply with the operators' licence was 48 units and 55 trailers
- \* Gist Raleigh Hall employed 142 full time staff, 48 drivers and 14 managers on site. 34 employees lived less than 10 minutes from the site.
- \* A new lease agreement had been signed with the Raleigh Hall landlords to last for the foreseeable future.
- \* Money was being invested into the site and the local economy.
- \* Geographically there was little reason for vehicles to use the B5026 going through Eccleshall High Street. 95% of vehicles had an Isotrak fitted and reports were generated to indicate the route taken, vehicle and driver and speed. Drivers were being re-educated to use alternative routes.
- \* It was understood that work to create the new entrance into Raleigh Hall was expected to start in summer 2016 and this would become the only entrance into the site. Gist had their own experienced risk assessors who would assess the safety and suitability of the new junction upon completion.
- \* Gist was participating in a National Road Safety Programme with schools in conjunction with Brake road safety charity. So far 7 local schools had been visited with pupils receiving activity packs, stickers and hi-vis vests. Vouchers were given out as part of a colouring competition.
- \* The Company hoped to become more active in the community and was willing to consider requests for funding towards certain projects.

Councillor Pimble stated that it would be unacceptable to close the existing entrance into Raleigh Hall as this would encourage vehicles travelling east to use Stone Road, which was unsuitable.

Members commented that the Gist Vehicles were well driven and the drivers were always courteous.

Mr George and his colleagues were thanked for their informative presentation.

### **FLOODING IN ECCLESHALL**

Mr A. Jones from Severn Trent attended a meeting in Eccleshall Library on April 23rd, 2016. Prior to the meeting Parish Council Chairman, David Pimble accompanied by Mr Jones, visited shops on Stafford Street.

Mr Jones explained that Severn Trent are responsible for sewage systems and surface water systems generally. Responsibility for road drainage lies with the Highways Authority and either the Environment Agency or the land owner is responsible for water courses.

Flood questionnaires were issued to businesses 2 years ago but since then, only 1 has been returned. Until an attempt was made to report occurrences of flooding to the STWA emergency line in 2015, STWA's last recorded incident of flooding in Eccleshall was in 2002.

To enable any action to be taken flooding issues MUST be reported to Severn Trent, even flooding in Stafford Street involving sewage from the manhole on the Stafford Rd / Horsefair junction or elsewhere. If complaints are submitted through the internet photos can be downloaded. Historic evidence can also be presented, accompanied by photographs if possible.

On April 29th, Mr Jones indicated that he was disappointed to discover that no Flood Questionnaires had been handed in at the library following the meeting. Unless incidents are reported Mr Jones is unable to gain the backing needed to

enable a risk assessment to be undertaken and schemes prioritised.

A meeting had been arranged with Staffordshire County Councils Flood Risk Officer, to see if Severn Trent and the County Council could work together to resolve highway flooding in Eccleshall. Unfortunately, without any evidence being submitted to provide comprehensive records illustrating that flooding of the foul sewer system is occurring in Eccleshall, STWA will not give the issue any priority over other places where the flooding record is proven.

Report flooding to:- Customer Operations Service Centre on 0800 783 4444 or the Severn Trent Website:- "Report a Problem" Page of where customers can complete the form to notify of the issue – They can also attach photos of the incident using smart phones etc.

<https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-supplies/report-a-problem/?text-only=show>

### **VACANCY – HORSLEY WARD**

A vacancy has arisen on the Horsley ward of the Parish Council following the resignation of Dave Dyer. Unless ten electors from the area request an election the Parish Council will be able to co-opt a person to fill the vacancy.

To request an election electors must write to Ian Thompson, Stafford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Riverside Stafford. ST16 3AQ by June 9th, 2016. Anyone interested in being co-opted to represent the Horsley Ward should contact the Parish Council Clerk.

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - COUNCILLOR DAVID PIMBLE**

This is my first year as Chairman of the Parish Council; a year in which several events have happened to determine the future of Eccleshall. Most of these events are dealt with by the sub-committees of the council and their chair persons, who will report on the activities carried out by their committee.

The beginning of the council year coincided with elections to the council. This year, we welcomed Becky Davies, Chris Marshall and Dave Dyer as new members of the council. This followed the decisions of Cllrs Dale, who had held the Chair for almost 20 years and transformed the way the council operates, and John Allen, who was Vice-Chair for many years and did a sterling job in ensuring the promotion of the public footpaths throughout the Parish, not to stand. Cllr Luke Serjeant also decided not to stand.

