

Newsletter



STAPELEY & DISTRICT
PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Message

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Welcome to the Autumn Edition of the Parish Newsletter.

We hope that you find the contents interesting and informative. Please contact us if you have any observations on the newsletter or have any suggestions to improve it.

As a slight departure from the usual format, we are including information on planning applications which the Parish Council has considered over the last few months. If there is anything which is guaranteed to encourage members of the public to attend Council meetings, it's planning applications!

We hope that by including brief details about applications, it will keep residents up-dated.

We are in the process of recruiting to a vacancy for a parish councillor. At the time of going to print, there are two candidates interested in the vacancy and a decision will be made at the November meeting.

NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR!

At the meeting to be held on 20 November 2017, meeting, we are considering two candidates for co-option to replace Shaun Clough who resigned as a councillor earlier in the year.

LOCAL MP LAURA SMITH (Crewe & Nantwich Constituency)

Following the successful election of Laura Smith, MP on 9 June 2017, the Parish Council is proposing to arrange a meeting with her in early 2018.

This will be a one-off meeting to enable councillors to explore her aspirations for the Borough and is

also an opportunity for residents to participate. This is especially important as she is a Stapeley resident and may have suggestions for the parish itself.

Visit the website in January for an update.

Ms Smith is a keen proponent of improvements in education, having been a teacher herself, and has already raised these issues in Parliament on several occasions.

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Please note this newsletter is also on the Parish Council's website:
www.stapeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Planning Applications

In the last few months, the Parish Council was consulted on the following planning applications. Whilst the Council can comment on applications, it is the Borough Council which makes the final decision. Planning applications which are received outside Council meeting dates are notified to Members (parish councillors) and if they consider there is something worthy of comment, will call an

additional meeting. All planning applications can be viewed on the Cheshire East Council website at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk

For full details of Parish Council observations, please view the Minutes on the website at www.stapeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk.

June meeting		September meeting	
Number:	17/2781N	Number:	17/4465N
Address:	78 Broad Lane, Stapeley, CW5 7QL	Address:	The Cedars, Wybunbury Lane, CW5 7JP
Description:	Building of single dwelling	Description:	Outline application for one dwelling
Outcome:	The Council raised concerns about access.	Outcome:	The Council made no observations
Number:	17/2471N	Number:	17/4148N
Address:	114 Broad Lane, Stapeley, CW5 7QW	Address:	13 Thalia Avenue, CW5 7RZ
Description:	Side and rear extension	Description:	Proposed small single-storey extension
Outcome:	Received outside of Council meetings. Members agreed there was no necessity for an extra meeting.	Outcome:	The Council made no observations.
Number:	17/2504N	Number:	17/4456N
Address:	Hollies Farm, Broad Lane, Stapeley, CW5 7QP	Address:	The Cedars, Wybunbury Lane, CW5 7JP
Description:	Conversion of barn to six-bed self-catering holiday lets	Description:	Reserved matters in respect of application 14/0622
Outcome:	Received outside of Council meetings. Members agreed there was no necessity for an extra meeting.	Outcome:	The Council made no observations
July meeting		Number:	17/4148N
Number:	17/3255N	Address:	13 Thalia Avenue, CW5 7RZ
Address:	The Gables, 58 London Road, Stapeley, CW5 7JL	Description:	Proposed small single-storey extension.
Description:	Proposed extension to existing two-storey annexe	Outcome:	The Council made no observations.
Outcome:	The Council made no observations.	October meeting	
Number:	17/3154N	Number:	12/3747N
Address:	66 Clonners Field, Stapeley, CW5 7GP	Address:	Land Audlem Road/Broad Lane and Peter de Stapleigh Way
Description:	Proposed single-storey side extension	Description:	Revised plans.
Outcome:	The Council made no observations.	Outcome:	The Council objected to the application.
Number:	17/3284N	Number:	17/4627N
Address:	84 Broad Lane, Stapeley, CW5 7QL	Address:	Stapeley House, Wybunbury Lane, CW5 7HH
Description:	Proposed new dwelling in side garden.	Description:	Single-storey rear extension
Outcome:	The Council objected to the application.	Outcome:	The Council made no observations.

STREET LIGHTING UPGRADE

As part of the budget proposals for 2018-2019, the Parish Council has asked Cheshire East Council (CEC) for a quote to bring the Parish Council-owned street lights up to a standard which would allow CEC to adopt them, and take on the responsibility for their future maintenance and replacement.

