

Report – December 2019

1. Future Meetings & Events.

2019 – 4th December.

2020 – 8th January, 5th February, 4th March, 1st April, 6th May APM / AGM, 3rd June, 1st July, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December.

2021 – 6th Jan, 3rd Feb, 3rd Mar, 7th Apr, 5th May APM / AGM, 2nd Jun, 7th Jul, 1st Sep, 6th Oct, 3rd Nov, 1st Dec.

2022 – 5th Jan, 2nd Feb, 2nd Mar, 6th Apr, 4th May APM / AGM, 1st Jun, 6th Jul, 7th Sep, 5th Oct, 2nd Nov, 7th Dec.

2023 – 4th January, 1st February, 1st March, **5th April APM. (Last as Elections 4th May)** 17th May AGM, 7th June, 5th July, 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.

General Election (Polling Station) 12th December.

Celebration Event – Prince's Trust. Cannock Community Fire Station, 12 midday, Wednesday 18th December.

Christmas Lights on 3pm, Friday 6th December (4th December 2020).

County Council Surgery – 1st Tuesday (3/12, 2020 7/01, 4/02, 3/0, 7/04, 5/05, 2/06, 7/07, 8/08, 1/09, 6/10).

CCDC Surgery (Cllr Fitzgerald) – 2nd Friday (13/12, 10/01/20, 14/02, 13/03).

Community Life Church Kids Christmas Party. Saturday 30th November. The CLC has free use of the Centre for the party from 12.30pm onwards.

Clerks' Liaison Meeting with CCDC – 4th December.

Litter Picks Held. 16/11, 6/07, 22/07, 8/08, 27/08, 28/09.



16th November 2019

Christmas Lights switch on – 3pm. Friday 6th December. (4th December 2020).

Play and Craft Fridays. 10am to 12pm. £2 per family includes toast and a drink.

CCDC – Chairman's Carols – 10th December 7.30pm at St James) and Black Country Night 28th February.

St John's Carols – Friday 20th December. 6.30pm at Tesco's.

HG,HH&W Environmental Group. Milking Brook 28th November. Explore Mill Green 12th December. (see their Facebook Group for further information).

2. Miscellaneous Issues.

2.1 Report of Meetings.

Cllr John Bernard hopes to attend the SPCA AGM on Monday 2nd December. He represents the Council to second the proposal made by Hednesford Town Council. The reasons and proposal are on a separate attached report.

2.2 Heath Hayes Cabin – water supply.

I have had a reply from Severn Trent, they at least seem to be awake however, I am still awaiting confirmation from Pennon and Water Plus about the closure of the water supply to the Cabin. This has been ongoing since June 2018. I am trying to resolve with Water Plus to stop sending me bills for a supply that ceased in June 2018 that Pennon (working for Severn Trent) have not told Water Plus that the supply has stopped but Severn Trent have told Pennon and actually attended and removed the meter. Still ongoing.

Chief Inspector Sarah Wainwright has been promoted to the rank of Superintendent and is leaving Cannock. She is being replaced by CI Becki Hyde who is coming on promotion.



3.1 Road Closure 1. A5190 Lichfield Rd (Eastern Way to Newlands Lane).

Carriageway widening and resurfacing. Order in force to 31st May 2020.



STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC
A1590 LICHFIELD ROAD, CANNOCK

Notice is hereby given that Staffordshire County Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this notice to make an Order of the effect of which is to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding along A1590 Lichfield Road, Cannock. For more information regarding access arrangements, timings and diversion routes please visit <https://roadsworks.org.uk/22mi114005673>. The Order will come into operation on 30 September 2019 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated the works will be completed by 31 May 2020. The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months up until the completion of the works and any affecting works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

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

4. Remembrance Events 2019.

This matter will also be on the agenda for January to continue consideration of what to do in 2020.

4.1 Remembrance Sunday 10th November.

4.1.1 I was called into Cannock Police Station to be told that we could not have the four officers and vehicle that are the minimum required to reasonably provide for the safety of pedestrians on the roads. I asked on 30th August for the information in writing but got no reply. Also present at the meeting was a representative from Brereton Royal British Legion.

I was told that the two PCSOs were on leave and there was no possibility of them attending. Neither did.

