Newsletter

STAPELEY & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Message

Matthew Theobald

Dear Resident,

Welcome to our Summer newsletter, our first since the Spring's flurry of elections, both local and European.

Firstly, I would like to thank my fellow councillors for electing me Chairman for another year. Together with our newly (re)elected Councillors, I hope to build upon the work done over the past few years towards making our community more vibrant and inclusive.

Have you already seen some new benches appearing around our neighbourhood in recent weeks? Many of these new seats are located on popular local walking routes. Their installation coincides with Stapeley Parish Action Group (SPAG) publishing a second series of walks in the area, a copy of which has been delivered with this newsletter.

Make the most of the Summer and explore some of the routes. SPAG gets involved in many aspects of life in Stapeley and Batherton and this newsletter includes a brief review of the group's recent activities along with an invitation to let them know how you can help.

You may recall mention in previous newsletters of the on-going incidents of vandalism around our Community Hall. We now have CCTV installed, to protect the hub of our community from repeated incidents.

Unbelievably, it's now nearly 18 months since our Neighbourhood Plan was finished and adopted as a planning document. Inside this newsletter is a brief look back at the difference this Plan has already made to our area.

We hope that you find this newsletter useful and informative. If you have any suggestions or comments, please let us know by contacting the Clerk (Carol Jones).

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

ELECTION RESULTS 2 MAY 2019

At the Elections on 2 May 2019, there were eight candidates validly nominated for a total of 10 seats on the Parish Council (1 for Batherton and 9 for Stapeley). See later page for contact details for the councillors.

This means that there were two vacancies remaining. These were both advertised (for co-option only) and at the Parish Council meeting on 17 June 2019 Keith Nord and Peter Groves (previous parish councillors) were co-opted.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

18 MONTHS ON; WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED?

It was with baited breath, nervous conversation and some pacing of the floor, that back in February 2018, we awaited the results of a referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan. The plan was created thanks to a huge amount of effort by a dedicated group of volunteers over several years. As you'll recall, the result was a resounding "Yes" to the Neighbourhood Plan, which immediately became a key document in local planning decisions.

Indeed, scant days later, your Neighbourhood Plan proved a pivotal element of our Council's representations to a second Public Inquiry into the proposed "Nantwich South" development – although unbelievably, we're still waiting to learn the Secretary of State's decision, 17 months later.

Since that time, Neighbourhood Plan policies have formed the backbone of the Parish Council's objections to numerous inappropriate speculative planning applications – standing up for what we, as a community, said really mattered about where we live. The need for types of housing that's right for our community, adequate infrastructure and prevention of unwarranted building in our open countryside are important to us all; that's why they featured in our responses to a number of applications. There have also been occasions where planning applications met the needs of our Neighbourhood Plan, so naturally, our comments have been supportive in those cases.

As for the next 18 months? The Parish Council will continue to hold true to the hopes and aspirations of everyone who lives in our lovely area, as written down in our community's Plan.

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

(AT THE COMMUNITY HALL)

Cheshire East Council and Stapeley & District Parish Council have been working together to develop Stapeley Community Hall as a local neighbourhood Connected Community Centre.

What is a Connected Communities Centre?

Connected Communities Centres are being established to deliver the right services, in the right places at the right time. Cheshire East Council acknowledges that a close working relationship with a range of venues within communities provides the Council and other partners with a stable and consistent location to work with residents and key stakeholders to address local issues and develop the provision of local services.

Cheshire East Council will establish Stapeley & District Parish Council as a franchisee and as such, the Council must provide 5 hours a week for use by various community organisations, at no charge to the organisation itself.

This can be a range of activities; coffee mornings to reduce isolation, computer classes, dance classes, fitness classes, sharing problems, support for carers – there's something for everyone.

The Parish Council is hoping to offer services which can be delivered closer to the community as many people in Stapeley are not able to travel to Nantwich; the community hall is within walking distance for many residents. The following are examples of the range of services that could be offered:

- 'Flu vaccinations during winter months.
- Access to mental health services.
- Other specific clinics if there is a need.
- Coffee club for older persons who might feel lonely and/or isolated.
- Drop-in social sessions.
- Possibility of youth activity sessions, whether casual or organised.

