

USEFUL CONTACTS HIGHWAYS

Street lights, pot holes, standing water, footpaths issues and many highway matters can be reported online:-

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/reportit

It is important that residents report issues so that it is logged with an enquiry number and assigned to an County Council officer for inspection and assessment.

General enquiries can be directed to:

highways@staffordshire.gov.uk

The Customer Service Centre can help with issues in logging new reports and providing advice and guidance.

0300 111 8000

RIGHTS OF WAY

There is a new reporting system for issues with the public rights of way, which can be found at:

<https://prow.staffordshire.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx>

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

REFUSE LORRY

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

July 20th, 2019

September 21st, 2019

November 16th, 2019

January 18th, 2020

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

July 17th, 2019 - Broughton Parish Rooms
September 18th 2019 - Community Centre
October 16th 2019 - Offley Hay Village Hall
November 20th 2019 - Community Centre
January 22nd 2020 - Community Centre
February 19th 2020 - Community Centre
March 18th 2020 - 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.

HIGH STREET NOTICE BOARD

If you have flyers for any community events that you wish to be posted up on the Parish Council noticeboard in High Street, there is a tray located in I.Tech where notices can be left.

SUSPECT A CRIME?

This is a general reminder to everyone to report any suspicious activity you witness to the **police on 101** at the time of the incident. Please obtain as much information as you can, i.e. description of person involved, vehicle registration, make and model. If these incidents are not reported immediately the police can take no action.

There is also the option to report a crime via Facebook and Twitter, by sending a direct message. Messages will be logged in the same way as a 101 call, and the service is manned from 7am until midnight.

Please still call 999 if it is an emergency and an urgent response is needed.

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The management of Elford Heath

Over the past couple of years, residents and councillors have noticed a steady decline in the water levels of the pool at Elford Heath.

Last year, officers from the Environment Agency assessed the pool and noted that whilst water quality was good, encroaching reed mace is causing issues and taking over the pool.

Following further monitoring and research, the Parish Council concluded that a long term maintenance plan needs to be developed for the area, which will include removal of detritus around drainage areas across the heath, and removal of reed mace and silt from the bottom of the pool. It is hoped this will help to improve water levels.

An arboricultural survey of the area has also been conducted as a number of bushes and trees such as crack willows will need to be removed/cut back to allow access to the pool. The plan will also include a coppicing programme and careful reduction of tree cover to improve the view of the pool and hopefully improve retention of water within the pool whilst retaining trees that are so important to our environment.

As this is a large piece of work, the council wish to make residents aware that there will be some short term disruption to the area. Some residents have already volunteered their time to help with the work, and once the larger works needing machinery have been completed, the Council will be grateful of their help to continue with the project and will be in touch.

Flood Reporting

In order for Severn Trent to obtain an accurate record of flooding issues in Eccleshall, it is important to report any incidences of flooding.

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

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

Eccleshall Parish Council is on Facebook

For updates on meetings, community events, Parish projects, refuse lorry collection dates, upcoming consultations and much more, like us at:

www.facebook.com/EccleshallPC



Eccleshall Great War Project ~ Award Winners

The Eccleshall Great War Project won a special Judges Award at the 2018 Stafford Borough Council Community Awards, which was presented back in November.



In the last edition of the newsletter we described the addition of 17 names to the war memorial and its subsequent rededication. This might not have happened without the tireless efforts, over more than 4 years, of three men who were not credited at the time - Mr. Peter Chamberlain, Mr. Peter Wilshaw and Mr. Keith Winstanley.

Use it or Lose it ~ the 8am bus service needs your support!



After the loss of funding and provision of the 07:50 bus service used by commuters and young people accessing education, Eccleshall Parish Council are subsidising an 8am bus service. Thanks to the efforts and additional funding provided by County Councillor Pert and the agreement of D&G, the service will run for a further 12 months.

Retention of the service after the 12 months is subject to an increase in the number of passengers using it, so that it becomes self funding.

The message is clear—the Parish Council need the help of residents to use the bus and enable the service to keep running after March 2020. Please help to support the retention of this service.



Small Grants Fund

Eccleshall Parish Council is able to offer funding assistance for local community groups, to support initiatives that are beneficial to the residents of the Parish.

The grants available are small amounts and are allocated to groups, not individuals.

For full information on the criteria for applications please see the grant application form, which is available on the Parish Website, at:

<https://www.eccleshallparishcouncil.co.uk/publications/>

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON WEDS 22ND MAY 2019 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

My report will summarise the main activities in which the Parish Council has been involved over the past year. Many of the events and projects will be reported in more detail by the relevant committees and their Chairpersons.

During the year Councillors Adrian Le Monnier and Tina Price had to stand down. I thank both Councillors for their excellent contributions to the work of the Council. Councillor Pete Edwards was co-opted onto the Council in November 2018 to replace Councillor Le Monnier. He was welcomed and has already made valuable contributions. As Councillor Price stood down in March 2019 there was not time to elect or co-opt a replacement before the Parish Council Elections on May 2nd, 2019.

