

## **Report – January 2020**

### **1. Future Meetings & Events.**

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

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

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**2023** – 4<sup>th</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> March, **5<sup>th</sup> April APM. (Last as Elections 4<sup>th</sup> May)** 17<sup>th</sup> May AGM, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> Sep, 4<sup>th</sup> Oct, 1<sup>st</sup> Nov, 6<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Christmas Lights** on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

**County Council Surgery** – 1<sup>st</sup> 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) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday (10/01/20, 14/02, 13/03).

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

**Clerks' Liaison Meeting** with CCDC – 4<sup>th</sup> December.

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

**CCDC – Black Country Night.** 28<sup>th</sup> February.

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## **2. Miscellaneous Issues.**

### **2.1 List of past events.**

- **HG,HH&W Environmental Group.** Milking Brook 28<sup>th</sup> November. Explore Mill Green 12<sup>th</sup> December. (see their Facebook Group for further information).
- **Christmas Lights** – Switch on 6<sup>th</sup> December.
- **CCDC – Chairman’s Carols** – 10<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm at St James, Norton Canes.
- **General Election.** Centre successfully used as a Polling Station on 12<sup>th</sup> December.
- Celebration Event for **Prince’s Trust.** 18<sup>th</sup> December. Cannock Fire Station. Cllrs S. Thompson and P. Haden attended.
- **St John’s Carols** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. 6.30pm at Tesco’s.

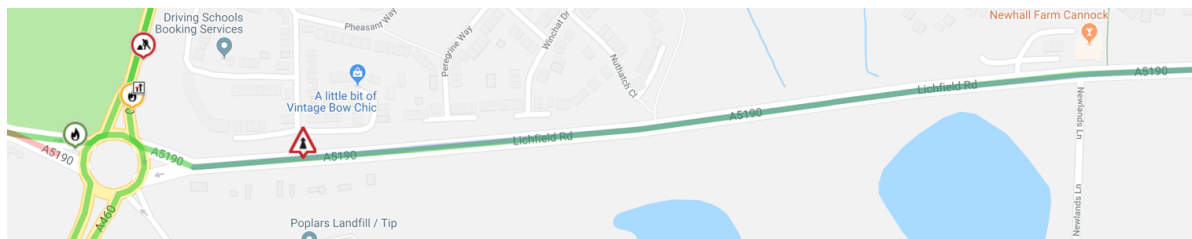
### **2.2 Heath Hayes Cabin – water supply.**

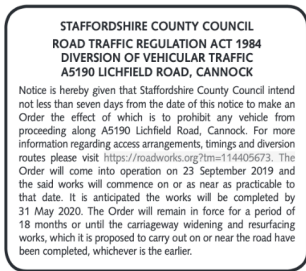
Ongoing. I have had a reply from Severn Trent, they at least seem to be awake however, I am still awaiting confirmation from Pennon and Water Plus about the closure of the water supply to the Cabin. This has been ongoing since June 2018. I am trying to resolve with Water Plus to stop sending me bills 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.

## **3. Traffic and Highways.**

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

Carriageway widening and resurfacing. Order in force to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020.



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**5.5 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> December. As has been practice with such events, there was no charge.

## **5.8 Hirings.**

- **Staffordshire County Council – Family Group Meetings.** Our first hire for a Family Group Support Scheme was booked for 13<sup>th</sup> December. The group will use the Meeting Room and it is hoped that
- **Cannock Chase Drum Corps.** No update. No hires booked.
- **JGM Karate.** Monday and Wednesday 5pm x 9pm.
- **Helen O’Grady. Saturday mornings 11am to 12 midday.** It had been noticed that the hire classes were regularly exceeding the hire period. The classes are run by lesher and there were several requests for her to book and pay for the hours use and to not change them without notice. It was quite clear that she was telling the parents one time and us another. She was told that the bookings would be put on the front door and other hirers would be in the Centre after her booked time so she ceased using the Centre,
- The **Cherished Coffee Shop** has offered to hire the Centre from 11<sup>th</sup> January onwards from 10am to 3pm at an initial rate of £30 a session for four weeks and then up to £50 a session. We have hired the Centre out for parties on Saturdays and these can still be accommodated but are a lot more work with cleaning and administration for one off bookings. This is also a better financial option for the Centre as the CCS will operate probably 50 weeks a year but the previous class was only operating a maximum of 38 weeks. Parties can still be held after 3pm and on Sundays.