There are no firm bookings as yet as the Parish Council is required to go through an assessment process organised by CVS Cheshire East, but it is expected that this scheme will be fully operational during the year.

STAPELEY PARISH ACTION GROUP

Stapeley Parish Action Group (SPAG) is delighted to announce that its second Walk Stapeley leaflet is ready for distribution enclosed with this newsletter..

The new leaflet contains four longer walks to complement our earlier leaflet of seven short walks. (Stapeley Walk 1). Although there is some overlap in length with the earlier leaflet, the walks in the new leaflet (Stapeley Walk 2) are more demanding while varying in length from just over 3 miles to in excess of 7 miles. Two of the walks start at Stapeley House Tea Rooms; one goes to Wybunbury and back via Haymoor Green; the other to Batherton and back. The two other walks start at Cronkinson's Farm Pub car park. One goes to Acton and return; the other to Hack Green and return via Batherton.

Copies of both leaflets will be available at the Stapeley House Tea Room, Cronkinson Farm Pub, Cheerbrook Farm Shop and Stapeley Co-op store as well as several places in Nantwich, including the Information Centre at the Civic Hall. Copies of both leaflets may also be viewed on the Stapeley & District Parish Council notice-board and can be downloaded from

http://www.stapeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/documents/other/Walk%20Stapeley.pdf

We hope you enjoy these walks, BUT In common with many other voluntary organisations, SPAG is struggling to recruit and retain new Group Officers and is, therefore, unlikely to be able to continue holding about four meetings a year, beyond the end of the year, without an urgent injection of new members. This would be a shame since the objective of the Group is to 'promote, develop and enhance the community of Stapeley and Batherton parishes'. With this in mind, please consider sparing us some time, perhaps to take forward or change something close to your heart which you think would improve the area in which we live. Just contact Sue Sherwood on suevsherwood@btinternet.com who will be pleased to hear from you; and check out our Facebook page (Stapeley Parish Action Group).

You may not know that amongst our other achievements, SPAG oversaw the building and opening of the children's playground which began with working together with Cheshire East Council to find a suitable site (adjacent to Pear Tree School) and raising all the required monies, through to handover to Cheshire East Council. Over the years, SPAG has also organised such events as family fun days, bulb planting and also engaged with local young people in schools and groups, such as Cubs.

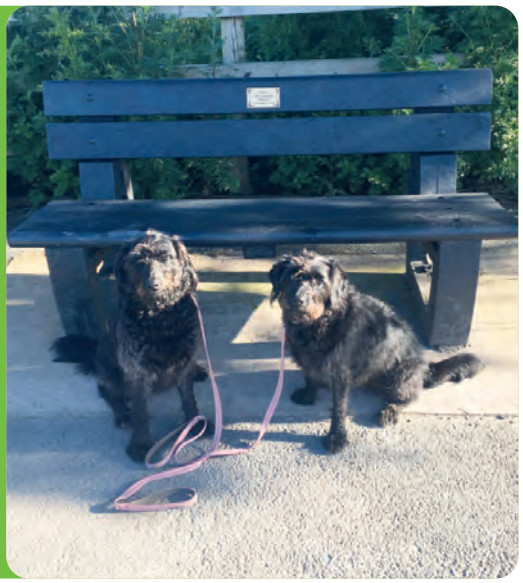
SPAG also initiated the local litter group which, with a programme of regular litter picks, continues to work closely with Nantwich Town Council Litter Volunteers Co-ordination Group. Contact Jeremy Gibbs on rgibbs123@btinternet.com for more information.

SPAG continues to support the Neighbourhood and Rural Watch Schemes and is represented on the Police Cluster Committee. A Speed-watch programme has been developed in conjunction with Cheshire Police, with several SPAG members trained in the use of speed cameras so that speeding 'hot spots' may be monitored. The group has its own Twitter feed - Stapeley Community Speedwatch @SSpeedwatch.