I was also told that it was hoped that “some” Specials might attend but it could not be guaranteed. (Three attended. One for the event. Two operational).

As regards paying for officers, if we paid for two, then two would be taken from any that might be deployed so effectively, a waste of money. We could not pay for a vehicle either.

4.1.2 This was received from the Tactical Planning Unit...

“It is the event organiser’s responsibility to liaise with the local authority about how the event will be managed and to ensure that robust traffic management plans are in place with **a suitable number of marshals to enforce these plans**. Any Policing presence should be in addition to the organiser’s plans and our presence should be seen as actively supporting the event but also paying our respect in a commemorative role.”

4.1.3 This was received from Assistant Chief Constable Emma Barnett...

“You have raised traffic management as a specific cause for concern by members of the Parish Councils Association. Any event which impacts on the public highway should have a traffic management plan as part of that planning process. That plan should include any road closure orders if they are necessary **and information as to how that road closure will be stewarded**.

It is not a Police responsibility to close roads for organised events.

Police should only temporarily close roads in exceptional circumstances and for an operational need, not for planned events. **There are many traffic management companies now that can produce plans and support event organisers with those plans.**”

“Whilst the police has undoubtedly “stepped in” many times in the past, and still continue to do so on occasion, they should not, and legally they do not have the powers to do this. Even at statutory events, **it is not the Polices responsibility to manage road closures.**

Given that the number of officers in attendance at any event will be based on the risk to that event, it is entirely possible that there might be insufficient Police Officers at an event to safely manage a road closure where this is a stewarding responsibility.”

“A good example is the Armistice Day events around November 11th each year. Staffordshire Police will not charge for this event as it is a Public Event, and it is a statutory responsibility that we proudly seek to support. There are events in every community around the County organised by local British Legions often with the assumption that local Police Officers or PCSO’s will temporarily close roads / junctions for the event where no road closure orders are in place.

This should not be the case, and appropriate traffic management plans and stewarding should be organised for each event.

The Police presence at these events is to both pay our respects and provide a visible Policing presence in our communities at these important events. As you will appreciate, committing officers to each and every memorial site in sufficient numbers to manage road closure all around the county would be a major challenge alongside our other Policing responsibilities. **Our presence at these events is as an operational contingency and as part of the community.”**



Sian Sloper

25 October at 08:22

Good morning 🤍

We have a minimum amount of money raises for donations.. And can I say the generosity and support has been phenomenal!

Just so you ALL know...

Traffic management was £6100, reduced from £10,000

Public liability was £479 reduced from £615

Toilets were £1800

Medical Company PCMS have given over £4000 worth of vehicles and staffing for free!

And some free toilets have been donated to Abingdon

The MoD waived thier license fee of £3400 (which is almost unheard of!)

Total spend is £8,400. Do not complain about this figure... All the companies have done their upmost to give as much discount as possible and I for 1 am extremely grateful....

Insert drum roll.....

You have all managed to raise thus far is £15,859!! That's without all the cash donations for the ribbons that have been distributed in the local area!

Amazing, amazing job everyone... 🤍🤍🤍

4.1.4 Recommendation.

It is not realistic to expect that the police will change their national policy and will not assist. For a Parade on the roads, there would need to be a road closure and for traffic to be stopped and directed without their assistance.

The above was for a Ride of Respect for a murdered Thames Valley Officer and the organisers were forced to employ a Management Company. This is therefore not just a local issue. West Midlands Police has not participated in these events for several years and this is now commonplace. Consideration for 2020 should be on the basis of what can be reasonably expected.

4.1.5 Heath Hayes.

Options for a Parade in 2020.

4.1.6 Option One is to employ a management company to run the event and have a Parade and road closures. This would have to be quoted for but from what I have seen with local events and others nationally, this might be in the region of £5,000 and would have to be entered on an increased precept.

4.1.8 Option Two is based on there being no direct Council responsibility. The event is not owned by the Council and could be run by a group of volunteers, should any be interested. In such a case, there would be no insurance liability on the Council.

If any Councillor has any questions about the arrangements that is not answered here or on our website, please let me know before the meeting.

4.2 Wimblebury 3rd November.

The event went as planned on 3rd November and again, we were lucky with the weather.

