

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

**May 20th, 2015**

AGM - Eccleshall Community Centre

**June 17th, 2015**

Offley Hay Village Hall

**July 15th, 2015**

Broughton Parish Rooms

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.

### USEFUL CONTACTS

**Street lights, pot holes, standing water or highway matters -**

contact the Highways Hotline 0300 1118000

email:-

highways@staffordshire.gov.uk

To report problems associated with

**grass cutting, play areas, fly tipping, street sweeping and name plates** contact - Street Scene - 01785 619401

**Recycling collection -** 01785 619402

email: info@staffordbc.gov.uk

### REFUSE LORRY

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

**July 18th, 2015**

**September 19th, 2015**

## Croxton Well Dressing 2015

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Cllr David Jacques will officially open the 2015 Croxton well dressing festival at 11.45am.

At noon, the Bishop of Stafford, Rt. Revd Geoff Annas, will conduct the traditional blessing of the well together with Revd John Day and Revd Jonathan Eades.

Stafford Borough Mayor Cllr Peter Jones, will attend the festival and the event will be covered by BBC Radio Stoke.

Numerous displays and events are planned in the Millennium Wood and by the village well alongside the B5026 from 11am - 2pm, including:-

Well Dressing trail with 5 well dressings displayed  
Eccleshall Scouts BBQ

The Tern Valley Tinkers Folk Group  
Blithfield Willow craft  
Serendipity Vintage Crafts  
Walkmill Botanics  
Children's Medieval Fancy Dress competition, and many more.

**Music and Poetry concert** and refreshments 2-4pm, St Paul's Church, Croxton.

Come and enjoy a wonderful community event celebrating the talent, products and crafts of the local community together with traditional English customs in a delightful village setting.

# ECCLESHALL PARISH COUNCIL



## Newsletter June 2015

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## SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - MARCH 31ST, 2015

	INCOME	EXPENSE
Precept	50160.00	
Concurrent Allowance	3733.00	
Bank Interest	32.08	
VAT reimbursements	2714.35	
Grants SBC Bloom & Christmas Trees	2975.00	
Rents	43638	
Wayleaves	33.44	
LMIS grants	2630.32	
CDF - Neighbourhood Plan	5181.00	
Insurance Claim re damaged clock plinth	1255.00	
Pictorial meadows	9.89	
Royal Mail refund	100.00	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>69,260.46</b>	
General Administration		9231.30
Parks and Open Spaces		9039.94
Salaries - Neighbourhood Plan		1751.08
Salaries & associated costs		27506.35
Projects		5948.03
Village Halls		1000.00
Section 137 payments		4214.68
Concurrent Allowance payments		3733.00
VAT		2662.67
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>65,087.05</b>
<b>SUMMARY</b>		
Balance brought forward 1.4.14	<b>46,342.58</b>	
Add total receipts (as above)	<b>69,260.46</b>	
Less total payments (as above)	<b>65,087.05</b>	
<b>Balance carried forward 31.3.15</b>	<b>50,515.99</b>	

### Croxton Play Area .....

If you are interested in helping to inspect and maintain Croxton Play Area or could spare a few hours to plant bulbs or clean the equipment please contact your local councillor or the Parish Council Clerk.

**DOGS** - Complaints and information regarding **dog fouling and stray dogs** should be directed to the contact centre on 01785 619000 or Further information is available on the Borough Council web email: [dogs@staffordbc.gov.uk](mailto:dogs@staffordbc.gov.uk)  
**Website:-** [www.staffordbc.gov.uk/dogs](http://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/dogs)

John Allen was presented with a canvas print of 'The Dells' Footpath, a route linking Eccleshall with Wincote Lane, which he campaigned to get re-opened in 2009 following its omission from the Definitive Map in the 1950's.

The Chairman referred to the relocation of the Fire Tender from the Fire Station on Newport Road to the front of the Co-op. A lectern is to be installed at the front of the display detailing the history of the tender.

The Parish Council continues to work with the Ecclian Society and Eccleshall in Bloom to purchase the Christmas Trees and water the baskets and mangers.

The Chairman indicated that the real work is carried out in the Council Committees and thanked members for their commitment and enthusiasm.

After the meeting Gordon Dale, who also retired from the Parish Council after 20 years service, was presented with a canvas print of the Pictorial Meadow on the Eyeswells Footpath. Mrs Allen and Mrs Dale were presented with bouquets of flowers and a buffet was served.



### Croxtan Play Area and Field



Representatives of the Enhancement Committee held a site visit recently and discussed how the wooded area could be enhanced to encourage a variety of community uses and increase the numbers of visitors to the site.

The Council has agreed to :-

- Remove up to 4 trees to create a large open space, thin other trees as necessary and pollard the hazels - this would be considered later in the year, when the trees were in leaf, with a view to having work undertaken in the autumn. The provision of some seating was also discussed.
- Proceed with an article in the local magazine to promote the play area and encourage local people to maintain and enhance the area by planting bulbs and cleaning the play equipment.
- Investigate the provision of signage to the area.
- Reduce the height of the hedge by 1 foot in the autumn.

### ELECTIONS MAY 7TH, 2015

Following the elections on May 7th, 2015 the Parish Council is pleased to welcome three new members. Gordon Dale, John Allen and Luke Serjeant have stepped down from the Council and been replaced by Chris Marshall, Becky Davies and Dave Dyer. The retiring members played a significant part in the Parish Council over many years and are thanked for their contributions to the community.

