

### **Eccleshall Allotments Association**

Please note that all dogs should remain on leads in the allotment area. This not only benefits the ploholders 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

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

July 19th, 2017

Broughton Parish Rooms

September 20th, 2017

Eccleshall Community Centre

October 18th, 2017

Offley Hay Village Hall

November 15th, 2017

Eccleshall Community Centre

January 17th, 2018

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 22nd, 2017

September 30th, 2017

November 18th, 2017

January 27th, 2018

### **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)

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# **ECCLESHALL PARISH COUNCIL**



## **NEWSLETTER JUNE 2017**

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**New Councillors**



Cllr. Phil Alcock

I have lived in Eccleshall for over thirty years, and both of my daughters have grown up and were educated in the town. We are very lucky to have such a vibrant community, and I have enjoyed participating in several of the towns clubs and societies, principally the Eccilians and the 41 Club, of which I am a past chairman. Professionally I was a senior manager with the Co-op department store in Stafford, where I was a trustee for the pension fund and represented the society in the Stafford Chamber of trade. Since joining the council I have realised how important local government is, and how it is being asked to assume more responsibilities. I intend to contribute as much as possible and have joined the Enhancement, Traffic Management and the Footpaths Committees.

I am very pleased to have been co-opted back onto the Eccleshall Parish Council. I have been living and working in Eccleshall with my husband Peter since 1993. Although now retired, my interests in helping to keep Eccleshall the country town that people can be proud to live and work in, continue. Serving as Mayoress to Peter when he was the Mayor of Stafford Borough last year gave me an additional perspective on organisations and groups, and how people work together to get the best out of life for the communities that they live in. I hope that I will be able to represent all of the people of Eccleshall and add my practical viewpoint to the council and the committees that I sit on.



Cllr. Joy E. Jones

**THE GREAT WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT**

In 2013, the Eccleshall Historical Society researched the family and military history of the 46 men and one woman of WW1 whose names appear on the War Memorial in the churchyard. The results of our research may be found at 'The War Memorial Project' on the Eccleshall Guide website, along with the names of 17 men who were born in Eccleshall but do not appear on the memorial. There was a strong feeling at the EHS that these names should be commemorated.

A meeting was called of interested organisations within Eccleshall. Here it was unanimously agreed that the names should be commemorated and the Parish Council, as custodians of the memorial, submitted an application to the War Memorials Trust for partial funding for the project. The result of that application is expected soon. Our ultimate aim is to complete the project by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018, the last day of the Eccleshall Festival, with an appropriate Service of Commemoration. The names will then be read out and remembered alongside the other names on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and on subsequent Armistice Days.

Peter Chamberlain, Eccleshall Historical Society.

## Presentations



### Councillor Frank Chapman

Councillor Chapman gave his final report to the Parish Council at the Annual Parish Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> April. He was thanked for his work as a Borough Councillor for eight years and a County Councillor for four years representing Eccleshall Parish. Appreciation was expressed for Councillor Chapman's close links with the Parish Council and for his work in the whole community. On behalf of the Parish Council, Chairman, Graham Garner, presented Councillor Chapman with a framed certificate to mark his service to the community. Good wishes were extended to Councillor Chapman and his wife, Vanessa, for a long and happy retirement.

### Mrs Christine Heelis

Mrs Heelis acted as the Clerk to Eccleshall Parish Council for the last time at the Annual Parish Meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> April. She had been the clerk for twenty two years. All the representatives of the community groups, present to give their reports, expressed their thanks to Mrs Heelis for her help and support. On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman expressed appreciation to Mrs Heelis for her outstanding contribution to the Council and the whole community over many years. She had been a shining example of public service at its very best. Mrs Heelis was presented with a painting of her choosing from The Gallery@12, a local art gallery. She was also presented with a framed certificate to mark her achievements and a floral bouquet. Good wishes from everyone were expressed to Mrs Heelis and her husband, David, for a long, happy and well deserved retirement.



**Stacey Worden** has joined the Parish Council as the new clerk, after working for a number of years at Staffordshire University, most recently on projects to raise aspirations of school children of all ages. She is looking forward to working with the Council to support the local community.



## ECCLESHALL PARISH COUNCIL

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Parish Council's past year was dominated by the death in February 2017 of the previous Chairman, Councillor David Pimble. Tributes were paid to Councillor Pimble who had been a very active Councillor for nearly twenty years and a highly valued and respected Chairman.

I think it appropriate before the formal business of the Parish Meeting begins to ask everyone to stand and join me in a minute's applause in memory of David and the service he gave.

I was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council in October 2016 after Councillor Pimble had to stand down owing to illness. My report will summarise some of the main events in which the Council has been involved over the whole year. Many of the events will be reported on in more detail by the Committees and their Chairpersons on issues which have been relevant to them.

