

Parish Councillors by Ward

Loggerheads Ward

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Cllr Sue Fox
Cllr Ed Martin
Vacancy
Cllr David Loades
Cllr Tony McCullagh
Vacancy

Ashley Ward

Cllr Dan Ellis
Cllr Bunty Hodgkins
Cllr Ashley Howells
Cllr Alan Machin
Cllr Chris Taylor

Mucklestone Ward

Cllr Jamie Friend
Cllr Graham Sedgley
Cllr Jim Vallings

Tyrley Ward

Cllr Bert Bennion
Cllr Roy Claydon
Cllr Julian Jackson

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GRANTS FROM LOGGERHEADS PARISH COUNCIL

**Are you a local organisation / community group?
You may be entitled to a grant from Loggerheads
Parish Council. To apply or for further details
please contact our clerk, Jess Jenkinson using
the contact details on the front of the newsletter.**



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Dear Resident

Welcome to the December edition of Your Parish Council newsletter, hopefully you will be able to see some of the improvements within the parish since the last newsletter, including grit bins in various locations within the parish, new 30mph reminder signs through the village of Ashley and sign improvements along the A53 which are part of Staffs County Council Road Safety improvement scheme. The Parish Council were aware that a number of residents struggled during the winter months and for this reason the Parish Council is funding a grit route which will hopefully alleviate some of the problems that were experienced.



As always we welcome any thoughts or comments so please feel free to get in touch.

Jess Jenkinson—Clerk to the Council

Are you interested in an Allotment?

Loggerheads Parish Council is keen to hear from residents to ascertain whether they may be interested in the provision of some allotments in Knighton, we are asking anyone in the Parish to get in touch if they are interested. Please contact Jess Jenkinson using the details on the top of this newsletter.

Thanks



Tadgedale Green Space
Turning Circle (by pumping station)

Following a report of an unfortunate accident to a young lady (6 years old) in early October efforts were made by the Information Shop and Parish Council to establish who is responsible for this area. The ground is leased to Severn Trent Water (STW) and they examined the site and although it is fit for their purpose they have agreed that the surface needs to be changed. Over the next few weeks STW will arrange the removal of the strip of the grasscrete blocks and create a path similar to the path next to the play equipment. This will also cover (top dress) and seed the rest of the blocks to create a grassed and pleasant area to walk on.

It will be necessary to close the pathway between the bridge and the existing path for a short while. However access, to the play equipment and the village will still be available via the bridge at the end of Sharpland.

Future Meeting Dates

Thursday 27 January 2011
Thursday 24 February 2011
Thursday 24 March 2011

****Please Check Parish Notice Boards for venue****

MEETINGS COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PLANNING COMMITTEE WHICH IS AT 7PM

All meetings are open to the public, there is a public participation session prior to the start of the meeting, please come along and share your issues and views with us.

Maintenance

If you are interested in tendering for the maintenance contract for parish council owned land and the play areas please contact the clerk for a pack using the contact details on the front of the newsletter.

Community Chest

Community Chest Grants are available to eligible community groups, contact the clerk for further details.

Please check the Parish Council notice boards or the website www.loggerheadsparishcouncil.com for the date and venue of our December meeting.

Parish Council and their part in the Planning Process

A Parish Council is what is known as a "Statutory Consultee" which means that the Planning Authority (County Council or Borough Council) must forward to the relevant Parish Council any planning application within the parish all the plans and relevant applications, for consideration.

A time limit is placed on the local consultation time, usually within 3 weeks, and during that time a Parish Council may do anything it thinks necessary to ensure adequate reflection of its views.

A Parish Council may make any comments on any application, and under certain circumstances it may request an extension of time for the submission of its views.

As a Parish Council is not itself a Planning Authority, the best it can hope for is that its views are taken into consideration by the Authority's Planning Officer or its Planning Committee. Further, it may request (but not require) that its Borough or County Councillors "call in" any application (this means usually that's it is taken to the Planning Committee rather than being decided only Planning Officers). This "calling in", however, is at the discretion of the Borough or County Councillors and not mandatory.

Any Parishioner may of course inspect any application and make comments within the specified consultation period. This includes Parish Councillors who may in this regard act in addition to their function as Parish Councillors.

Most Parish Councils (including Loggerheads Parish Council) make comments on applications but it has to be remembered that ONLY comments which are relevant to Planning Policy themselves need to be considered by the Planning Authority. A Parish Council and Planning Authority should make available to the public any application.

Any comments made by any person or Statutory Consultee should be considered and weighed up by the Planning Authority and reported prior to any decision by Committee or Officers. However, both Planning Officers and Planning Committees have wide discretion and paramount to the process is the over-arching requirement to conform with local or national planning guidelines. The Planning Authority must consider whether its decision can be appealed, whether it wishes to defend its position and if so what the financial considerations might be.

If an application is refused, only the Applicant may appeal. If it is allowed the only recourse is by the Secretary of State who may "call in" and review the permission and refuse it or set additional conditions. If it is believed the law has been incorrectly applied, Judicial Review may be sought.

Essential to the whole process is constant vigilance by the Public and Parish Councils, to avoid permissions being given by default or being given in ignorance of specific local issues of which the Planning Authority may not be aware.