We expect to have this information in time for the December meeting when the budget is approved.

MULLER PROPERTY GROUP - PUBLIC INQUIRY

Application 12/3747N – Audlem Road/Broad Lane/ Peter de Stapleigh Way)

Residents will probably be aware that on 3 August 2017 the Secretary of State notified the Council that he had re-opened the Public Inquiry into this planning application.

As noted in the main list of planning applications, the Parish Council considered amended plans for this proposed development and, in addition to objecting, is planning to be represented at the next Public Inquiry to present its objections.

HS2 – High Speed Rail (West Midlands-Crewe)

The Department for Transport is working towards the submission of a Bill to Parliament authorising the construction and operation of Phase 2a of HS2. It is a requirement of Government that copies of the Bill and other documents are made available to the public. As there are over 800 documents, they are in the process of being deposited at Crewe Library. At the time of publication of this newsletter, we do not have the date when they will be available.



CCTV – VICINITY OF COMMUNITY HALL

The Council is now actively seeking quotations from companies for the installation of CCTV around the community hall.

It is expected that by the end of the year, a quotation will have been accepted and we hope that its installation will be sometime early in the New Year.

The community has been experiencing some anti-social behaviour in recent months, where significant damage has been caused, and we hope that CCTV will help to deter such behaviour.



LOCAL RESIDENTS raise funds for St Luke's Hospice and North-West Air Ambulance Service

Graham and Denise Kettle of Oak Cottage, Stapeley, held a 'Party in the Lane' in June and raised £1,060 for St Luke's Hospice and £255 for North-West Air Ambulance.

Graham and Denise plan a similar event in 2018. In the meantime, their thanks go to all those who attended or helped on the day, and the bands which played for the event.



CIVIC PRIDE WORKING GROUP

The Civic Pride Working Group, made up of five parish councillors, continues to work with SPAG and the local litter-picking team, to try to reduce the incidences of litter which became more prevalent over the summer holidays.

The area with the most litter was around the multi-use games area (MUGA).

All residents can help to keep the parish tidy by:

- 1 Ensuring that all hedges and trees do not overhang any pavement adjoining their property.
- 2 Keeping the pavement outside their property free from weeds where possible and safe to do so.
- 3 Helping elderly or infirm neighbours to keep their property neat and tidy.

Did you know?



If there are overgrown hedges and trees in your vicinity and these are either impeding walking along pavements, or are restricting light or your view at cross-roads, you can report this on-line at

www.cheshireeast.gov.uk or phone 0300 123 5020.

Go to the A-Z of services and select 'H' for hedges.

The page explains that trees and hedges

which grow on the edge of a highway which marks a boundary with private land, are the responsibility of the adjacent landowner or occupier to maintain. A full list of responsibilities is given.

If the landowner/occupier fails to take action where the hedges and/or trees are causing problems, CEC itself can arrange for this to be carried out and will then pass the cost on to the landowner/occupier.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE – NEARLY THERE!

The Neighbourhood Plan has now been subjected to the final stage in the process – the independent examination.

The Examiner has now reported to Cheshire East Council on its findings and we expect it to be acceptable, conforming to all national policies and

regulations.

The referendum is expected to be held in mid-late February. All registered electors will receive a poll card and we are also planning to give additional publicity.

Stapeley Litter Group

Stapeley Litter Group is a group of local resident volunteers, whose aim is to reduce the amount of litter throughout the Parish.

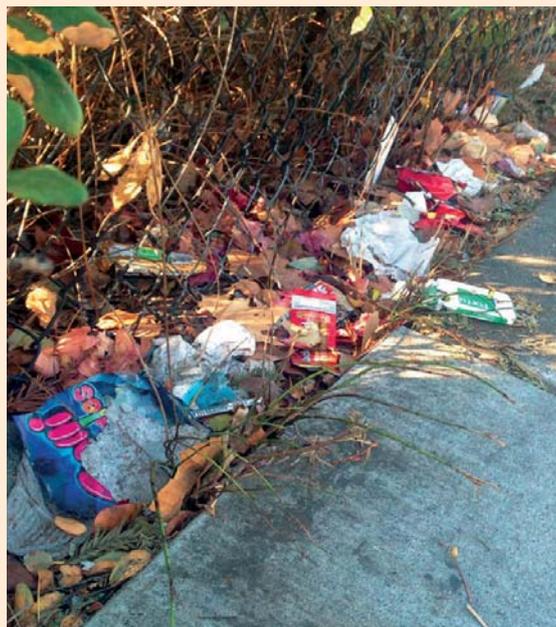
The Group litter-picks every month, meeting at the Cronkinson Farm Pub car park, picking for an hour and then convening back at the pub for coffee, kindly provided by Nichola Kitto and Steven Booth, the joint managers.

