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STAPELEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter



Chairman's Message

Matthew Theobald

Dear Resident

Welcome to our Summer newsletter. It has been a little while since our last publication and we hope you like it. If you have any suggestions or comments, please let us know by contacting the Clerk (Carol Jones).

Firstly, I would like to thank my fellow councillors for electing me Chairman for another year.

Our main news is that good progress has been made on the Neighbourhood Plan which has now reached what is known as Regulation 16 stage. Cheshire East Council is now publicising it for a six-week period which terminates on 6 June 2017. After that stage, there will be an independent examination and we hope that, subject to any amendments required as a result of the examination, the referendum stage will be later in the year.

Residents will be interested to know the latest about the Muller proposal for development on land off Audlem Road/Broad Lane, Stapeley and off Peter de Stapleigh Way. See later in this newsletter.

We are pleased to report that we are giving consideration to the installation of CCTV in the vicinity of the Community Hall.

This was a budget allocation for this current financial year and we are seeking professional advice about the best way to proceed.

I am taking this opportunity, on behalf of the Parish Council to express thanks to Stapeley Parish Action Group (SPAG) for all its hard work as a local community group, which is made up entirely of volunteers. Thanks also go to Jeremy Gibbs, a local resident who has now taken over responsibility for litter-picking in the parish. Noel Wagstaff, the former Chairman of SPAG, used to deal with this, but has now moved away from Stapeley.

And finally....why not come to the Parish Councillors' surgery to be held on Sunday, 2 July between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm. There will be four parish councillors available to listen to you. This will be an opportunity for you to raise any issues of concern about the parish. If we can help, we will.

Light refreshments will be available.

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

**Drop-in
Parish Councillors'
Surgery**

**Sunday 2 July 2017
Time: 10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Stapeley Community
Hall**

Want to shine a light on your organisation?

If you run a local group and want more members, or volunteers, or just wish to let the community know what you do, why not let us have details, and a poster/flyer which we can display on the new Parish Council notice-board.

Contact the Clerk with details.



Clerk - Carol Jones • carol.jones@stapeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk • 01270 812065



Neighbourhood Planning Update

As noted in the Chairman's message, we are nearly there! The Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to Cheshire East Council which concludes the six-week publication process on 6 June 2017. The next stage is for an independent examiner to be appointed to review the Plan to ensure that it complies with all regulations, including the National Planning Policy Framework and appropriate EU legislation.

Broad Lane Coffee Club

Did you know that there is a 'Seniors' drop-in coffee (and tea!) club held every Monday morning, apart from Bank Holidays, in the Meeting Room at Broad Lane Methodist Chapel on Audlem Road, just up from The Globe.



We start at 10 am and run through to noon; and it's a great way to start the week! There is no set charge, though we do suggest a donation of just £1.50 each visit, and you do get unlimited tea and/or coffee and biscuits. There's lots of time to sit and chat though we aim to have a guest speaker every few weeks (no extra charge) and sometimes have quizzes and other games.

As the weather improves, we also arrange trips out to local places of interest, as decided by the members.

Although the Chapel has a car park with step-free access, we can also provide transport for residents who are otherwise unable to get as far as Audlem Road, at no charge.

So, if you fancy joining us on Mondays, or you know of any seniors locally, or throughout the Nantwich area, who would like to come along, do please get in touch and we look forward to seeing you there!

Alternatively, if you feel you could spare the time to volunteer to help at the Coffee Club, whatever your age, we'd also love to see you.

For further information, contact

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CIVIC PRIDE WORKING GROUP

In May last year, the Parish Council set up a Civic Pride Working Group. This was in response to the amount of litter and dog-fouling in the parish; the Group is tackling this and many other anti-social issues. The issue of littering and dog-fouling is a constant nuisance in certain areas of the Parish and the Group is looking at various ideas to try to tackle both of these issues, including poster campaigns, siting dog-poo bag dispenser units and working with Cheshire East Council.

This work complements the SPAG activities also, and the Chairman of the working group, Elizabeth Boughey, also sits on SPAG to ensure that there is a link between the two Groups.

MULLER HOUSING DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

On 12 April 2017, the Secretary of State wrote to parties who had appeared at the Public Inquiry and invited representations on –



- Progress on the emerging Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy;
- The current position regarding the 5-year supply of deliverable housing sites in the Council's area
- Any material change in circumstances, fact or policy, which may have arisen since his decision of 11 August 2016 was issued, and which the parties consider to be material to the Secretary of State's further consideration of this application.

The Parish Council responded by the due date of 9 May 2017 reminding the Secretary of State that the Neighbourhood Plan was now completed and was awaiting independent examination and a referendum.

The Parish Council also commented that it acknowledged the strategic allocations in the Local Plan and notes that the projected housing needs for Nantwich and surrounding areas during the planning period, have already been met, and exceeded through permissions already granted and completed developments.

BUDGET HEADLINES – 2017-2018

Clerk's gross salary	11,435.00
Other staffing costs	1,300.00
Clerk's expenses and stationery	500.00
Printing/delivery of newsletters	1,600.00
Insurance/Audit/Subscriptions	1,800.00
Grants	2,000.00
Neighbourhood Plan	2,000.00
Street Lighting (for Parish Council-owned street lights)	1,100.00
Parish Councillors' expenses	470.00
Grounds maintenance (includes land at Talbot Way which is owned by the Parish Council)	1,500.00
Grants	2,000.00
Speed Watch	6,400.00
Community Hall overheads and maintenance	15,500.00
Projects: Youth Initiative (yet to be decided) and CCTV	10,000.00
TOTAL	57,605.00





Stapeley Parish Action Group (known as 'SPAG')

Stapeley Parish Action Group (SPAG) was formed in 2008 following publication of the Parish Plan and was tasked with implementing the proposals in the Plan. The original Plan was drawn up by a Steering Committee of local residents. Since then, members of SPAG have carried out important community work and it liaises closely with the Parish Council.