The Council supported and assisted in two major events in June 2018. The first was an excellent and well attended Eccleshall Festival which was officially opened by the Worshipful Mayor of Stafford Borough, Councillor Ray Barron, the Lady Mayoress, Councillor Jenny Barron and the Chairman of Eccleshall Parish Council, Councillor Graham Garner. Thanks were given to the Festival Committee for their tremendous efforts.

The following day the re-dedication of the War Memorial Service took place at Holy Trinity Church in the presence of her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, Ian Dudson CBE, KStJ., the Bishop of Stafford, Rt Revd. Geoff Annas, and many other dignitaries, as well as descendants of those whose names had been added to the War Memorial in May 2018.

There were many expressions of appreciation of the service and all who had contributed to it. The Parish Council was pleased to nominate the Eccleshall Historical Society for a Borough Council Special Community Award for this project and was delighted that it was successful later in the year.

The Parish Council has been active in addressing local parking problems. With the assistance of Borough Councillor Peter Jones, and County Councillor Jeremy Pert, twenty three additional parking spaces have been found for local businesses in order to make space for shoppers on the main streets. Work on more parking spaces is ongoing.

The Community Transport Scheme has now been established and is proving to be helpful. Plans for portable speed cameras in a variety of locations on the roads of the Parish are well advanced. This project should be completed over the next few months.

Detailed consideration is being given to improving Elford pond and its surrounding area. A management plan is being developed and funding has been set aside to support this. (Continued on next page)

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The Parish Council, in conjunction with County Councillor Pert has been able to ensure that the 8am D&G bus service from Eccleshall to Stafford has been retained at least for a year. The Council thanks D&G bus company for their help and co-operation in this venture. With support from local passengers this service could continue in future years.

Throughout the year all the Council's policies, Data Protection systems, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations have been revised and updated.

The three main local housing developments are progressing. The houses on the Cross Butts development are now completed. The Council has concerns over road repairs which are now required in The Crescent. The Taylor Wimpey development is nearing completion and building is continuing on the Bovis development. The Council has had concerns over flooding issues as a result of this development. Consequently it opposed an application to build ten more houses until this issue was resolved. The Council is also anxious that the children's play areas on the Bovis and Taylor Wimpey sites will soon be completed and opened for the use of local youngsters.

Following consultations regarding the future of Eccleshall Library, the Parish Council was pleased that the Eccleshall Mercia Rotary Club has been awarded the contract to run the library. The Council has expressed its support for this venture and will continue to do so.

I 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 also thank the Clerk, Stacey Worden, for her tireless work and expertise.

In addition to myself several other Councillors will be standing down when the local elections take place on May 2nd, 2019. They are; Councillors Phil Alcock, Phil Baskerville, David Jacques and Paul Mullee. I thank them all for their service. I must make special mention, however, of Councillor Baskerville for over twenty years of service to the Parish Council. He has been a tower of strength to the Council in all of that time.

In conclusion I must express my appreciation to all the Councillors, both past and present, for their service and co-operation, particularly since I became Chairman. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have had the honour of serving and representing all in Eccleshall Parish over twelve years as a Councillor and I convey my good wishes to the new Councillor who will take office after May 2nd, 2019.

Councillor Graham Garner, Chairman, April 2019

Outgoing Chairman Graham Garner, handing over the chain of office to the new Chairman, Councillor Peter Jones. Councillor Libby Dale was appointed the new Vice-Chair.



SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - MARCH 31ST, 2019

	INCOME	EXPENSE
Precept	54850.00	
Concurrent Allowance	3733.00	
Bank Interest	114.51	
VAT reimbursements	5155.26	
Grants SBC Bloom & Christmas Trees	2975.00	
Rents	432.04	
Wayleaves	34.42	
Grants (one off project grants)	19900.00	
Other	10416.05	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	97,610.28	
General Administration		11174.32
Parks and Open Spaces		11625.72
Salaries & associated costs		19280.60
Projects		0.00
Village Halls		1000.00
Section 137 payments (Grants)		1950.00
Concurrent Allowance payments		3733.00
Highways Works		1105.00
Donations spent on additional projects		13689.33
VAT		6520.58
Earmarked Reserves		5579.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS		75,657.55
SUMMARY		
Balance brought forward 1.4.18	67,243.05	
Add total receipts (as above)	97,610.28	
Less total payments (as above)	75,657.55	
Balance carried forward 31.3.19	89,195.78	

Ros Taylor

Ros moved from Berkshire to Eccleshall in March 2013 to be closer to her family. She worked for the Reading Evening Post and The Times, then studied to be a teacher of Economics and Business Studies working in various secondary schools around the Bracknell/Wokingham areas. She is also a fully qualified Homeopath and practised for ten years before moving. For 24 years Ros sat as a Magistrate, for the Thames Valley Bench, and was Chair of the Youth Panel. She only gave this up when moving to The Midlands. Ros is very honoured to be a Parish Councillor and intends to participate fully in representing the interests of the community of Eccleshall.