The Group has a good relationship with the Co-op, and the Manager has arranged for staff to join in on future group picks.

At the time of going to press, the next litter-pick has been arranged for Saturday, 18 November, starting at 10.00am, but it is possible that this newsletter will not be delivered until after this date.

The group is always looking for new members, so if you can spare an hour a month and want to make a difference to your local community, why not join?

For more information, please contact Jeremy Gibbs on rgibbs123@btinternet.com or 01270 623757.



Stapeley Parish Action Group (known as 'SPAG') Update on 'Walk Stapeley'

As announced in the previous newsletter, SPAG has been awarded money from Cheshire East public health budget for its 'Walk Stapeley' project to encourage more walking, both by Stapeley and Batherton residents and also by other local residents and visitors to the area.

The 'Walk Stapeley' first leaflet is to be distributed to all households in the parish and more copies will also be placed at suitable collection points for use by visitors to the area. At the time of going to print, it is intended that the leaflet will be distributed with this newsletter 'drop', but if not, will be issued soon after.

The leaflet contains seven graded local walks in and around Stapeley varying from under a mile to over four miles in length, with written instructions and a map for each walk. The graded walks include short walks around the Cronkinson Farm Estate, to Nantwich Station and back, and to Cheerbrook; and longer walks to Nantwich Riverside and around Nantwich Lake; and circular walks to Batherton and Willaston. All these walks start from the Cronkinson Farm Pub car park.

It is planned that the walk routes information will also be available on line and routes will be way-marked using coloured arrow markers.

All the routes in the leaflet have been tested by SPAG members and local residents. Two evening community walks were held; one to Batherton via Deadman's Lane and the other to Nantwich Lake.

SPAG was also fortunate to be one of 24 successful applicants awarded a grant by Wynne Baker Wilson following their £25,000 Community Pledge, to extend the 'Walk Stapeley' project. We are now planning a second 'Walk Stapeley' leaflet exploring further afield.

The 'Walk Stapeley' leaflet will have something for everyone, for all levels of mobility, who can enjoy the walks with friends and family. 'Walk Stapeley' by joining us on further Community Walks, offering to help test new routes and by sending ideas for further walks to Sue Sherwood sue@sherwood.btinternet.com or any other member of SPAG.



COMMUNITY HALL ACTIVITIES

The Community Hall continues to be well-supported with regular users and weekend parties. The current regular activities are as follows, together with contact details. Please visit the website (www.stapeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk) to view photos of the hall. Bookings can be made either by e-mail (carol.jones@stapeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk) at any time or by phoning the Clerk (01270 812065) between 9.00 am – 5.00 pm weekdays.

The hire charge is £12.00 per hour, with a minimum two-hour hire period for casual use. There is a free half hour before the event, for setting-up and a free half hour at the conclusion of the event for clearing away.

Day	Times	Activity	Contact	E-mail address
Mon	9.45 am – 2.45 pm	Baby Sensory	Jayne Edwards	southcheshire@babysensory.co.uk
	7.30 – 10.00 pm (monthly)	Parish Council	Carol Jones	carol.jones@stapeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk
Tues	10.30 am – 12 noon	Yoga	Gemma Hinde	gemmaenergyyoga@gmail.com
	1.30 – 2.30 pm	Babies' activities	Kate Barton	katemcgain@yahoo.co.uk
	6.00 – 7.00 pm	Vivassa Yoga Flow	Natasha Mamontova	natashamamontova@yahoo.com
Wed	7.30 pm – 8.00 pm	Intensive workout	Sam Bennett	SamI.bennett@hotmail.co.uk
	9.00 – 10.30 am	Intensive workout	Sam Bennett	SamI.bennett@hotmail.co.uk
First Wed Bi-monthly	12 noon – 1.30 pm	Blood Cancer Support Group	Karen Bonell	k.bonell@lymphomas.org.uk
	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Pole fitness	Sophie Smith	s.smith0807@hotmail.co.uk
Thurs	9.30 – 10.30 am	Private dance practice		
	1.30 – 2.30 pm	Babies' activities	Kate Barton	katemcgain@yahoo.co.uk
	6.00 pm – 8.00 pm	Scouts	Kerry Brown Jo Long Ellie Rose	Kez0209@btinternet.com stapeleyscouts@gmail.com stapeleybeavers@gmail.com
Fri	9.15 am – 9.45 am	Intensive workout	Sam Bennett	SamI.bennett@hotmail.co.uk
	1.00 – 2.00 pm	Soft play for under 4-year olds	Rebecca Shores	rebeccashores85@aol.com
	7.00 pm – 8.00 pm	Pole fitness	Sophie Smith	s.smith0807@hotmail.co.uk
Sat				
Sun	10.00 am – 5.00 pm (monthly)	Yoga	Rick Calligaro	rickcalligaro@hotmail.com

