

NEWSLETTER

Stapeley & District Parish Council

(On-line) April 2017

Dear Resident

Welcome to this on-line version of the newsletter. Our next paper copy will be delivered to households in mid-May; however, we thought that it was important to provide updates on some of the Parish Council's projects.

Matthew Theobald (Chairman)

Neighbourhood Planning Update

We're nearly there! We have now reached what is known as Regulation 15 stage. This means that the final Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to Cheshire East Council which will now publicise it for a six-week period. When this period is completed (probably early May), the document will then be subject to examination by an Independent Examiner, whose job it is to make sure that it complies with various regulations, including EU, and national planning policies.

The next stage, provided it is approved by the Examiner, is for a referendum to be held and this is likely to be in the Autumn. Every registered elector will receive a poll card.

The Parish Meeting is for 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 and this can include registered electors. 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 conclusion of the Parish Meeting, the Annual COUNCIL Meeting will be held and this is where the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are elected; committees are appointed (if required), appointments to outside bodies are made; various policies and procedures are updated; and the Annual Report is presented.

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 15 MAY 2017 – 7.00 PM STAPELEY COMMUNITY HALL

This meeting is somewhat different from ordinary Parish Council meetings.

For convenience, it is held on the same evening as the Annual COUNCIL Meeting. These are two separate and distinct meetings but are held for convenience on the same evening.

CCTV – Community Hall

We have allocated £5,000 in the budget for 2017-2018 for the provision of CCTV around the community hall.

This is currently being explored and we have asked Cheshire East Council (CEC) about the possibility of extending this to slightly beyond the curtilage of the community hall. As that is CEC land, it will need to give permission.



Broad Lane Coffee Club

Επι γου κρισω 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.

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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 our secretary Sue Sherwood, email suevsherwood@btinternet.com or phone on 01270 629666.

We will be very pleased to welcome your help.

