

Report – August 2019

1. Future Meetings & Events.

2019 – 4th September, 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 (6th August / 3rd September).

Cannock Council Surgery (Cllr A. Fitzgerald) – 2nd Friday (9th August / 13th September).

Clerks Liaison Meeting with CCDC – 4th December.

Chair/Clerk – Burntwood / Hammerwich / Norton Canes joint meeting – 1st August. 10.30am at Burntwood.

Litter Picks.

Held (10.30am Saturday 6th July at HGCC. 2pm Monday 22nd July, Superhero Litter Pick 1 at HGCC).

Coming up:

- Superhero Litterpick 2 10am, Thursday 8th August, at Heath Hayes Park.
- Superhero Litter Pick 3, Tuesday 27th August 10am at HGCC

Christmas Lights switched on – Friday 6th December.

Wimblebury Remembrance – 3rd November. 10.40am to 11.10am.

Heath Hayes Remembrance Sunday – 10th November. 9.30am to 11.30am

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

Summer Funday – Wednesday 7th August (Bouncy castle / Games / Free hot dogs and burgers.

Day at the Beach – Wednesdays 24th July / 7th and 21st August.

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



Cllr M. Buttery and Cllr P. Haden presenting Ruth Howell with flowers after welcoming her back to the Cherished Coffee Shop after her hospitalisation.

Heath Hayes Library.

- **Walking For Health** – Walks advertised on Library and our FB group.
- **Get Together Group.** Every Friday 10am to midday. Art, crafts, games, puzzles, cards and others. Refreshments.
- **Networking** – 10am to midday Monday 12th August at Library.
- **Times Past** – Dates to be confirmed.



Other Events.

- **Chasewater Day** – Saturday 10th August.
- **Walk for Eileen** – 31st August. (12pm at Cannock Chase).
- **St John’s Carols Event** – TBA. Hoped to be held in December in the two weeks before Christmas Day.

2. Administrative Issues.

2.1 The audit papers have been completed and submitted as required.

2.2 All Councillors’ register of Interest forms have been scanned and entered on our website. The paper copies have been sent to Cannock Chase Council as they have requested. There is a legal requirement for the forms to be on our website. Councillors have 28 days to register any material changes.

2.3 Cannock Chase Council is undertaking a review of Polling Stations and has asked for a questionnaire to be completed and returned by 31st August. This has been done. (Replied 9th July).

2.4 Arrangements are in place for a meeting on 1st August between the Clerks of Hammerwich, Norton Canes, Burntwood and Heath Hayes and Wimblebury to discuss potential collaboration and information sharing about matters that affect our respective Councils. Ourselves and Norton Canes have joined Chasewater Friends and it is expected that Burntwood and Hammerwich will do so in the near future.

3. Ben Patrice.

As previously reported, Ben is a pupil at Gorsemoor School and has had an operation at the QE to remove a cancerous brain tumour, leaving him aged 11 in a wheelchair and facing radiotherapy and chemotherapy and a 20% chance of living five years. The hospital has suggested to his parents that he has a bucket list.

We have helped raise awareness of this and a Just Giving page has raised nearly £4,000. There is a collection being held at St John’s Church.

Lisa Wilson at the Five Ways Pub has again come forward to help and offered to host an event (Party in the Car Park) at the pub on the August Bank Holiday Monday (26th).

Bourne Methodist Church held a fundraising coffee morning and contacted the Council via Facebook to find out how to hand over the funds. Cllr S. Thompson kindly volunteered to arrange this and has assisted with liaison between St John's and the collection of funds.

4. Memorial Benches.

4.1 The former benches at Five Ways Island have been removed by Cannock Chase Council and the new ones have been installed.

4.2 The Commissioning Event due to be held on 28th July had to be called off due to the weather.

Invitations went to: Cannock Council / Staffordshire County Council / Police / Alan and Margaret Dean, Cannock Chase Drum Corps. Schools: Five Ways, Gorsemoor, Heath Hates, Kingsmead. Churches: Bourne, Community Life, St John's. Advertised on Facebook / Website / Noticeboard. Also for any members of the public who may wish to attend.

It is very difficult to estimate attendance at events such as this, especially with the usual lack of response from those invited.

There would be an issue with traffic noise at this location unless there is a road closure and this would not be recommended because of the cost (probably £300) in relation to the attendance. When we had the event at Wimblebury, there was very little traffic but this is not the case at Five Ways.

Therefore I would suggest to the Council that this event is incorporated into the Remembrance event on 10th November. This would mean a much higher attendance, that the traffic would be stopped and would be a much more respectful way to dedicate the benches.

5. Hayes Green Community Centre.

5.1 WiFi. There is now free WiFi at the Centre, courtesy of the Community Life Church. No password – free for use for those inside the Centre. This was very useful for the SCVYS event on 10th July.

5.2 SCVYS Event. This was a great success and well attended. Held on 10th July, the Council allowed free use of the Centre and the Cherished Coffee Shop was very helpful allowing joint use and providing refreshments.



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5.3 Cherished Coffee Shop. Celebrated their first anniversary on 10th July. A great asset to the area, not only providing a meeting place but also used for events like the SCYYS day, Councillors Surgeries, Woolley Wednesday, Health Talks, Chatter and Natter, Play & Craft and many others.



5.4 Forest Garden. I have liaised with Moira Johns from the Grandparents Stay and Play Group regarding the use of the Forest Garden. This area was developed as an additional play and learning facility by the former nursery but is not used now. It is an enclosed area that will be useful for the group to use. There will be no expected cost.

