

Report – October 2019

1. Future Meetings & Events.

2019 – 2nd October, 6th November, 4th December.

2020 – 8th January, 5th February, 4th March, 1st April, 13th May APM / AGM, 3rd June, 1st July, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December.

2021 – 6th Jan, 3rd Feb, 3rd Mar, 7th Apr, 12th May, 2nd Jun, 7th Jul, 1st Sep, 6th Oct, 3rd Nov, 1st Dec.

2022 – 5th Jan, 2nd Feb, 2nd Mar, 6th Apr, 11th May, 1st Jun, 6th Jul, 7th Sep, 5th Oct, 2nd Nov, 7th Dec.

2023 – 4th January, 1st February, 1st March, 5th April APM. (**Elections** 4th May) 17th May AGM, 7th Jun, 5th Jul, 6th Sep, 4th Oct, 1st Nov, 6th Dec.

All meetings start at 7.30pm and are held at the Hayes Green Community Centre. These above are the scheduled meetings for the next four years. Agendas for all meetings will be printed and posted on the Tuesday of the previous week.

Please forward any items for inclusion on the agenda by the Monday before in writing with sufficient information to allow a reasonable explanation of what is being proposed to be entered on the agenda.

Our Events / or at HGCC.

County Council Surgery – 1st Tuesday (1st Oct / 5th Nov / 3rd Dec / 2020 7th Jan / 4th Feb / 3rd Mar / 7th April / 5th May / 2nd June / 7th July / 4th August / 1st Sep / 6th Oct).

Cannock Council Surgery (Cllr A. Fitzgerald) – 2nd Friday (11th Oct / 8th Nov / 13th Dec 2020 – 10th Jan / 14th Feb / 13th Mar).

Clerks Liaison Meeting with CCDC – 4th December.

Litter Picks Held.

Saturday 28th September, 10.30am, Wimblebury Road for Heath Hayes Park.

6th July / 22nd July / 8th August / 27th August.

Other Events. St John's Carols – Friday 20th December. 6.30pm at Tescos.

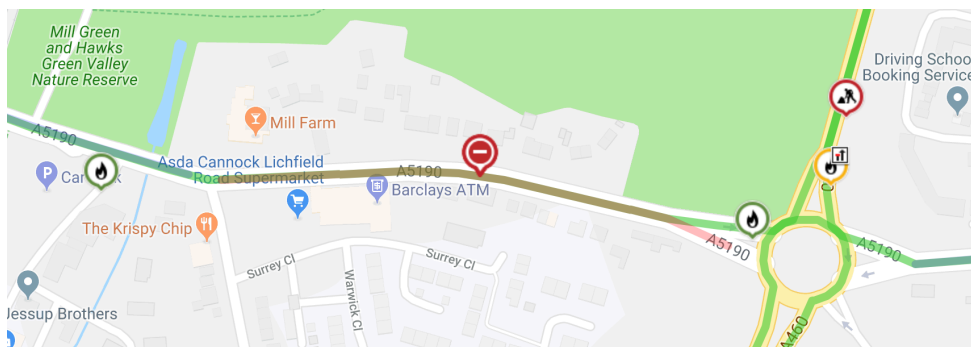
3.3 Road Closure 2. M6 Junction 12. Inspection works.

To close the entry and exit slip roads on Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th October between 2100 to 0500. Diverted traffic between J11 and J13 might affect nearby roads.



3.4 Road Closure 4. Lichfield Road. Gas works. Eastern Way to Devon Rd.

Closure both ways to 13th September between Devon Road and Eastern Way for gas works. (From the island by the Poplars Recycling towards Cannock). Hoped that Cannock bound carriageway will then open.



3.5 Road Closure 5 Eastern Way and Hayes Way. Designer Village works.

Eastern Way restricted and affected and Hayes Way closed from Eastern Way to Partridge Close until March 2020.

3.6 Facebook post....

"Hi can anyone do anything about the parking at the bottom of Boston close? It's a accident waiting to happen. All the cars & vans that are parked on the bend & in the street do not even live in the close! As you turn into the street you cant see as you turn in to the left. So your actually driving in blind there has been lots of near misses with cars & children playing coming into the street. Is there anything us residents can do to get someone to do something?"

I asked him to contact me by email so I could take the issue further and reply but as usual with these posts, they will post on Facebook but not assist with any contact details nor further information.

