#### Eccleshall Allotments Association

Please note that all dogs should remain on leads in the allotment area. This not only benefits the plotholders who do not appreciate paw prints and faeces on their vegetable beds, but it is beneficial for the dogs too. There are dangerous substances such as fertiliser and weedkiller which could be harmful to them. Thank you. Ron Milne, Chairman

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#### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

July 18th, 2018 Broughton Parish Rooms

September 19th, 2018 Eccleshall Community Centre

> October 17th, 2018 Offley Hay Village Hall

November 21st, 2018 Eccleshall Community Centre

January 16th, 2019 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 July 21st 2018 September 29th, 2018 November 17th, 2018 January 26th, 2019 Next newsletter issue: Winter 2018

**CARER'S CAFÉ** — Eccleshall Community Centre, 10.30-12.20pm, on the last Thursday of

the month. Tel: 01785 222365.

#### USEFUL CONTACTS

#### HIGHWAYS

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

#### 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

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

Dogs - dog fouling and stray dogs -01785 619000

Email: dogs@staffordbc.gov.uk

#### **SUSPECT A CRIME?**

This is a general reminder to everyone to report any suspicious activity to the **police on 101 at the time of the incident**, with as much information as possible.

## ECCLESHALL PARISH COUNCIL





## NEWSLETTER JUNE 2018

#### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS **TOWN WARD**

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#### **County Councillor**

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**Borough Councillors** Mr P. Jones (details as opposite)

Mr J. Pert (details as above)

#### Clerk to the Council

Mrs Stacey Worden 16, Newport Road Great Bridgeford Stafford 01785 282296 Email: eccleshallpc@gmail.com

## **New Councillors**

#### My name is Libby Dale.

I have lived on the High Street in Eccleshall for over 40 very happy years..

Gordon and I have had a busy time bringing up 5 children here.

Professionally, I was Head of Retail for Katharine House Hospice for 15 years, being responsible for bringing the Hospice Shop to the High Street in Eccleshall. I am responsible for all the bookings at the Community Centre.

I book the stalls and entertainment for Eccleshall Festival Street Market and I am also a member of the Ecclian Society, Eccleshall Wives and Eccleshall Bridge Club.

I look forward to being an active member of the Parish Council, representing the local community.

#### ECCLESHALL FLOOD ACTION GROUP

Eccleshall Flood Action Group was formed on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Multi-Agency meetings take place every three or four months with the backing and support of the National Flood Forum. The meetings include representatives from Staffordshire County Council (Highways and Flood Risk Management). Severn Trent Water, the Environment Agency and Stafford Borough Council Planning Department. The prime driving force has been the flooding of Stafford Street which has occurred over the last twenty years or more and the possible worsening of this flooding as a result of new development coming to the town. However, the range of issues now being considered include flooding of the River Sow, blocked gullies, flooding of footpaths and the effect on flooding potential of proposed new development. The issues are so many and varied that we have had to confine our interest to Eccleshall town area only.

The FAG has met with some success and with regards to the flooding of Stafford Street, SCC and STW accept that surface water from Churchfield Road and adjoining roads passes straight into the foul sewer causing the overloading at Stafford Street, STW has inserted monitors in manholes known to flood which will give them invaluable data but they still need the residents of Eccleshall to give them as much details of specific floods in the past with photographic evidence if possible. The FAG has also applied for a grant from SCC to provide flood barriers to properties that suffer flood damage on Stafford Street and the east end of High Street and we await the outcome of this application. Eccleshall Parish Council has agreed to administer the grant if we are successful and for this assistance, we are extremely grateful.

The FAG are small in number but enthusiastic. If you would like to join us or have any evidence of flooding, please contact us on eccleshallfloodag@btinternet.com.



Cllr. Libby Dale

### Eccleshall Voluntary Car Scheme

For over two years a plan to bring Community Transport to Eccleshall has been slowly unfolding. Thanks to the generosity and support of the Eccleshall Parish Council, Eccleshall Show, County Councillor Jeremy Pert, Eccleshall Business Focus Group, Eccleshall Community First Responders and NatWest Bank the scheme has sufficient set-up funds to get started.

There are over 27 such scheme in the County and the organisers have been grateful for the support of the County Council and the benefit of experience from other schemes.

The Eccleshall Voluntary Car Scheme officially launched on Tuesday 1st May 2018 and is appealing for voluntary drivers. It will initially offer the service to Eccleshall folk needing transport for medical visits. The hope is to extend the service to local people who have no or limited access to public transport or having no transport of their own.

A set rate of charges per mile is made to the passenger and drivers receive 45p per mile expenses. The scheme depends on the flexibility of the voluntary drivers and what they can offer against the needs of the passengers. All drivers will be D.B.S checked, and public liability insurance will be in place. Most insurance companies make no additional charge for drivers operating in such a scheme and will simply add the detail on to the cover. The charge is for the journey and allows for carers to accompany the passenger where necessary.

Residents who feel that they qualify for the scheme should "Join the Club" by completing a simple form outlining their needs and which will explain the scheme to them. There is no charge to join the scheme.

It is not a taxi service and the scheme can only support people who qualify for their help. There will be restrictions on the people that the private cars can transport. They need to be largely mobile and able to get in and out of the vehicle on their own or

with a limited amount of assistance. Passengers who have "Joined" will need to book the scheme at least a week in advance and it relies on a suitable driver being available.

