

## **Report – November 2019**

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

**2019** – 6<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**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.

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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> Jun, 5<sup>th</sup> Jul, 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.**

**Prince's Trust project at HGCC.** 28<sup>th</sup> October to 8<sup>th</sup> November.

**Christmas Lights** on 3pm, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December (4<sup>th</sup> December 2020).

**County Council Surgery** – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday (5/11,3/12, 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 (8/11,13/12/20,10/01,14/02, 13/03).

**New2U** fundraising event at HGCC on 16/10/19. Run by Cherished Coffee Shop. This raised funds to pay for the Children's Christmas Party.

**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.

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

**Litter Picks Held.** 6<sup>th</sup> July / 22<sup>nd</sup> July / 8<sup>th</sup> August / 27<sup>th</sup> August, 28<sup>th</sup> September.

**Christmas Lights** switch on – 3pm. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. (4<sup>th</sup> December 2020).

**Wimblebury Remembrance** – 3<sup>rd</sup> November. 10.40am to 11.10am.

**Heath Hayes Remembrance Sunday** – 10<sup>th</sup> November. 10am service at St John's, Silence etc at Memorial Gates 10.40am onwards.

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

**Other Events. St John's Carols** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. 6.30pm at Tescos.

**HG,HH&W Environmental Group.** Discovering Heath Hayes Park 14<sup>th</sup> November Milking Brook Work Party, 28<sup>th</sup> November, Explore Mill Green 12<sup>th</sup> December. (see their Facebook Group for further information).

**Heath Hayes Library** – Local History Exhibition. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November.



## **2. Administrative Issues.**

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 Hednesford Road.** The drain cover by Chapel Street has been repaired.

The drainage problems by the Cons Club have been reported to County Highways for attention. Cllr J. McMahon has liaised with me and also contacted County Highways.



#### **4.2 Mr Andrew Bottomer.**



Mr Andrew Bottomer, son of former Councillor Brian Bottomer used to attend the service and read out the names of the fallen, proudly wearing his father's RAF and Fire Service medals. He died on 16<sup>th</sup> October and I have spoken to his widow and sent a condolence card on behalf of the Council.



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

#### **4.2 Remembrance Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November.**

There will be a service at St John's at 10am (also at the Bourne and the Community Life Church).

There will be a service, readings silence etc at the Memorial Gates starting at 10.45am with an intention to hold the silence at 11am. The gates will be open and the proceedings will be held within the park. Alan Dean is assisting with the PA. Rev Glynne Watkin and Reg Fullelove will be conducting the proceedings.

Cannock Chase Drum Corps has been invited to participate, however, it would appear that sadly, the group has suffered from a lack of numbers and has suspended operations pending closure. There is no bugler. There will be no road closure and no planned walking on the road. Invitations have gone out as in previous years with an explanation of the changes. I have had no further comments.

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For information, Thames Valley Police insisted on a Management Company for a “Ride of Respect” on 27<sup>th</sup> October attended by 15,000 people including former and serving officers for murdered Thames Valley Police officer, PC Andrew Harper. This change in policing is a national issue and pointless to discuss on a local level.

In future, traffic management will have to be undertaken by an events management company with adequate training and insurance. This will very probably not change for the foreseeable future, if ever.

However this year, a big advantage is that there will not be any time pressures on the events in the park as the traffic will not be stopped. There will be noise from passing traffic but this must be balanced against the noise in previous years from stationary vehicles with their engines running, noisy radios and the odd idiot sounding their horn.

The arrangements for 2020 begin to be considered in January 2020. I have liaised with Kevin Yates and Mike Edmonds about use of the park and all has been agreed. The event will be reviewed in due course.

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.

## **5. Hayes Green Community Centre.**

**5.1 Prince’s Trust.** Moira John’s who runs the Chase Grandparents Group that meets at the HGCC every Thursday has been liaising with me for quite some time about grant applications. We had discussed and agreed the main aims of any grant to get some repairs done to the benches and the fence, also to make some progress on the Forest Garden.

The Prince’s Trust team has accepted the challenge and held a fundraising event prior to the start date on 28<sup>th</sup> October. They are working each weekday until the completion of the project due on 8<sup>th</sup> November. The credit for this grant is all due to Moira.



I will be liaising with Moira, the Prince's Trust and the hirers to try to ensure no one is inconvenienced. Ruth Howell, as usual, has been extremely co-operative.

Thanks also to Cllr S. Thompson for arranging for the removal of the green waste.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Advertising sign.** Installed.



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

**5.8 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.**

**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.

## **6. Defibrillators.**

The defibrillators have been checked and are in order. There are no known sources of grants at the present time.

I have contacted the police to confirm their knowledge of the WMAS database.

## **7. Litter Project.**

7.1 A litterpick was last held on 28<sup>th</sup> September.

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.**

The installation of a vehicle barrier has been completed.



## **9. Facebook / Web.**

- Now over 1,000 members.
- Meetings dates entered. Remembrance Events, Grants Scheme, Litterpicking, Cannel Mount, Public Inquiry entered.
- Reporting procedures / Police / CCDC / Traffic / Weather Updates.
- Local events / Chasewater Friends / Chasewater Steam events.
- The site has become more manageable now since I have added the need for new members to state why they want to join the group and to agree to rules regarding no hate speech or bullying, being kind and courteous, no promotions or spam and respecting privacy. To try to maintain the purpose and relevance, I have also added that this is a Parish Council site to publicise what the Parish Council is doing.

## **10. Christmas Lights.**

**10.1 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.

10.2 Lights to be turned on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 (and 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020).

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



## 11. Dementia Friendly Status.

11.1 The area has obtained Dementia Friendly Status. (Reported on Facebook on 20<sup>th</sup> September).

11.2 An offer to host a “Step Back in Time” event at the HGCC has been made to PCSO Baggott.

11.3 Here is a link to the information about Dementia Friendly Communities.

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

11.4 There is a Facebook Group called “Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Dementia Awareness Action Group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/440600733331987/>

11.5 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”.

## **12. 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.

## **13. Planning. (as at 3/11/19).**

### **13.1 Applications dealt with by Planning Committee (no objections):**

- **19/338 – 18 KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBLEBURY.** Single storey rear extension.
- **9/373 – 284 CANNOCK ROAD, HEATH HAYES.** Vary conditions from 13/146 to allow each property to have a vehicle access point.
- **19/379 – 22 WOODPECKER WAY, HEATH HAYES.** Detached garage.

### **13.2 Decisions reported by the District Council:**

The Council noted the approval of the following applications:

- **19/298 – GEM CARPETS, HEDNESFORD ROAD, HEATH HAYES.** Proposed new finishes to exterior.
- **19/322 – 1 WHEATLANDS CLOSE, HEATH HAYES.** Two storey side extension and new garden wall and gate.
- **19/337 – 12 GREEN MEADOWS, HEATH HAYES.** Repositioning of 6' tall rear garden fence to the border of the property.
- **19/340 – 10 SALISBURY DRIVE, HEATH HAYES.** First floor side extension, garage conversion, detached garage (resubmission of 19/266).

## **14. Agenda for December Meeting.**

As it stands, these are entered on the agenda. Apologies / Declarations / Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising / Planning / Updates on Remembrance Sunday, 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 26<sup>th</sup> November.

January – Precept, Finances, Budget, Newsletter, Grants, Remembrance Events 2020, HGCC. February – Chapel Street, Annual Awards.