During the year, we had to report the sad death of Cllr Mary Dodkins and she was replaced by John Leather, who was co-opted as the ward member for Slindon. All the new councillors have played their part in the running of the council.

One of the things I should mention is the housing developments taking place or proposed in the town. Work has already started on the Bovis site off the Stafford Road and the Taylor Wimpey site on Shaws Lane behind the Community Centre. Other development is likely off Cross Butts. These new houses are not without controversy but are in line with Central Government's strategy for additional houses and the Borough Council's requirement to find development sites across the borough.

They also accord with the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan which goes to referendum on the 5<sup>th</sup> May. Work to produce the Plan began in January 2013 and has involved a considerable amount of work by myself, the clerk and members of a steering group established by the Parish Council to help produce the plan. This Parish Council was one of the first in the borough to commence preparation of a plan and so had to investigate all the requirements in detail. This led to the preparation of the draft plan in April 2015 which was submitted to the Borough Council for comments. It was then referred to an independent examiner to check that its contents complied with planning law. Modifications had to be carried out to the plan at this stage and the final document was eventually approved by officers of the Borough Council in December 2015. The plan had then to receive approval from the Borough Council's Cabinet before they fixed the date of the referendum as the 5<sup>th</sup> May, to coincide with the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner. I hope residents entitled to vote will look at the plan, which is available in the library or on-line on the Council's web site and vote yes to approve the plan.

I will leave the other pertinent matters of the Parish Council during the year to the Chairs of the various committees.

In conclusion, I must say a big thank you to our clerk, Christine Heelis, who has continued to provide support and information which, as chairman, I find essential to the proper running of the council. She has also carried out activities which I am certain are really outside the scope of her job description and are invaluable for the council. I must also thank our Vice-Chairman, Graham Garner, who has been a great support and assisted me in attending meetings and taking the chair when I have been unavailable.

<b>Attendance at meetings Councillor</b>	<b>Parish Council Meetings 10 in total</b>	<b>Planning Committee 22 in total</b>
Mike Starkey	10	20
David Pimble	9	21
Graham Garner	9	21
Bryan Delanchy	9	21
Eileen Amos	9	21
Phil Baskerville	9	20
Dave Dyer	9	15
Paul Mullee	8	18
Ros Langford	8	18
David Jacques	8	15
Chris Marshall	7	11
Peter Jones*	7	8
Lindsay Taylor-Potts	5	10
Becky Davies	4	10
John Leather*	3	5

\*Note: As Councillor P. Jones was Mayor during the year he was absent on occasion owing to engagements and formal duties.

\*Councillor J. Leather did not join the Council until January 2016.

**Neighbourhood Plan** - The results of the referendum held on May 5th, 2016 were as follows:- Ballot papers counted =1065. YES votes = 810. NO votes = 217. Void ballot papers = 38.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in preparing the Plan and to all those who turned out to vote.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

At the AGM of Eccleshall Parish Council held on May 18th, 2016, Councillor D. Pimble was re-elected as Chair for the ensuing year and Councillor G. Garner as Vice-Chair. Councillor B. Delanchy was returned as Chair of the Planning Committee with Councillor D. Pimble Vice-Chair.

#### **SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - MARCH 31ST, 2016**

	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSE</b>
Precept	50160.00	
Concurrent Allowance	3733.00	
Bank Interest	29.92	
VAT reimbursements	3197.53	
Grants SBC Bloom & Christmas Trees	2975.00	
Rents	428.88	
Wayleaves	34.42	
LMIS grants	300.00	
Insurance Claim re damaged railings	1554.00	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>62,412.75</b>	
General Administration		11494.00
Parks and Open Spaces		12552.34
Salaries - Neighbourhood Plan		511.64
Salaries & associated costs		28043.28
Projects		2456.50
Village Halls		1000.00
Section 137 payments		1145.00
Concurrent Allowance payments		3733.00
VAT		3252.88
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>64,188.64</b>
<b>SUMMARY</b>		
Balance brought forward 1.4.15	<b>50,515.99</b>	
Add total receipts (as above)	<b>62,412.75</b>	
Less total payments (as above)	<b>64,188.64</b>	
<b>Balance carried forward 31.3.16</b>	<b>48,740.10</b>	

#### **Clean for the Queen - Croxton April 2nd and 3rd, 2016**

A really big thank you to the 20 volunteers who turned out to collect litter and rubbish dropped by thoughtless people around our beautiful villages and countryside. It made a huge difference. The less litter there is lying around, - the less likely it is to be added to, and the less potential harm to wild life etc.

Photo - left to right - Ken Langford, Dianna Webberley, Carol Benbow.