New Benches in The Parish

Six new benches have now been installed and placed at the following locations. See photograph and 'models' by courtesy of one of our parish councillors:

- Cul-de-sac end of London Road
- Peter de Stapleigh Way adjacent to 26 Comberbach Drive
- Broad Lane/First Dig Lane (piece of land at the junction on The White House side of the road).
- Peter de Stapleigh Way adjacent to Hawksey Drive entrance.
- Second Dig Lane on the triangle at the junction with London Road (A51).
- Lawned area at Talbot Way



ELECTORS' RIGHTS TO INSPECT THE ACCOUNTS (2018-2019)

The accounts for 2018-2019 have been audited. Registered electors are able to inspect the accounts between 1 July – 9 August 2019.

Separate notices have been published, but even if you miss the deadline dates and wish to inspect the accounts, please contact the Clerk to arrange a mutually convenient appointment. (clerk@stapeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk; or phone 01270 812065).

POLICE HUB – COMMUNITY HALL



PCSO Alexis Barrington (22871) is now a regular 'fixture' at the Community Hall.

She holds surgeries in the office on certain weekdays. Please check the noticeboard outside the hall for details of forthcoming dates and also on social media.

The surgeries are generally arranged around school drop-off and pick-up times when a high number of local residents are passing.

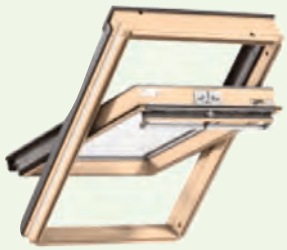
She can also be contacted via her Facebook account which is Nantwich South and Stapeley Police.

Her Twitter account is @nantSthStapPol.

E-mail address is alexis.barrington@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

if you have any issues you wish to discuss in confidence, please pop into one of the surgeries.

DID YOU BUY VELUX WINDOWS BETWEEN 1997 AND 2003?



The company has recalled some of its windows sold between 1997 and 2003, but possibly installed at a later date.

Residents who are concerned are asked to call the Customer Care phone No. 01592 778 225.

Serial numbers vary but further information is on the Velux UK website which is –

httpls://www.velux.co.ukhelp-and-advice/product-pane-warning

BUDGET – 2019-2020 – KEY HEADLINES

Item	£
Clerk's salary and NI contribution/payroll costs The Council has one employee: The Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer who also manages the Community Hall.	13,700.00
Clerk's expenses, including travel, phone and stationery supplies	500.00
Printing/delivery of newsletters	1,700.00
Insurance/Audit/Subscriptions	2,100.00
Street Lighting (for Parish Council-owned street lights)	1,100.00
Grounds maintenance –	
• Talbot Way conservation area • Talbot way fenced and lawned area • Other grass-cutting around the parish	3,000.00
Grants – up to £250 per application	1,000.00
Parish Councillors' expenses	950.00
Speed-Watch	
• Downloading of data and moving units around the parish	2,600.00
• Repairs to units	500.00
• Additional unit for Broad Lane	3,000.00
Contribution to Cheshire East Council to fund lighting at the MUGA adjacent to the Community Hall	5,000.00

Item	£
Community Hall - Overheads including:	
• Gas supply	1,000.00
• Cleaning	7,500.00
• Window cleaning	240.00
• Hygiene services (nappy disposal/feminine hygiene dispenser)	800.00
• Fortnightly waste collection	500.00
• Water services	2,000.00
• Electricity supply	1,000.00
• Maintenance costs (ring-fenced)	6,000.00
• Statutory testing of equipment	300.00
• Christmas tree/lights for Community Hall	300.00
CCTV at Community Hall	1, 300.00
Project for 2019-2020	
• Provision of seats located around the parish (part-funded up to £4,000 in 2018-2019)	2,000.00
• Heavy duty planters for location outside community hall (funded in 2018-2019 but not yet implemented).	
Unallocated Reserves	3,000.00
TOTAL	61,090.00