POLICING IN THE PARISH

Local Officers: PC 4580 MARSON and PCSO JARVIS are continuing to work in Stapeley and the surrounding villages using the new Tru Cam device to target speeding vehicles on numerous roads.

This has been set as a priority by the Wybunbury Cluster parishes which includes Stapeley.

Winter is coming; so remember to consider your security, making sure security lights are working, set your burglar alarms and timers to help prevent your property from being targeted. Be neighbourly: check on anyone who may need a little help.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) has become a problem on the Cronkinson Farm Estate over the past months. We are working hard to resolve the matter engaging with the children involved and the local community.

We would ask all residents to report any problems by calling 101. We would also

ask parents and guardians to be aware of what their children are up to when they are out and about.

And finally, we receive numerous complaints about parking in all areas. Please avoid blocking pavements and driveways and consider other road users and pedestrians. We always try to talk to vehicle-owners in an attempt to resolve problems but on some occasions, we will issue tickets, costing the vehicle owner £30.



The Christmas tree will be placed outside the Community Hall during the first week of December.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS – 2017-2018

MEETINGS HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.30 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME

We are now at the half-way mark in the Municipal Year and the meetings up to May 2018 are as follows:

18 December	This is the meeting where the budget for 2018-2019 will be finalised.
15 January 2018	
19 February	
19 March	
16 April	
21 May	Annual PARISH Meeting and Annual COUNCIL Meeting

The **Annual Parish Meeting** is held on the same evening as the **Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**. These are two separate and distinct meetings but are held for convenience on the same evening.

The Parish Meeting comprises local government electors registered for the parish. If present, the Parish Council Chairman must chair the Parish Meeting. In his absence, the Vice-Chairman must preside if she is present; otherwise the meeting must elect its own chairman from those present. A Parish Meeting may discuss parish affairs, and resolutions may be passed which the Parish Council is obliged to consider but not necessarily accept.

The Parish Meeting must assemble annually between 1 March and 1 June. Proceedings must not begin before 6 pm. Decisions are taken by a majority of those present and voting.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are elected. Committees are appointed (if required), appointments to outside bodies are made and the Annual Report is presented.

The Parish Council also takes the opportunity to deal with other routine Council business.

Parish Councillors

Elizabeth Boughey	07738 086 964
Jo Hillman (Vice-Chairman)	07766 652 011
John Davenport	01270 629987
Martin Malbon	07714 764 558
Mike Docker	01270 619855
Keith Nord	01270 618534
Peter Groves	07597 978 831
Matthew Theobald (Chairman)	07941 495 786
Sandy Gwinn-Freemantle	01270 619505

Ward Councillors

Representing the Nantwich South and Stapeley Ward

Councillor Peter Groves

(also a Parish Councillor)

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USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS:

Cheshire East Council	0300 123 5000	Planning and Building Control	0300 123 5014
Bus and train times (Traveline)	0871 200 2233	Planning Enforcement	0300 123 5014
Council Tax, Business Rates and Housing Benefit	0300 123 5013	Pot-holes and Highway Maintenance	0300 123 5020
Electoral Registration	01270 686480	Waste and Recycling	0300 123 5011
Environmental Health and Trading Standards	0300 123 5015	Local Waste and Recycling	01270 661527
Fly tipping	0300 123 5500	Pear Tree School	01270 685155
Large scale fly tipping	0800 807 060	Stapeley Broad Lane Academy	01270 685020

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