3.7 Hednesford Road. Various reports about drainage issues near 194 and the loose drain cover by Chapel Street.

4. Remembrance Events.

4.1 Wimblebury 3rd November.

Invitations have gone out as usual. The event will start at 10.40am with a planned silence at 11am. Rev Glynne Watkin has agreed to preside and Andrew Bottomer has been invited to read the names of the fallen.

Cllr Julie Aston has kindly offer use of the Wimblebury Community Association car park and everyone is invited in for a hot drink and a biscuit after the event.

4.2 Remembrance Sunday 10th November.

There will be a service at St John's at 10am (also at the Bourne and the Community Life Church).

There will be a service, readings silence etc at the Memorial Gates starting at 10.45am with an intention to hold the silence at 11am. The gates will be open and the proceedings will be held within the park. Alan Dean is assisting with the PA. Rev Glynne Watkin and Reg Fullelove will be conducting the proceedings.

Cannock Chase Drum Corps has been invited to participate. There is no bugler this year. There will be no road closure and no planned walking on the road. Invitations have gone out as in previous years with an explanation of the changes.

A big advantage is that there will not be any time pressures on the events in the park as the traffic will not be stopped. There will be noise from passing traffic but this must be balanced against the noise in previous years from stationary vehicles with their engines running, noisy radios and the odd idiot sounding their horn.

The next Council meeting will be on 4th December and the arrangements for 2020 can begin to be considered.

If any Councillor has any questions about the arrangements, please let me know before the meeting.

5. Hayes Green Community Centre.

5.1 Boiler. The boiler has been serviced. Next due September 2020.

5.2 Management Committee. There is a meeting of the Management Committee on 2nd October. 7.20pm start.

5.3 Fire Extinguishers. The fire extinguishers have been serviced. Next due September 2020.

5.4 Advertising sign. Installed.

5.5 Honours Board / Display Cabinet / Relocation of Plaque / Flag on wall. In progress.

5.6 Assistance offered to the NHS. I am liaising with the local NHS Training Officer to host a team meeting at the HGCC. The aim is to use the Meeting Room while the Cherished Coffee Shop is open. This will be held on Wednesday 23rd October between 1pm to 4.30pm and will overlap with the CCS.

As has been practice with such events, there will be no charge.

6. Defibrillators.

The defibrillators have been checked and are in order. There are no known sources of grants at the present time.

7. Litter Project.

7.1 A litterpick was last held on 28th September.

7.2 Cllr Sam Thompson has arranged for the loan of “Ranger” litterpickers and bin rings from Cannock Chase Council. At the moment, we cannot have a donation but this may change.

8. Cannel Mount.

Awaiting a cost for the installation of a vehicle barrier.

9. Facebook / Web.

- Now over 1,000 members.
- October, November meetings entered. Remembrance Events, Litterpicking, Cannel Mount, Public Inquiry entered.
- Reporting procedures / Police / CCDC / Traffic / Weather Updates.
- Local events / Chasewater Friends / Chasewater Steam events.
- I have added the need for new members to state why they want to join the group and to agree to rules regarding no hate speech or bullying, being kind and courteous, no promotions or spam and respecting privacy. To try to maintain the purpose and relevance, I have also added that this is a Parish Council site to publicise what the Parish Council is doing.

10. Unspecified work projects.

There is an item about how to have various unspecified works completed.

What happens now. Voluntary or donated work. Such as the litterpicking. The Tommy at Five Ways island was also installed free of charge.

Gardening type projects. On our land or with permission. Tim Skelding looks after the HGCC. Harveys Ground Maintenance have been used for other projects such as the HGCC conifers and the work at the Wimblebury War Memorial.



The area was treated with weed killer, the weeds removed, the overhanging trees and shrubs cut down and removed. A new grassed area bounded by sleepers. This cost £80.

Other issues. Specific projects can be looked at and considered taking into account that the appropriate permissions of the landowner or property owner would have to be obtained.

I would respectfully suggest that the position with each task being dealt with on an individual basis continues

11. Christmas Lights.

11.1 Current position. 2019 going ahead with existing seven lights. £3,000 set aside in budget. Hednesford and Norton Canes Councils told we want to continue with existing arrangements for 2020 onwards and we will contact Laurie Bowman if any changes are agreed. 2,000 LED lights on a strip donated to us by Bourne Methodist Church. (Unchanged).

