

Heath Hayes & Wimblebury Parish Council



Annual Report May 2016

1. Summary of major points of 2015-16.

- The Precept was set at £69,512. The same Band D rate as last year and lower than 2002.
- The Council provides Heath Hayes Cabin for the use of local groups.
- The Council also provides the Hayes Green Community Centre. In 15/16, the income was the highest ever.
- The Council has an annual grants programme and last year awarded £9,523 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 2015/16.

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 2015/16 municipal year were as follows;

1st April, 20th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 2nd September, 7th October,
4th November, 4th December, 6th January 2016, 3rd February, 2nd March.

The Meetings for the 2016/17 financial year are planned as follows;

6th April, 11th May, 1st June, 6th July, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November, 7th
December, 4th January 2017, 1st February, 1st March.

3. Council Details as at April 2016.

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Cllr D. Todd. 35 Lyndhurst Road, Heath Hayes, WS12 3HD 01543-278778.

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4. Council Committees and Representatives.

Hayes Green Community Centre. Cllrs V. Baker, A. Bernard, J. Bernard.

Heath Hayes Cabin. Cllrs J. Bernard, A. Dean, M. Dean, D. Todd.

Sustainability (Agenda 21). Cllr J. Bernard.

Planning – Cllrs D. Baker, V. Baker, D. Marsden, A. Spicer.

Human Resources. Cllrs D. Baker, V. Baker, A. Bernard.

Youth and Community. Cllrs A. Bernard, J. Bernard, J. Cooper, D. Hill, D. Todd.

Heath Hayes Area Senior Citizens' Support Group. Cllrs D. Morris, D. Todd.

District Council Standards Sub-Committee. Cllr A. Bernard.

Wimblebury Community Association. Cllr D. Hill, D. Morris.

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 our website 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 – 2015/16 - From 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 Meeting here, at the Hayes Green Community Centre. This is the meeting where we present our civic awards and give out our grant cheques.



The timetable for tonight is that shortly, I will be presenting our awards for Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year and Young Person of the Year.

Then, the Council grant awards will be made and 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. There is a small buffet.

I would like to say how pleased I am to have been Chair of the Council for the last five years.

There is a brief report on your seat about what we do, but I would like to highlight a few points.

We run the Heath Hayes Cabin on the Hednesford Road as a meeting place. We have worked hard to gain more hirers and last year was our best ever for income generation.

We have also kept the hire charges down at this Community Centre and it is in use every day of the week. The Council is very pleased that since taking over the management of the Centre 14 years ago, the income last year was the highest ever.

Tonight, we are giving out £6,350 to help local groups and we continue to support organisations that benefit the area. From paying for a newsletter for Breathe Easy or to buy equipment for the scouts. It is all money well spent.

We have a website and Facebook page, administered by the Clerk and it 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 ten years ago. Because of the money we raise, over the last seven years, we have brought over £140,000 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.

This Council has been very successful over the years and I hope this will continue next year and that the Council remains 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 and hopefully continue.

I would also like to thank the Clerk to the Council, Ray Smythe, who has been in post for 21 years.

Now the awards. Citizen of the Year. The Council would like to congratulate Rachel Griffin for her voluntary youth work in the area over many years. She has for the last few years been with the Cannock Chase Drum Corps, who meet here every Wednesday. I would like to thank Rachel for her work and for her support for the Council with Remembrance Sunday, not only with the Drum Corps, but also arranging for the buglers.

The award for Business of the Year is made to Wags Dog Grooming. Based on the Hednesford Road in Heath Hayes, the business provides a useful facility for our residents. The Council has heard many complimentary tributes about the service from Wags and we congratulate them on this award.

Young Person of the Year. This is to formally thank and show our appreciation for what a young person has done in our area. The award goes to Kaiya Leech and Caitlyn Capewell for their voluntary help over a number of years with a youth club in Wimblebury called KIWI. From initially attending the club, they graduated to helping and their help has been a major factor in the success of the club.

Now we come to a special award. Lucas Pears is a pupil at Gorsemoor School who has been helping a neighbour with reading. These are the actions of a very caring and thoughtful young man and the Council wanted to say thank you and congratulations to Gorsemoor School, Lucas's parents and of course Lucas and I would like to present him with this certificate.

7. Finance Report

For the financial year ending 31st March 2016.

Income - Precept	69,512.50
Interest	35.07
VAT	<u>5,035.99</u>
Total	75,603.56

Expenditure – Administration	25,347.54
Grants	9,523.10
Misc	19,205.01
VAT	5,035.99
HGCC	29,087.51
HHC	4,263.78
Total	92,463.21

Balance brought forward	39,303.11
Plus Income	<u>75,603.56</u>
Total	114,906.67
Less Expenditure	<u>92,463.21</u>
Balance at 31 st March 2016	22,443.46

8. Grants awarded in 2015/16 (£9,523.10)

1st Heath Hayes Scouts, 1st Heath Hayes Pioneers, 1st Heath Hayes Brownies, 3rd Heath Hayes Brownies, 4th Heath Hayes Brownies, 1st Heath Hayes Rainbows, 3rd Heath Hayes Rainbows, 1st Heath Hayes Beavers, 1st Heath Hayes Guides, 3rd Heath Hayes Guides and 2nd Valley Seniors - £200 each.

Cannock Chase Drum Corps - £500.

Five Ways School - Gorsemoor School, Kingsmead School - £250.

Meiji Judo - £600, KIWI Youth Club - £200.

Source Youth Club - £400, Chase Wado Kai Karate Club - £400

Chase CVS £210.

Bourne Church £500. Community Life Church £1,000. St John's Church £770.

St Giles' Hospice - £250, , Midland Air Ambulance - £250

Art Society - £100, Breathe Easy - £50

Eagles - £100, Cats Protection - £50, Cannock Town FC £100

Senior Residents Support Group - £400.

Remembrance Day, prizes etc £93.10