If you take away all the people that are connected to the Council, Councillors and their families, those representing other Councils, Revd. Glynne Watkin, Brian Cassall for the PA and so on, the number of members of the public that attended was two.

We have tried advertising the event by 1,000 leaflets, posters, newsletter, Facebook, Webpage, BrownhillsBob, local press and even on Radio WM. It does not make much difference. The highest attendance was six.

2019



2018



Some people attend on Remembrance Sunday at 11am. A matter for 2020 for the Council.

5. Hayes Green Community Centre.

5.1 Prince's Trust. The project ran from 28th October to 8th November and there was an invitation to a celebration event at Cannock Community Fore Station on 18th December circulated on 21st November.



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

5.3 Management Committee. There is a meeting of the Management Committee on 8th January. 7.20pm start.

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

5.5 Rate Relief. I have submitted an application for Mandatory and Discretionary Rate Relief. Last year, this saved £4,926.60.

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

5.7 Assistance offered to the NHS. I have liaised with the 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 was held on Wednesday 23rd October between 1pm to 4.30pm and (with their co-operation) overlapped with the CCS.

There has been positive feedback and a request to hold a further session on 4th December. As has been practice with such events, there was no charge.

5.8 Hirings.

Cannock Chase Drum Corps. Sadly, the Corps is closing down and no longer uses the Centre. I have been liaising to assist as much as possible after their low attendance was further affected by members leaving, making it unviable. There were some members that could not attend their hires on Wednesday evenings and the Corps was offered free use of the Centre when it was not already hired but this did not help when they went down to four members.

Their equipment is being moved at their convenience and I will look at the best use of the space when that area has been cleared. I have assured Rachel Griffin that any chance of resumption will be given every assistance. Financially, the Council used to grant the Corps the majority of their annual hire costs and accepting it is a social loss and purely as a financial comment, looking at the Centre and the Council as a whole annually, this is a neutral financial development.

JGM Karate. This club is a new hirer and has hires on Monday and Wednesday. I am very pleased to report that they want to change their 8.30pm to 10pm hire on Wednesdays to 5pm to 9pm. So a 1.5 hour to 4 hour increase. They are also keeping their Monday hire.

Helen O'Grady.

It had been noticed that the hire classes were exceeding the hire period. The classes are run by lesher and there has been regular contact with her about using the Centre, using the Main Hall and the Meeting Room.

7. Litter Project.

7.1 A litterpick was last held on 16th November.

7.2 As regards equipment, the present position is that 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. No matters of report.

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9. Christmas Lights.

9.1 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. The 2,000 LED lights on a strip donated to us by Bourne Methodist Church have been returned as they requested.

9.2 Lights to be turned on 6th December 2019 (and 4th December 2020).

9.3 Competition Entrants via email.

- Bains' Pharmacy, 162 Hednesford Road / Glam and Glow Beauty Salon, 82-84 Hednesford Road / Bakeaway, 157 Hednesford Road.

9.4 **Competition.** Here is the advert composed by Cllr S. Thompson.



10. Dementia Friendly Status.

Update from Cllr D. Todd...“We have set up a small steering group whos aim will be to help support our residents and carers who live with dementia. I am in process of getting the email addresses. We also have a facebook page which will share information. Once a month we will put on afternoon tea at the library, hopefully the first one will take place by the end of November”.

11. Land between Chapel Street and Cannock Road.

As a result of the initial inquiry, 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. We have agreed that the Cherished Coffee Shop can continue as normal but it will not be possible to hold the Thursday Zumba session.

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.

12. Planning. (as at 26th November).

12.1 Applications dealt with by Planning Committee (none):

12.2 Decisions reported by the District Council:

The Council noted the approval of the following applications:

- **19/352 – 107 DEAVALL WAY, HEATH HAYES.** Two storey side extension.
- **19/359 – 23 HAREBELL CLOSE, HEATH HAYES.** First floor extension over existing garage.

13. Agenda for January Meeting.

As it stands, these are entered on the agenda. Apologies / Declarations / Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising / Planning / Remembrance 2020, Cannel Mount, Grant Scheme, 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 26th November.

February – Chapel Street, Annual Awards.