During the past year several Councillors had to stand down. They were Becky Davies, David Dyer, Lindsay Taylor-Potts as well as David Pimble. We thank them all for their service. In their places we welcomed Councillors Adrian Le Monnier, Tina Price, Philip Alcock and Joy Jones. The new Councillors have already made important contributions to the work of the Council.

The year began on a positive note in May when a significant majority of the electorate voted in favour of accepting the Eccleshall Parish Neighbourhood Plan in the referendum. (This is not to be confused with any other referendums which may have been held elsewhere!) This result was a deserved reward for Councillor Pimble, the Clerk and all the committee who worked very hard over several years to produce the Plan. Eccleshall was one of the first Parish Councils to have the Plan in place, thanks to the committee's efforts.

Work on the two major housing developments is now well underway, particularly the Bovis development, off the Stafford Road. Problems arose in August and the autumn with the enforced closure of Stafford Road for several weeks to enable the new roundabout to be constructed. Discussions are ongoing with Bovis and the architect concerning the erection of an Eagle sculpture on the roundabout.

Work began on the Taylor Wimpey development behind the Community Centre in the autumn. The initial phase after the demolition of the school buildings caused many problems for local residents in the area. Following several meetings arranged by the Parish Council with Taylor Wimpey and the residents, progress has been made and a number of issues have been resolved. Further regular communication is planned as the work develops.

The other major issue of the year has been the impending retirement of Mrs Christine Heelis, the Clerk for the last twenty two years. Mrs Heelis announced her retirement in early November 2016 and it will take effect from 30th April 2017.

The Council expresses its gratitude to Mrs Heelis for her magnificent work over so many years and her great commitment to the Parish Council and the whole community. We wish her a long, happy and well deserved retirement (more on this later).

Following interviews on March 10th, 2017 the Council appointed Mrs Heelis's successor, Mrs Stacey Worden, who will become the Clerk as from May 1st, 2017. We have already welcomed Mrs Worden to several Council meetings and I welcome her tonight to her first Annual Parish Meeting.

In conclusion I must thank the Clerk for all her help over the year and particularly when I took on the role of Chairman. I must also thank Councillor Peter Jones for his work as Vice-Chairman, he has been a great support and has assisted me in attending meetings and taking the Chair when I have been unavailable.

### CROXTON COMMUNITY WELL DRESSING FESTIVAL SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2017

The Well Dressing Festival will take place in the village of Croxton (4 miles west of Eccleshall) on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

From 10.45am there will be five well dressings to view along the half-mile Croxton Wells Trail, and this year's theme is 'Supporting the Community: - the Emergency Services'. The event is being officially opened at 11.45am by Matthew Ellis, Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner, and this will be followed by a traditional 'Blessing of the Well'.

We hope you will come along to enjoy this wonderful local community event which celebrates rural craft and tradition, and there will be lots of displays by community groups, local businesses and of course the emergency services.

Visitors will also be able to have a go at the art and craft of well dressing, and to conclude the event, there will be a music and poetry concert from 2-4pm.



There is free parking, and refreshments will be available in St Paul's Church and from the Eccleshall Scouts BBQ in the Millennium Wood, ST21 6PF.

**More information can be found on the website at: [croxtonwelldressing.weebly.com](http://croxtonwelldressing.weebly.com)**

### SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - MARCH 31ST, 2017

	INCOME	EXPENSE
Precept	51160.00	
Concurrent Allowance	3733.00	
Bank Interest	21.81	
VAT reimbursements	2522.38	
Grants SBC Bloom & Christmas Trees	2975.00	
Rents	482.40	
Wayleaves	34.42	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>60,929.01</b>	
General Administration		11073.54
Parks and Open Spaces		8841.26
Salaries & associated costs		29121.59
Projects		1503.50
Village Halls		1000.00
Section 137 payments		1199.00
Concurrent Allowance payments		3733.00
VAT		2763.88
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>59,235.77</b>

### SUMMARY

Balance brought forward 1.4.16	<b>48,740.10</b>
Add total receipts (as above)	<b>62,929.01</b>
Less total payments (as above)	<b>59,235.77</b>
<b>Balance carried forward 31.3.17</b>	<b>50,433.34</b>

### ECCLESHALL AND STONE GIRLGUIDING TRIP

Seven girls from the Eccleshall and Stone girl guides were recently given a fantastic opportunity to go overseas, and the Parish council were able to provide a donation of £200 to support their living costs. Two of the girls went to the USA, and visited the various boroughs of New York City, before travelling to New Jersey to take part in the International Scout and Guide Jamboree. Meeting people from all over the world gave them a valuable insight into different cultures, and the basic nature of the camp made them very aware of the luxuries provided both at home and in UK camps. The other five girls went to Italy, where they stayed on a working farm, along with other groups from different organisations world-wide. The girls' activities included; helping to repair tables, benches and windows without power tools, how to make cheese, and participating in Italian language lessons. They also had two visits to Rome, and were able to study its architecture and culture.