



QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL

Heath Hayes & Wimblebury Parish Council



Annual Report May 2013

1. Summary of major points.

- The Precept was set at £68,950 for the 13/14 financial year. The same Band D rate as 12/13 and lower than 02/03.
- The Council provides Heath Hayes Cabin for the use of local groups.
- The Council also provides the Hayes Green Community Centre. In 12/13, the income was the highest ever.
- The Council has an annual grants programme and last year awarded £7,650 to local organisations.

2. Introduction.

The Council, in Cannock Chase, Staffordshire, has 13 Councillors representing the four wards of New Heath Hayes, Old Heath Hayes, Hawks Green and Wimblebury. Four Councillors represent Old Heath Hayes and three each for New Heath Hayes, Hawks Green and Wimblebury.

3. Calendar of Meetings for 2013/14.

The Council meets at Heath Hayes Library, Hednesford Road, Heath Hayes at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month except August. The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting in May are held at the Hayes Green Community Centre.

All members of the public are welcome to attend and the first 30 minutes is set aside for public participation. Issues can be raised here, or by contacting any Councillor or the Clerk.

To contact the Council, email to clerk@heathhayes.staffslc.gov.uk, by post to 2 Norton East Road, Cannock, WS11 9RT or by phone to 01543-448614.

The Meetings for the 2012/13 financial year are as follows;
4th April, 9th May, 6th June, 4th July, 5th September, 3rd October,
7th November, 5th December, 9th January 2013, 6th February, 6th March

3. Contact Details as at June 2012.

Old Heath Hayes.

Councillor A. Dean. 27 Melbourne Rd, Heath Hayes, WS12 2SH.. 275638

Councillor L. Bullock. 9 Newlands Court, Heath Hayes WS12 3YS 01543-276761
Councillor A. Spicer. 40 Highfield Road, Heath Hayes, WS12 2DX. 01543-279654.
Councillor R. Todd. 35 Lyndhurst Road, Heath Hayes, WS12 3HD 01543-278778

New Heath Hayes.

Councillor Vyv Baker. 21 Salisbury Drive, Heath Hayes, WS12 3YW. 07518-063402.
Councillor Ann Bernard 3 Truro Close, Heath Hayes, WS12 2YU 274427
Councillor Mike Sutherland. 1 Chaseley Croft, Cannock, WS11 1HU 07746-741049

Hawks Green.

Cllr John Bernard. 3 Truro Place, Close, Heath Hayes, WS12 2YU 01543-274427.
Cllr David Baker. 21 Salisbury Drive, Heath Hayes. WS12 3YW. 01543-274923.
Councillor Val Baker. 21 Salisbury Drive, Heath Hayes. WS12 3YW. 01543-274923.

Wimblebury.

Cllr John Beddows. 67 Norton Green Lane, Norton Canes, WS11 9PR 01543279991.
Councillor B. Bottomer. 23 Scott Street, Wimblebury, WS12 2RP 01543-277115
Councillor D. Todd. 35 Lyndhurst Road, Heath Hayes, WS12 3HD 01543-278778



Cllr Brian Bottomer

Cllr Diane Todd

Cllr John Beddows

4. Council Committees and Representatives.

Hayes Green Community Centre. Cllrs A. Bernard, J. Bernard & L. Bullock.

Heath Hayes Cabin. Cllrs J. Bernard, M. Sutherland, D. Todd & R. Todd.

Sustainability (Agenda 21). Cllr R. Todd.

Planning – Cllrs Vyv Baker, B. Bottomer, L. Bullock, A. Dean and A. Spicer.

Human Resources.

Cllrs D. Baker, A. Bernard and L. Bullock.

Youth and Community.

Cllrs Vyv Baker, A. Bernard, J. Bernard, L. Bullock, D. Todd and R. Todd.

Heath Hayes Area Senior Citizens' Support Group.

Cllrs J. Beddows and R. Todd.

District Council Standards Sub-Committee. Cllr L. Bullock.

Wimblebury Community Association.

Cllr J. Beddows and D. Todd.

5. Communication.

The Council publishes a quarterly newsletter that is distributed to every household and business in the area. Additional copies can be obtained from Heath Hayes Library, Hayes Green Community Centre or by contacting the Clerk.

Our website is at www.hhwpc.co.uk.

In the last year, the Council sent over 500 letters, made or received over 2,000 phone calls and dealt with in excess of 5,000 emails.

We also have a Facebook page, which can be found by going on the Facebook site and entering "Heath Hayes" and you will see the page appear. You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the page.