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Stuart Mifflin

Stuart joined as Councillor for Croxton Ward in June, having previously served as Councillor and Chairman for Standon and Cotes Heath Parish Council for a number of years. He is an active member of the local community and is a volunteer for Croxton Speed Watch.



With his previous Parish Council experience, and as an involved member of the local community, Stuart is well placed to represent the needs and concerns of local residents.

Croxton Litter Pick

The 'Lovely Litter Pickers' of Croxton were out in force on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th April. 24 members took part in the annual 'Great British Spring Clean', collecting over 35 bags of rubbish from along the B5026 and local lanes. Most of the rubbish is thrown from passing cars, creating danger to wildlife, a health hazard and long term damage to our environment. Other rubbish was just dumped at the lay by. The message is simple—please take your litter home with you!

Cllr. Ros Langford.



Welcome to your New Councillors

Philip Stenning

Philip Stenning became a Parish Councillor in May 2019. He is a member of the Traffic Management and Enhancement Committees. He is a retired university professor of criminology, and has been living in Eccleshall since 2006, when he was appointed at Keele University. He spent six years (2011 - 2016), however, in Australia, returning to Eccleshall in May 2017.



Outside of his role as Parish Councillor, he has been involved in developing an anti-litter strategy for Eccleshall in collaboration with Councillor Peter Jones, Artisan Café owner

Lesla Le Monnier, and Bishop Lonsdale CoFE Primary Academy Principal, Karen Taylor. A proposal will be presented to the Parish Council later in the year.

Anyone interested in participating in the development of this proposal is welcome to contact him at (01785) 859984 or via e-mail at philip.stenning@eccleshallparishcouncil.co.uk

Martin Watson

My family and I moved to Eccleshall from South London in 1982 for me to take up a training position at the BT College in Yarnfield. At that time, we had three-year-old twins and a ten-month-old baby, all boys. We still live in the same house in Bishops Court. In 1985 I became involved with 1st Eccleshall Scouts initially teaching Archery and latterly becoming Scout Leader and Group Scout Leader. During my time as GSL the current brick HQ was built at its present site near the cricket club.



In 1992, I was appointed as a Magistrate on the Mid Staffordshire Bench and served until 2012 as a Deputy Chairman of both the adult and youth panels. I am still on the Supplementary list for Magistrates.

Eccleshall Guide

The Eccleshall Guide is online for all your information about Eccleshall. Guide information can be found at: www.eccleshallguide.org

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The Parish Council comprises of 15 Local Councillors representing Town, Croxton, Slindon and Horsley Wards. There are currently 2 vacancies to be filled.

The Parish has a number of assets, including:

- 1 Community Centre
- 1 playground at Croxton
- 1 set of allotments
- 4 pieces of land (Croxton, Elford Heath, Bishops Court and Eyeswells)
- 1 Clock
- 1 Hand drawn fire pump
- 6 notice boards
- 5 bus shelters
- 15 kissing gates
- 25 benches

Projects to look out for:

Did You Know?

The Council are responsible for a number of things, including:

- ◇ Supply of the town centre annual Christmas Trees
- ◇ Watering of the Eccleshall in Bloom hanging baskets
- ◇ Arranging and funding the large refuse vehicle visits
- ◇ Grass cutting in 11 areas of the Parish, which includes open spaces and some verges
- ◇ Costs of the band for the 'Carols Round the Tree' Event

Over the year ahead, plans include:

- Installation of speed indication devices to be rotated between locations throughout the Parish
- The commencement of a long term management plan for Elford Heath and Pool

Over the last 12 months, Eccleshall Parish Council has provided funding towards:

- * The retention of the 8am bus service into Stafford, protecting a service used by commuters and young people (in conjunction with the County Council and D&G).
- * The traffic calming gateways at Slindon
- * The refurbishment of the 1st Eccleshall Scout Hut project
- * The Croxton Well Dressing Festival
- * Refurbishment of Eccleshall Rugby Club portacabins
- * Grounds maintenance for local churches
- * Cleaning of the War Memorial
- * Eccleshall Festival Insurance
- * Clearing of verge overgrowth along Stone Road, Newport Road, Church St, Croxton and Slindon.

The Parish Council has also provided support for the installation of flood barriers for businesses along High Street and Stafford Street.

1%

The amount the Parish precept rose by in 2019/20

£2.26

The average amount paid for the Parish Precept per month (band D property)

72

Is the number of applications the Parish Council planning committee were consulted on during 2018. The Parish Council is consulted by Stafford Borough Council on all planning applications within the Parish.