#### Councillor Chris Marshall



Chris (56) is Eccleshall born and bred attending Lonsdale Primary School and King Edward VI Grammar School in Stafford.

After University, Chris moved to Cambridge where he worked for the large Office Products Wholesaler, Spicers Ltd. In 2002, Chris returned to Staffordshire to pursue his career and then to Eccleshall in 2007.

Chris is married to Coral and they have 2 daughters Rebecca (26) and Sarah (24).

Passionate about Sport, Chris played for Eccleshall Cricket Club from the age of 14 and is now Chairman of the Club.

Chris has led the redevelopment of the Club over the past 5 years to provide a modern home for cricket and local community clubs such as YoYo who meet there weekly.

Chris sits on the Local Action Group for the Staffordshire Leader Programme. Over the next 6 years, this will provide more than two million pounds in funding to the rural economy of which Eccleshall is a part. [www.staffsleader.org](http://www.staffsleader.org)

Chris cares deeply for Eccleshall and the surrounding area in which he lives and believes that more facilities and activities need to be provided for the elderly and the young of our beautiful town.

#### Councillor Becky Davies



Becky has been an active member of the Eccleshall Community for over 15 years.... as a resident, a business owner, sportswoman and club committee member of the rugby club.

Over the years Becky has coached sport at Bishop Lonsdale School, been a member of the Business group and has contributed to the Eccleshall Festival organisation.

Married for 23 years, Becky has a teenage son and daughter.

Becky is a keen rugby supporter and volunteer, she is proud to hold the role of Vice President of Staffordshire Rugby Union, the first woman ever to have been invited into this role.

Becky looks to apply a commonsense, consistent approach to all plans, ideas and suggestions that affect our Parish. This will ultimately be to preserve the beauty and unique qualities of Eccleshall but also to enable initiative and embrace aspirations to improve and support the existing structure and define a clear direction for the future.

Becky is AGAINST - Inappropriate development: loss of services within the community: the danger of increased traffic volume: and Litter.

Becky SUPPORTS - A safe and thriving community: increased awareness for the needs of the young and the elderly, and the preservation of Eccleshall for future generations.

#### Councillor Dave Dyer



Dave grew up on a farm at Hatton, near Cranberry and lived in Stone before moving to Eccleshall, where apart from a short break, he has lived for 20 years.

Dave works at Global Heat Transfer at Cold Meece, making factories safe all over the country and looking after their thermal oil.

Dave was a member of Eccleshall YFC for 10 years during which time he held various roles, including Chairman, Treasurer and Club Leader.

In 2008 Dave organised a trip with Global Heat Transfer to raise money for NSPCC and Alzheimer's (G8 Global Tour). Dave covered nearly 3000 Miles on a three wheel motorcycle trike in 6 days.

Dave has a daughter, Isabell who is 14 years old, she is very keen on sport and plays football for Leek Town Girls as a goal keeper.

Dave is pleased to take on the role of Parish Councillor and is keen to try to make a difference to Eccleshall and the surrounding area.

#### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - APRIL 29TH, 2015

Representatives of groups which had received funding during 2014 /15 gave brief presentations of the activities of the various organisations throughout the year.

**Neighbourhood Plan:-** Councillor David Pimble gave a detailed update on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan. The formal adoption of the Plan for Stafford Borough on June 19th, 2014 enabled work on the Neighbourhood Plan for Eccleshall Parish to be completed. The Plan will have statutory status and sets out guide lines and principles for the Parish forming the

basis by which planning applications within the Neighbourhood Area will be determined .

Much of the preparation work on the Plan was carried out by a steering group established by the Parish Council The draft Plan was eventually completed by December 2014 and subject to a six week consultation period between January 19th, and February 28th, 2015.

Each response submitted during the consultation period was individually examined and a report was prepared detailing any actions to be taken.

The documents are available on the Eccleshall Parish Council website [www.eccleshallparishcouncil.org](http://www.eccleshallparishcouncil.org).

The Plan was approved by the Parish Council on May 6th, 2015 and has subsequently been submitted to Stafford Borough Council, who will check to ensure that it is compatible with the Plan for Stafford Borough and undertake a further six week consultation period.

An independent Examiner will then be appointed to ensure that the Plan met with basic conditions before proceeding to a referendum.

**Chairman's report:-** Councillor Dale presented an overview of the Council's activities throughout the year.

The precept for 2015/16 remained unchanged, despite maintenance costs associated with previous projects. The Pillar Clock Plinth has been repaired following vehicle damage to the brickwork and the Village Sign removed to be repainted by the manufacturer.

The Standing Orders and Financial Regulations are currently being reviewed following an amendment to the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 to allow persons to film, photograph and make audio recordings of meetings. Following the closure of the NatWest Bank in Eccleshall it was proposed to appoint the Clerk as Service Administrator to facilitate the use of online banking.

The Parish Council continues to pressurise the County Council Highways with regard to potholes and the number of HGV's using local roads. The County Council has indicated that work to reconstruct the carriageway on Stafford Street would commence on July 20th, 2015 for approximately 4 weeks. Concern has also been expressed about the proposed new access to Raleigh Hall from the A519.

Thanks were extended to Councillor Allen, who retired from the Parish Council after 20 years. John was instrumental in improving the network of footpaths in the Parish and the production of sets of walking leaflets.

