

Newsletter



Dear Resident

This is a shorter than usual newsletter, but we hope that you will find it informative.

The Parish Council's focus over the last twelve months has been principally on finalising the NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN which has now reached Regulation 15 stage. This means that by the time you read this newsletter, the Parish Council will have approved the final Draft Plan and it will be issued to Cheshire East Council to publicise it for a six-week period. This will allow a further opportunity for anyone who either lives, works or carries on a business in the area to comment.

At the conclusion of this stage, it may be necessary to make some minor amendments to the Plan, following which it will be examined by an independent examiner to ensure that it complies with national and EU regulations. If it is approved, a referendum is held (organised and funded by CEC) to ensure that the electorate is in favour (anything over 50% carries the vote).

The Plan then becomes 'made' which means that it has the same statutory basis as the Local Plan and must be taken into consideration when the Borough Council determines any planning application in the area.

Come to the meeting on 10 November 2016 and have your say on what should be included in the budget for 2017-2018. There will be a special slot to allow residents to make suggestions.

Parish Council Meetings and Parish Councillor Contact Details

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MEETINGS

Held in the Community Hall, Pear Tree Field
Commencing at 7.30 pm

10 NovemberBUDGET MEETING Come and have your say! To be held at Broad Lane Methodist Chapel, Audlem Road, Nantwich
21 November
19 DecemberBudget to be finalised
16 January 2017
20 February
20 March
10 Aprilsecond Monday
13 MayAnnual Meeting

MULLER HOMES PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IN STAPELEY

Residents will be aware of the history to this decision, but in summary, the Borough Council refused two planning applications submitted by Muller Homes for development on land between Audlem Road/Broad Lane and Peter de Stapleigh Way (12/3746N and 12/3747N). This was eventually referred to the then Secretary of State, Eric Pickles who dismissed the appeal on 17 March 2015.

Muller Homes challenged that decision in the High Court under what is known as a S.288 appeal. The Department for Communities and Local Government recently informed the Parish Council that both appeals have been refused. The letter, setting out the full reasons for refusal of planning permission, can be found on the Parish Council's website.

Muller Homes has now applied for judicial review and we await the outcome. Judicial review does not examine the merits of the application, but whether the process was flawed in some way.

We will keep you up-dated via the website.

STAPELEY PARISH ACTION GROUP

Stapeley Parish Action Group has been active on several fronts over the summer. It has started examining a refurbishment programme for the Stapeley Playground. It is working with ANSA (Cheshire East Council) to improve the appearance and condition of the area and equipment.

The Group's litter-pickers have continued with both regular community and individual activities. The area around the multi-use games area (MUGA) adjacent to the community hall continues to be the major problem.

Contact has been maintained with the Community Wardens on the Cheshire East Dog-Watch initiative to reduce the incidence of dog fouling.

Additional volunteers for the Speed-watch team have been trained by Cheshire Police and the team's results have confirmed residents' complaints that Broad Lane has the highest incidence of speeding in the parish. The team will continue to liaise with the Police across the parish.

YOUTH SHELTER

(adjacent to the Community Hall)

The Parish Council made provision in its budget for this year to provide a shelter for young people adjacent to the multi-use gamers area next to the community hall.

The Council was in the process of seeking quotations for the shelter but has now, reluctantly, decided to put this on-hold for the time being, following numerous incidents of vandalism around the community hall area, including the removal of part of the fencing. As a consequence, the Parish Council will now need to consider changing the fencing for something more robust and as this is paid for by the Parish Council, the cost is then passed on to residents through their Council tax.

We know that this will be a disappointment to many residents; however, if the vandalism can be addressed, and reduced, the matter will be reconsidered.

CIVIC PRIDE WORKING GROUP

The Parish Council has set up a Civic Pride Working Group which has been given the task of considering ways in which the area can be improved, taking into account reduction in anti-social behaviour such as littering, and also grounds maintenance issues. This will complement the valuable work undertaken by Stapeley Parish Action Group.

One of the group's initiatives was to organise a competition for children to vote on the colour of lights to adorn the Christmas tree to be placed outside the community hall.

The vote was held at Pear Tree School on 14 October. The day started with Edward Timpson, MP for Crewe and Nantwich, addressing the pupils. In the afternoon, a mock polling station was set up using voting booths and a ballot box. Each pupil took it in turns to give their name and were provided with a ballot paper to vote on what colour lights should be used. The overall result was for multi-coloured lights.

This was an event which was well-received by teaching staff, parents and pupils and was arranged as part of Local Democracy Week, a national initiative, and gave pupils what was probably their first introduction into politics.

Stapeley Community Hall REGULAR ACTIVITIES – FROM SEPTEMBER 2016 The hall is generally available for parties at weekends. Bookings can be made by telephoning 01270 812065, or e-mail carol.jones @stapeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk	Day	Times	Activity	Contact	E-mail address
	Mon	9.45am – 2.45pm	Baby Sensory	Linda Boyd	southcheshire@babysensory.co.uk
	7.30 – 10.00pm	Parish Council	Carol Jones	carol.jones@stapeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk	
Tues	1.00 – 2.00pm	Babies' activities	Sophie Smith	s.smith0807@hotmail.co.uk	
	4.30 – 5.30pm	Babies' activities	Sophie Smith	s.smith0807@hotmail.co.uk	
	7.30pm – 8.30pm	Intensive workout	Sam Bennett	Saml.bennett@hotmail.co.uk	
Wed	9.00 – 10.00 am	Intensive workout	Sam Bennett	Saml.bennett@hotmail.co.uk	
	11.00 – 12 noon	Babies' activities	Sophie Smith	s.smith0807@hotmail.co.uk	
	1.00 – 3.00pm	Moo Music	Natalie Bartlett	natalie@moo-music.co.uk	
	6.00 – 9.00pm	Babies' activities	Sophie Smith	s.smith0807@hotmail.co.uk	
Thurs	6.00pm – 8.00pm	Scouts	Kerry Brown	Kez0209@btinternet.com	
			Jo Long	stapeleyscouts@gmail.com	
Fri	9.00am – 10.00am	Intensive workout	Sam Bennett	Saml.bennett@hotmail.co.uk	
	10.30am – 12.30pm	Exercise with babies	Charlotte Day	Healthandhappinessforever1@gmail.com	
	7.30pm – 8.30pm	Intensive workout	Sam Bennett	Saml.bennett@hotmail.co.uk	
Sat					
Sun	10.00am – 5.00pm (once a month)	Yoga	Rick Calligaro	rickcalligaro@hotmail.com	