The Plan was updated in 2012 and this saw the creation of a litter group which picks litter regularly. SPAG works with ANSA (the arms-length company wholly-owned by Cheshire East Council) to obtain more litter bins and re-site existing ones more appropriately. The Group is involved in schemes to try to reduce dog poo, plant bulbs and work with local schools and Cubs and Brownies, monitor speeding and continue to work hard to identify land ownership and responsibilities for maintenance. Members are represented at the Police Cluster meetings and on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group; and there are two parish councillors who sit on SPAG representing the Parish Council.

And... last but not least, SPAG was instrumental in building the playground on the corner of Peter de Stapleigh Way and Pear Tree Field, the first phase of which was opened by actor and former Brine Lees pupil, Ben Miller; the second phase was opened by our MP, Edward Timpson.

BUT SPAG urgently needs your help, not only to continue the work it's been doing, but also to do new things: to launch 'Walk Stapeley', a public health initiative to encourage people to walk more by identifying local pathways and bridle-paths using leaflets and arrow markers, as well as arranging community walks, for which SPAG obtained a grant at the recent participatory budgeting competition, and to improve the playground.

We need volunteers. It would be good to have some new Group members. The time involved is a few meetings a year, but we also have several working groups where you can help improve our community by becoming involved occasionally in things that particularly interest you. This might be monitoring speeding (using an approved radar gun), dog mess (we have spray cans), picking litter (we have equipment), recreational activities, planning walking routes and so on.

So, if you have a few hours to spare, please contact the secretary Sue Sherwood, email suevsherwood@btinternet.com or phone on 01270 629666.

We will be very pleased to welcome your help.

'BITS AND BOBS'

Facebook Page: The Council's Facebook page has previously been used exclusively for the Neighbourhood Plan, but is now being updated as a means of engaging more with the community and, in particular, younger residents.

Local Democracy Week: Unless you are involved in local government, you will probably not be aware of this national initiative which is aimed at encouraging school-children to become involved in democracy. It takes place in October each year, and last year, an event was held at Pear Tree School when parish councillors were able to demonstrate how voting at elections took place by staging a mock election.

The events for this year have not yet been finalised, but we hope that it will prove to be informative and of interest to young people.

Christmas Tree: The Christmas tree outside the community hall in December 2016 received positive feedback from residents and it is planned to repeat this again this year, with more bright LED lights and an improved tree topper, but possibly with two Christmas trees, each at different locations.

Automated External Defibrillator: It's been a long time coming, but we hope to have the defibrillator fitted to the external wall of the Cronkinson Farm Pub sometime in July. There have been a number of difficulties causing the delay and we know this has been a frustration for residents. Once installed, we hope to arrange an awareness session at which North-West Ambulance Officers will be in attendance.

Useful Contact Details

Cheshire East Council	.0300 123 5500
Buses and bus passes	.0300 123 5020
Buses and train times (Traveline)	.0871 200 2233
Council tax, business rates and housing benefit	.0300 123 5013
Electoral registration	.0300 123 5016
Environmental Health and Trading Standard	.0300 123 5015
Fly tipping	.0300 123 5500
Large-scale fly tipping	.0800 807 060
Planning and Building Control	.0300 123 5014
Planning Enforcement	.0300 123 5014
Pot-holes and highway maintenance	.0300 123 5020
Waste and recycling	.0300 123 5011
Local number (waste and recycling)	.01270 215818
Pear Tree School	.01270 685155
Stapeley Broad Lane Academy	.01270 685020
Brine Leas School	.01270 625633



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) or by phoning the Clerk (01270 812065). 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	Linda Boyd	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	gemma.hinde@hotmail.co.uk
	7.30 pm – 8.00 pm	Intensive workout	Sam Bennett	Saml.bennett@hotmail.co.uk
Wed	9.00 – 10.30 am	Intensive workout	Sam Bennett	Saml.bennett@hotmail.co.uk
	6.30 – 8.30 pm	Pole fitness	Sophie Smith	s.smith0807@hotmail.co.uk
Thurs	9.30 – 10.30 am	Private dance practice		
	6.00 pm – 8.00 pm	Scouts	Kerry Brown / Jo Long	Kez0209@btinternet.com stapeleyscouts@gmail.com
Fri	9.15 am – 9.45 am	Intensive workout	Sam Bennett	Saml.bennett@hotmail.co.uk
	10.45 – 11.45 am	Exercise with babies	Charlotte Day	crewe@exercisewithbaby.co.uk
	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

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OBITUARY

MARK GLYNNE WILLIAMS



We end this newsletter on a very sad note in reporting the death of Mark Williams on 25 February 2017.

Mark, who was a resident of Stapeley, was not only a friend to most of the Members of the Parish Council, but was also a regular contributor at meetings. He had extensive planning knowledge and made a valuable contribution over many years to the work of the Parish Council by providing expert evidence to enable cogent observations to be made on a great variety of planning matters. We even tried to get him to join the Parish Council when a seat became vacant last year, but to no avail. He would have been a great asset.

He will be greatly missed and Members of the Council extend their condolences to his family in the hope that they will be able to support one another during a most difficult time.