11.2 Competition. We used to have a competition that made awards to the top five houses/dwellings and one business. This was judged by two Councillors and the details sent to the Clerk the week before the January meeting. At one point cash prizes were given, then this changed to repaying costs of renewable energy products up to the limit of the cash prizes. This proved to be problematical with poor take up.

As a suggestion, perhaps if the scheme is to be reintroduced, a top three dwellings and a top business could be decided by two Councillors the results sent to the Clerk. The winners get a certificate posted. This would cost very little and be easy to administer and completed by the January meeting.

12. Dementia Friendly Status.

12.1 The area has obtained Dementia Friendly Status. (Reported on Facebook on 20th September).

12.2 An offer to host a “Step Back in Time” event at the HGCC has been made to PCSO Baggott.

12.3 Here is a link to the information about Dementia Friendly Communities.

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/get-involved/dementia-friendly-communities/how-to-become-dementia-friendly-community>

12.4 There is a Facebook Group called “Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Dementia Awareness Action Group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/44060073331987/>



13. Land between Chapel Street and Cannock Road.

There was a Public Inquiry at the Hayes Green Centre on Thursday 19th September. As a result, the County Council has decided to continue the process and hold a full Inquiry. This will be at the Hayes Green Centre from Tuesday 17th to Friday 20th March 2020.

There are some logistical issues to sort out with regards to existing hires but this will be done.

At the present time, the Inquiry will be held Tuesday 17th – 9am to 6pm, Wednesday 18th Thursday 19th – 9am to 8pm and Friday 20th – 9am to 6pm. Unless directed otherwise, the matter will be on the February agenda for the Council to consider the position at that point and any submission for the hearing.

14. Financial Issues.

14.1 VAT.

A claim for £2,397.47 has been submitted (7/09/2019) to HMRC for the remainder of the VAT to be reclaimed for the 2018-19 financial year. The procedure has changed and this is now done online. The refund has been received.

14.2 Elections.

The bills for the elections have been received. £9,105.93. The cheque will be presented for authorisation at the October meeting.

15. Miscellaneous.

- Lisa Wilson contacts me occasionally about charitable projects, such as Tommy and the Party in the Car Park with her suggestions for recipients. Mrs Wilson contacted me recently about £200 that she had available to donate to a good cause and I liaised with her and Margaret Strickland to make the donation in cash to the Foodbank. The cash was given rather than a donation of food as it allowed the staff the flexibility to cope with any shortages they might have. This has been gratefully received and I have thanked Lisa personally, put it on Facebook, written to formally thank her, the staff and customers.

Lisa wants to continue with fund raising projects and has asked for suggestions. They can be sent to me or to Lisa.

- There being no business, the Standards Committee meeting scheduled for 7th October has been cancelled.
- Colin Donnelly has been appointed as the Capital Projects Officer for Cannock Chase Council and I have agreed to a request for a liaison meeting with him. To be arranged.
- As reported, Andy Turnock has been taken ill and has been sent a card on behalf of the Council. He is a former PCSO and was our Citizen of the Year in 2013.

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16. Hednesford Town Council.

Email from Hednesford Town Council.....“The Town Council wishes to submit a motion for consideration to the AGM of SPCA in connection with the Climate Emergency (see attached). To do so it needs a seconder for the motion and I am writing to enquire if your Council would be prepared to support this.”

The proposal is on a separate document and attached. The matter is on the agenda. This is a link to the DEFRA site...

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/218798/adapt-localcouncilguide.pdf

16. Planning.

16.1 Applications dealt with by the Planning Committee.

- **19/329 – 1 CANTERBURY WAY, HEATH HAYES.** New detached garage, first floor side and rear extension. (Cllr P. Haden withdrew from commenting as the applicant was known to her). No objection.
- **19/337 – 12 GREEN MEADOWS, HEATH HAYES.** Repositioning of 6ft tall rear garden fence to the border of the property. No objection.
- **19/340 – 10 SALISBURY DRIVE, HEATH HAYES.** First floor side extension, garage conversion and detached garage.