5.5 Internal Door. The door was originally installed by the Nursery as a way of vetting visitors prior to entrance. It opens the wrong way to be a fire door. We have taken the lock off as some hirers have been pulling the door over and locking it. Hopefully, this will now eradicate any problems. If not, I will be recommending removal.

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

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 held on Saturday 6th July. Superhero 1 was on 22nd July at the Hayes Green Centre.

7.2 Superhero 2 8th August, 10am Heath Hayes Park. Superhero 3 10am at HGCC, Tuesday 27th August.

7.3 The hi-vis vests have been received and were used on the litterpick and for the work on Cannel Mount.

7.4 Cllr Sam Thompson investigated the possibility of a donation of litterpickers and bin rings from Cannock Chase Council. At the moment, we cannot have a donation but this may change. However, we can borrow the litterpickers and Cllr Thompson has kindly arranged for this for the next two events.

8. Cannel Mount.

8.1 Together with Mrs A. Lowe from Kingsmead School, we have liaised with the arrangements for a planned 200 pupils using the area for community projects for four days. Monday 15th to Thursday 18th July.

8.2 I purchased four small trowel sets (£36.52), two shears and two edging shears (closing down sale at TJ Hughes). Two portaloos were hired from Central Toilet Hire. Four boxes of wildflower seeds with 40,000 seeds were sown.

8.3 Suggestions in advance included path clearance / Litterpicking / Planting wildflowers / Mapping an orienteering course / Bird / Bat / Owl boxes / Map making / Historical research / Connectivity linking to footpaths and cycle routes. This will part of a plan to improve the area by including local schools in events that are beneficial to the community and to their education and development.

8.4 I liaised about other equipment and either I or my son Jamie (who is a Primary School Teacher) were available the whole time of the project. It finished at 1pm on Thursday 18th.

8.5 In summary, 120 Year 10 pupils and four staff arrived on Day 1. Ongoing management of the pupils and suggestions improved the effectiveness of the work and on Day 2, Day 3 and Day 4 we had 60 pupils and six staff for Years 9,8 and 7. Cannel Mount gained 900 hours of voluntary work and the pupils had a wide range of activities. It is hoped to continue to liaise with Kingsmead and the three Primaries to continue to provide learning opportunities.

Overall, it was a very successful project, which I attended every day, assisted when needed and reacted to issues. Several members of the public asked about the project and they were all impressed with the work the pupils were doing.

Photograph shows Cllr P. Haden handing over a Certificate of Thanks.





9. Facebook / Web.

- 912 members.
- June, July, September, October and November meetings entered. Remembrance Events, Public Inquiry entered.
- Police Updates.
- CCDC issues / Local Plan Consultation
- Litterpicking.
- Web updates with information about reporting procedures / Meeting dates / Links to Job Centre
- Cannel Mount project.
- Remembrance – Wimblebury 3rd Nov / Heath Hayes 10th Nov
- Local events / Chasewater Friends / Chasewater Steam events.

10. Community Infrastructure Levy.

The 2018-19 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Report has been submitted to Cannock Chase Council and published on our webpage.

11. Christmas Lights.

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.

12. Dementia Friendly Status.

The Council wants to assist the area obtain Dementia Friendly Status.

PCSO Natalie Baggott organised a training event at Heath Hayes Library on Thursday 10th July. An offer to host a “Step Back in Time” event at the HGCC has been made to PCSO Baggott.

Here is a link to the information about becoming Dementia Friendly.

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

13. Bourne Methodist Church.

Email sent 30th July.

I am sure the Council would like me to assist the Bourne Church and further to what Les has reported, I have met with Glynne Watkin and spoken to Margaret Strickland and the situation at the moment is:

The future of the building will be considered by the Circuit in September.

The roof is expected to cost £50,000 and there are no known funds so there is a need to stop using the chapel building.

Sunday Services will continue, possibly until the end of October.

The relocation of the Foodbank is being discussed tomorrow - it is continuing at the Bourne and there has been an offer to relocate to St John's.

Smiley Faces Nursery has been given three months to leave. They are looking for alternative premises.

There are at most 12 regular worshippers. I have discussed alternative options with Margaret and there is the possibility of using the Community Life Church as they are at the Hayes Green Centre. They have been told they are welcome at St John's.

Margaret has offered their Christmas Lights to the Council and I am collecting them tomorrow at 2pm when the Foodbank will be held at the Bourne. I will store them at the HGCC pending a decision as to future use.

I have also told Margaret that she can contact the Council about any advice or assistance that we can offer.

I will keep you updated with any material developments.

14. Land between Chapel Street and Cannock Road.

There will be a Public Inquiry at the Hayes Green Centre on Thursday 19th September.



15. Traffic issues.

15.1 Schools.

No further reply from Clear Streets.

Five Ways School put an article in their weekly newsletter (12th July) to ask parents to review their parking actions.

15.2 Hednesford Road. The work outside the Constitutional Club has been completed.

15.3 Speed Activated Sign. Hayes Way. Ongoing liaison in progress in case any funding for a sign becomes available.

15.4 Lichfield Road authorised closure from 17th July to 2nd September between Devon Road and Eastern Way for gas works. (From the island by the Poplars Recycling towards Cannock).

16. Agenda for September Meeting.

As it stands, these are entered on the agenda for September.

Apologies / Declarations / Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising / Planning / Remembrance Sunday / Wimblebury Event / Bench Dedication / 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 26th August.