A matter for the Council.

- **Heavenly Angels Spiritualist Church** would like to hire the Meeting Room, 6.30pm to 9.30pm on Wednesday evenings when the Council is not holding monthly meetings. This would be 40/41 hires a year and is a compatible hire with the JGM Karate in the Main Hall.

## **7. Litter Project.**

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

**7.2 Planned.** TBA.

7.3 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.

### **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. On the agenda for the accounts to confirm the next three years, should the Council so wish.

9.2 Lights to be turned on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 (and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



1<sup>st</sup> – Good Luck Jo's.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Glam and Glow.

3<sup>rd</sup> – Petals Florist.

## **10. Dementia Friendly Status.**

No matters of report.

## **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 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> – 9am to 6pm, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – 9am to 8pm and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – 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 r).**

### **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:

- **None**

**12.3 Planning Policy** has had a request from The Woodland Trust to circulate their best practice advice and guidance on tree planting to the Parish/Town Councils in the Cannock Chase area:

1. **Guidance document** on how to best incorporate trees and woods into residential development: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/publications/2019/01/residential-developments-and-trees> .
2. **Free community tree packs** which parish councils, schools and other community groups are eligible to apply for and there is a simple online application procedure: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities>

3. Guidance on **neighbourhood planning** for parish councils: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/protecting-trees-and-woods/campaign-with-us/campaign-in-your-community/neighbourhood-planning>
4. **Information sheet** on things that parish councils can do for trees: [https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/media/45344/top ten tree tips.pdf](https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/media/45344/top_ten_tree_tips.pdf) .

If you require any additional information please contact the Woodland Trust directly using the details on this page: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/contact-us/>

### **13. Financial Issues.**

13.1 Please see separate report for financial information.

13.2 As in previous years, the grant element of the precept will not be paid to the Parish Council.

13.3 The District Council has asked for the precept to be set by 18<sup>th</sup> January and there should be no reason why this cannot be met. Legally, the date is 1<sup>st</sup> March, but we have always managed to meet the January deadline.

### **14. Additional information.**

14.1 27/11/19 – Assistance given to elderly female regarding the location of the Tuesday Stroke Group. She rang for information so I contacted the Group and passed on the details for the lady to be contacted and join the group.

The Tuesday Stroke Group meets monthly on the last Tuesday between 12 midday to 2pm at various locations.

<https://www.stroke.org.uk/finding-support/tuesday-stroke-group-cannock-support-group>

14.2 I have joined the Staffordshire Smart Alert group.

14.3 I liaised with the SPCA regarding an enquiry about the whereabouts of a deceased person, thought to have been buried in the Cannock area. Assistance was given with a burial search and the person referred to Lichfield Diocese for further assistance.

14.4 Information provided to Cllr S. Thompson regarding a drainage issue in Acacia Road in Wimblebury.

14.5 Assistance give to Grandparents Stay and Play Group.

14.6 Several issues regarding HGCC. Liaison with Caretaker, Grandparents Play Group, potential hirers. Ongoing issue with Drama Group.

14.7 Liaised with Cllr S. Thompson regarding Christmas Decoration competition.

14.8 Liaised with Prince's Trust regarding painting the benches when conditional allow.

## **15. Policy Adoption.**

Revised policies for Discipline and Grievance have been received from NALC. They are attached and on the agenda for consideration of adoption.