It is anticipated that the scheme will start small and hopefully build to become a useful service provided by the people of Eccleshall, for the people of Eccleshall. For more information call Peter Jones on 01785 851381, mobile 07815 419166 or email peterwjones@btinternet.com. Application forms are also available from the High Street library.



#### ECCLESHALL PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

My report will summarise some of the main events in which the Council has been involved over the past year. Many of the activities will be reported on in more detail by the Committee and their Chairpersons on issues which have been relevant to them.

During the past year Councillor Mike Starkey had to stand down. Mike had been a Councillor for nearly eight years during which time his hard work and thoughtful contributions were much appreciated. We wish him well. The vacancy created on the Council has been filled by the co-option of Mrs. Libby Dale. We welcome Mrs. Dale and look forward to working with her in the future.

The Annual Parish Meeting at the end of April last year marked the final meeting for the Council's Clerk of twenty two years, Christine Heelis. Presentations were made to Mrs. Heelis and her husband David. Councillors and others expressed their good wishes to them both.

The present year began with the Council welcoming its new Clerk, Mrs. Stacey Worden.

A feature of the past year has been the requirement for the Council to respond in detail to lengthy consultations regarding local services such as bus services and the library. A response was also required concerning HS2 developments. Some success was achieved with the bus services in that the abolition of the service 13a was postponed, at least until March 2019. The results of our other responses are not yet known.

The Taylor Wimpey and Bovis housing developments have progressed throughout the year. The Parish Council has liaised on occasion with the developers when problems for residents have arisen. The major problems which occurred in the previous year have mainly been avoided. The Taylor Wimpey development now has 37 occupied homes. The Bovis development has 76 completed homes, 60 of which are occupied.

The Cross Butts development began during the past year. Problems for residents have arisen over parking issues, mud on pavements and muddy water overflowing into the Crescent. The Council has communicated its concerns over these issues. It is now hoped that, at last, an on site parking area should be ready which should help with some of the problems. A Clerk of Works from the County Council has been appointed to oversee the solutions to these problems.

Cover Image: Eccleshall High Street, P. Baskerville.

The Council continues to be pro-active in pursuing aspirations outlined in our Neighbourhood Plan.

The Council has worked closely throughout the year with the Eccleshall Historical Society and the Committee which has been arranging the addition of names on the War Memorial. The Council has commissioned the work which will be done in May, in preparation for the ceremony which will take place on Sunday, June 24th 2018.

In conclusion I must thank Councillor Peter Jones for his work as Vice-Chairman. He has been a great support and has assisted me in attending meetings when I have been unavailable.

I must also thank the Clerk for establishing herself so well in the post. Her hard work and commitment is much appreciated.

#### ANNUAL CROXTON & ENVIRONS COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

Over thirty residents gathered on Sunday 8th and Saturday 14th April to clean-up the litter that had accumulated along the roadside verges and hedgerows around the 'Woodland Quarter' of Eccleshall Parish.

A total of forty bags of rubbish were taken to the tip.... much of it made from

plastic materials that are not biodegradable and present a hazard to wildlife.

Thanks very much to the team of people who gave up a couple of hours of their free time to do the litter pick along the B5026 from Broughton Church through to the pull-in by the side of the road on the approach to Sugnall, as well as many of the country lanes that criss-cross the area; - they are now looking much cleaner and safer as a result.

It was great that this year even more people took part, ... and let's hope that less litter will be thrown from passing cars now that the area is looking tidier again. Cllr. Ros Langford.



Keep in Touch with Eccleshall Parish Council For updates on meetings, community events, Parish projects, refuse lorry collection dates and local news, find us on Facebook and at our web page at: www.facebook.com/EccleshallPC www.eccleshallparishcouncil.co.uk

#### SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - MARCH 31ST, 2018 INCOME **EXPENSE** Precept 52440.00 Concurrent Allowance 3733.00 Bank Interest 17.90 VAT reimbursements 3058.95 Grants SBC Bloom & Christmas Trees 2975.00 Rents 464.62 Wayleaves 34.42 Grants 1970.50 Other 100.00 **TOTAL RECEIPTS** 64,794.39 General Administration 9876.42 Parks and Open Spaces 8166.87 Salaries & associated costs 18582.91 Projects 2123.04 Village Halls 1000.00 Section 137 payments 1614.22 3733.00 **Concurrent Allowance payments** VAT 2888.22 TOTAL PAYMENTS 47,984.68 SUMMARY Balance brought forward 1.4.17 50.433.34 Add total receipts (as above) 64,794.39 Less total payments (as above) 47.984.68 Balance carried forward 31.3.18 67,243.05

#### Holy Trinity Celebratory Organ Recital

Holy Trinity Church celebrated the restoration of their organ with a recital by Martin Schellenberg on Sunday 22nd April. The event was very well attended and it was reported a joy to hear the organ played by such an accomplished musician.



# Michael holds the position of Director of Music at Abberley Hall, and his repertoire includes all styles and periods of organ music .

#### Eccleshall War Memorial Re-dedication Service.

The names of 17 local men who were killed during the Great War but who were overlooked when the Eccleshall War Memorial was erected in 1921 have now been added. The Memorial will be rededicated by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant and the

Bishop of Stafford at a special Service of Remembrance at Holy Trinity Church Eccleshall on Sunday 24th June, commencing at 10am, to which everyone is welcome.