COMMUNITY HALL – REGULAR BOOKINGS

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
	Third Mon 7.30 – 10.00 pm	Parish Council	Carol Jones	carol.jones@stapeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk
Tues	9.00 am – 10.00 am	Pilates	Wendy McKenna	Wendymckenna1969@gmail.com
	4.00 – 6.00 pm	Meditation	Amy Beck	amy-beck@hotmail.co.uk
	7.30 pm – 8.00 pm	Intensive workout	Sam Bennett	Saml.bennett@hotmail.co.uk
Wed	9.15 – 10.30 am	Intensive workout	Sam Bennett	Saml.bennett@hotmail.co.uk
	First Wed Bi-monthly 12 noon – 1.30 pm	Blood Cancer Support Group	Karen Bonell	k.bonell@lymphomas.org.uk
	5.00 – 8.00 pm	TGA Martial Arts	Damian Glasheen	damian@tgagroup.co.uk
Thurs	4.00 – 5.00 pm	Miss Jolene Dancing	Jo Smith	missjolenes@live.co.uk
	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm	Beavers	Pete Lonsdale	stapeleybeavers@gmail.com
	7.00 pm - 8.00 pm	Cubs	Ellie Rose	stapeleyscouts@gamil.com
Fri	9.15 am – 9.45 am	Intensive workout	Sam Bennett	Saml.bennett@hotmail.co.uk
	10.30 – 11.30 am	Miss Jolene Dancing	Jo Smith	missjolenes@live.co.uk
	1.00 – 2.00 pm	Miss Jolene Dancing	Jo Smith	missjolenes@live.co.uk
	6.00 – 7.00 pm	Meditation	Elina Cernakevica	elina.cernakevica@gmail.com
Sat	Weekends are available for private parties.			
Sun				

CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) – COMMUNITY HALL



CCTV has now been installed at the Community Hall, with 24-hour coverage.

The purpose of the cameras is to ensure that the hall is only accessed by authorised hirers and is only used during the agreed hours. The system will not be used to invade the privacy of any individual.

This is primarily for surveillance and security purposes and in the event of any anti-social behaviour or criminal activity within the curtilage of the Community Hall, the recordings can be passed on to the Police as part of the evidence.

it will provide a level of comfort to the regular users of the hall, some of whom have previously expressed concern that they have experienced harassment from individuals during their activities. It is hoped that the CCTV will deter such behaviour in the future, but if it persists, this provides the Parish Council with a potential remedy.

Parish Councillors Contact Details

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Georgina Gwinn 07985 248 697

John Davenport 01270 629986

Sandy Gwinn-Freemantle 01270 619505

Mike Docker 01270 619855

Jo Hillman (Vice-Chairman) 07766 652 011

Stephen Ford 07718 636 830

Keith Nord 01270 618534

Peter Groves 07597 978 831

Matthew Theobald (Chairman) 07041 495 786

CALENDAR OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS – 2019-2020

Meetings of the Council are held on the third Monday in the month and are held in the Community Hall, Pear Tree Field, Stapeley commencing at 7.30 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME

Members of the public are welcome (and are entitled) to attend meetings and are able to address the Parish Council during the Public Question Time slot. Agendas are published on the website at least three clear days before each meeting and the notice of meetings is displayed in the notice-board which is adjacent to the Community Hall. :

Date	Notes
16 May 2019	This is the date of both the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council which is the first meeting in the new municipal year.
17 June	
15 July	
August	SUMMER RECESS
16 September	
21 October	
18 November	The Parish Council will give initial consideration to its budget for 2020-2021 and members of the public are particularly encouraged to attend this meeting to express their views on the budget proposals during the Public Question Time slot.
16 December	The Parish Council will agree its budget for the year 2020-2021.
20 January 2020	
17 February	
16 March	
20 April	
18 May	This is the date of both the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS:

Cheshire East Council	0300 123 5000
Bus and train times (Traveline)	0871 200 2233
Council Tax, Business Rates and Housing Benefit	0300 123 5013
Electoral Registration	09300 123 5016
Environmental Health and Trading Standards	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 Waste and Recycling	01270 661527
Pear Tree School	01270 685155
Stapeley Broad Lane Academy	01270 685020
Police – non-emergency	101

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