16.2 Decisions reported by Cannock Chase Council.

- **19/293 – 23 HORSESHOE DRIVE, HEATH HAYES.** Erection of detached garage (6m x 4m) in rear garden.
- **19/296 – 10 LANGHOLM DRIVE, HEATH HAYES.** Two storey side extension and new porch to front. (Revision of 19/142).
- **19/299 – 23 CHARTERFIELD DRIVE, HEATH HAYES.** Ground floor rear and side extensions.
- **19/303 – 213 GORSEMOOR ROAD, HEATH HAYES.** Proposed first storey side extension and internal works (Re-submission of 19/152).

17. Clear Streets.

Information about Clear Streets.

- 1) How big is the team ?

We currently have a complete team of 16 Civil Enforcement Officers with a current recruitment taking place to make up to 17 officers, of these 2 are Supervisors. 5.5 Officers are deployed locally to Council districts for off street enforcement. The rest are deployed to Staffordshire County Council – taking out rest days, holidays etc. We cover from 7am up until 10pm with three shifts across the County.

- 2) Where you have a number of requests for deployment on a said time and date, how do you decide where to deploy ?

Enforcement deployment is strategized through a triangle hierarchy – Clear Streets complaints/requests take priority > followed by school enforcement complaints > then generalised school enforcement > known hotspot areas for non-compliance > known areas with regulations.

- 3) How and where do you deploy when you have no specific requests for attendance ?

This is put into a beat management listing- where there is no request then all areas are covered for their regulation status. All locations have a patrol beat that are expected to be enforced daily.

Towns / Cities take priority – within these residents permit bays, on street Pay and Display locations and line restrictions such as Double Yellows / Single Yellows, then limited waiting bays – these are the walking beats. We also have a mobile patrol that patrols the local sub districts such as Chadsmoor, Blackfords, Bridgtown, Norton Canes, Heath Hayes&Wimblebury, Hednesford – again DYL / SYL take priority and Limited waiting bays. Very rarely do we receive no specific requests for enforcement.

- 4) Do you have an overall deployment strategy ?

Yes – to deploy officers to locations where there are known vehicles parking in contravention - Refer to Staffs County Clear Streets policy. More often than not, a visual presence of an officer will deter drivers from parking in contravention.

- 5) Do we have routine deployments in the South of the county ?

Yes – again priority is given to towns. Daily Deployment is given to the following areas: Cannock&Rugeley towns, Lichfield City Centre, Tamworth Town Centre, East Staffs – Burton has two foot beat officers, Uttoxeter, Rocester and Tutbury has a daily patrol and the outer sub districts such as Ilam, Mayfield, Barton U Needwood, Winshull, Stapenhill, South Staffordshire has an officer deployed approx. twice a week depending on the season/events – with the main villages Penkridge, Codsall, Kinver, Brewood and Wombourne being given priority- sub districts such as Gt Wryley, Cheslyn Hay, Coven, Pattingham, Perton, Swindon and Enville receiving visits ad hoc

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6) Anything else you think of relevance

Mobile patrols are split within districts also so that all out of town restrictions are covered.

Cannock has 5 mobile patrol areas (Bridgtown & Hednesford, Chadsmoor & Blackfords and Hednesford, Wimblebury & Heath Hayes and Hednesford, Norton Canes, Chasewater and Hednesford, Rugeley & Brereton & Hednesford) .

Lichfield has 2 mobile patrols areas Fradley, Armitage & Alrewas and then Streetly, Fazeley, Shenstone, Hammerwich and Burntwood.

Tamworth has one mobile patrol covering all areas – Amington, Quarry Hill, Coton Farm, A38/Motorway, Glascote, Wilnecote

South Staffordshire has 2 mobile patrols – North of Codsall and South of Codsall

18. Horizon Crematoria.

I have spoken to Stephen Byfield. There are no confirmed dates for the crematorium but permissions have been granted, contracts have been agreed and it is hoped to start work next month with the crematorium opening in 12 months.

Mr Byfield will be forwarding an invitation to tour the site when the development work has made some progress.

19. Newsletter.

The draft newsletter will be sent as soon as possible with recent updates included.

12. Agenda for November Meeting.

As it stands, these are entered on the agenda.

Apologies / Declarations / Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising / Planning / Remembrance Sunday / Wimblebury Event / Cannel Mount / Arrangements for Annual Grant Scheme / Newsletter / Christmas Lights / Litter Project / Correspondence / Accounts / Items for information or Future Agendas / Date of Next Meeting.

If anyone wants anything else on, could you please forward the item and a brief explanation about what the purpose is so I can enter it on the agenda. This will be completed on 25th October.