(www.facebook.com/heathhayeswimbleburyparishcouncil)

6. Chair's Report – 2011/12 - From the Annual Parish Meeting 18th May 2012 – Councillor J. Bernard.

Welcome to the Annual Parish Meeting of Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Parish Council. I am Councillor John Bernard and I am the Chair of the Council. We meet monthly, normally at Heath Hayes Library but once a year, we hold our Annual Meetings at the Hayes Green Community Centre. I will shortly be presenting our awards for Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year and then, our community

group representatives will be invited to say a few words. At the end, everyone is invited to have an informal meeting and to speak to Councillors and other representatives over a tea or coffee.

I would like to say how pleased I am to be the Chair of the Council. We are one of only 12 Councils in Staffordshire with Quality Status, the only one in Cannock Chase and we are proud to have held this status since 2006.

The Council would like to congratulate Mr Dave Jillings of the Chase Wado Kai Karate Club based at Five Ways School. Dave is an unpaid volunteer at the club and has been teaching local children for 16 years, training them, preparing them for competition and their success has been amazing. He is a fifth dan and Chief Instructor and he is to be commended on the success of the club, producing regional, national and world champions. This year alone, the club has successfully competed in Derby, Ireland and Japan. The club is a tremendous asset to the area and we congratulate Dave on winning the award for Citizen of the Year.

The award for Business of the Year is made to the Newlife Foundation for disabled children. If ever there was a business that deserves public accolade it is Newlife. Based in Hawks Green, Heath Hayes, this charitable foundation recycles products and raises money for charity. Founded in 1991 and based in Heath Hayes, they fund nurses and equipment, campaigns and medical research. Items donated by companies are recycled and the business is very popular and useful for shoppers as well as the beneficiaries.

Newlife has donated £7 million for equipment and £12 million for medical research. Last year alone, £2.2 million was donated and since 2005, over £630,000 has been given in grants to families in Staffordshire. Congratulations and thanks to Newlife.

Now, a brief report about the Council and what we do. There is a fuller list on your seats, but here are a few points:

We run the Heath Hayes Cabin on the Hednesford Road and have kept the hire charges frozen for three years.

This Community Centre has also had the hire charges frozen and is in use every day of the week.

Last year, we delivered a map of the area to every house. This had information about the history of Heath Hayes and Wimblebury and was funded through grants, not costing the residents at all.

Last year, we continued our grant scheme and donated over £6,000 to local groups and we continue to support organisations that benefit the area.

We continue to operate a website and Facebook page, administered without cost and has agendas and minutes, as well as many other articles and links.

As a Council, we provide the best value that we can. We keep the tax burden as low as possible and the precept is lower than it was in nine years ago. Because of the

money we raise, over the last six years, we have brought over £120,000 more into the area than we have had in tax. We continually look at ways to save money and to obtain outside funding for our projects as well as assisting other groups with information.

We have had a lot of success in the last few years and I hope that the next year will continue to be as successful and that we continue to be a benefit to the area. I would like to thank the Councillors for their work over the last year and to thank you all for allowing me to serve as Chairman.

7. Finance Report

For the financial year ending 31st March 2012.

Income - Precept	68,300.00
Interest	23.31
VAT	<u>2,825.37</u>
Total	71,148.68

Expenditure - Administration	22,842.44
Grants	6,287.00
Misc	17,226.63
VAT	2,825.37
HGCC	16,016.70
HHC	4,518.63
Total	70,150.57

Balance brought forward	2,083.47
Plus Income	<u>71,148.68</u>
Total	73,232.15
Less Expenditure	<u>70,150.57</u>
Balance at 31st March 2011	3,081.58

8. Grants awarded in 2011/12 (£6,287.00)

Royal British Legion	132.00
Christmas Lights	15.00
1st HH Brownies	150.00
3rd HH Brownies	150.00
1st HH Beavers	150.00
1st HH Rainbows	150.00
1st HH Pioneers	150.00
1st HH Guides	150.00
Cannock Chase Drum Corps	400.00
Gorsemoor Sch	150.00
Five Ways Sch	150.00
Kingsmead Sch	150.00
Meiji Judo	500.00

Chase Wado Kai	350.00
Sakiado	200.00
KONCAS	200.00
Source Yth Club	200.00
Bourne Church	400.00
St John's	400.00
Pentecostal	400.00
St Giles Hospice	250.00
Chase CAB	200.00
CC Advice Cent	200.00
Breathe Easy	50.00
Relate	150.00
Cruse	120.00
Air Ambulance	200.00
HH Eagles	150.00
HH Arts	100.00
Fresh Start	50.00
CHAPS	150.00
Welcome Club	120.00
Total	6,287.00