



QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL

Heath Hayes & Wimblebury Parish Council

Annual Report June 2009

1. Summary of major points.

- The Precept is £58,400. The cost of the Council to the residents of the area has reduced for the sixth year in a row and is now 27% lower than 2003.
- Heath Hayes Cabin again has the highest income ever.
- Following the major refurbishment of the Hayes Green Community, we have continued to maintain the Centre at the same high standard.
- The Council has awarded £8,373 awarded to local organisations.
- Our Clerk won one five national bursaries to attend the World Clerks' Conference in May 09.

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 2009/10.

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.

In addition, the Council can be contacted 24 hours a day, seven day a week by email to raysmythe@msn.com, by post to 12 Thistledown Drive, Heath Hayes, WS12 3XW or by phone or fax to 01543-450635.

The Meetings for the 2009/10 financial year are as follows;

1st April
6th May
3rd June
1st July
2nd September
7th October
4th November
2nd December
6th January 2010
3rd February
3rd March

3. Contact Details as at June 2009.

Old Heath Hayes.

Councillor M. Doody (Chair). Coppice House, Hatherton Park, Cannock, WS11 1RF 01543-509326 / 07799-804289

Councillor I. Carr. 7 Valley Road, Hednesford, WS12 1TD

Councillor R. Merry (Vice Chair). 3 Brampton Drive, Heath Hayes WS12 3DT 279526

Councillor L. Bullock. 9 Newlands Ct, Heath Hayes WS12 3YS 276761

Cllr Mick Doody



Cllr Ian Carr



Cllr Bob Merry Cllr Les Bullock



New Heath Hayes.

Councillor Ann Bernard 3 Truro Close, Heath Hayes, WS12 2YU 274427

Councillor Janos Toth. 10 Waterbrook Way, Cannock, WS11 0GG
502919

Councillor Vyv Baker. 21 Salisbury Drive, Heath Hayes, WS12 3YW.
07518-063402.



Cllr Ann Bernard

Cllr Janos Toth

Cllr Vyv Baker

Hawks Green.

Councillor John Bernard. 3 Truro Place, Close, Heath Hayes, WS12 2YU
01543-274427.

Councillor David Hill. 27 Brisbane Way, Wimblebury, WS12 2GR.
01543-458370.

Councillor Joyce Merry. 3 Brampton Drive, Heath Hayes, WS12 3DT.
01543-279526.

Cllr John Bernard

Cllr Dave Hill

Cllr Joyce Merry



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Wimblebury.

Councillor B. Bottomer. 23 Scott Street, Wimblebury, WS12 2RP 01543-277115

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

Councillor R. Todd. 35 Lyndhurst Road, Heath Hayes, WS12 3HD
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Cllr Brian Bottomer



Cllr Diane Todd



Cllr Bob Todd

Clerk.

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Ray with the five UK representatives at the World Clerks Conference in
Chicago, May 2009.

Also in Picture from left to right, Rodabe Rudin (Forest Row), Helen Ball
(Beverley), Dyanne Reece (Savannah, Georgia), Sue Creswick (Stroud),
Catherine Camp (Barby).

4. Council Committees and Representatives.

Hayes Green Community Centre.

Cllrs A. Bernard, J. Bernard, L. Bullock and M. Doody.

Heath Hayes Cabin.

Cllrs I. Carr, D. Todd and M. Doody.

Sustainability (Agenda 21).

Cllr R. Todd.

Planning.

All Councillors.

Leisure.

Cllrs M. Doody, R. Merry R. Todd & L. Bullock.

Youth and Community.

M. Doody, A. Bernard, L. Bullock, I. Carr and D. Todd.

Heath Hayes Area Senior Citizens' Support Group.

Cllr R. Todd.

District Council Standards Sub-Committee - Cllr R. Todd.

Wimblebury Community Association.

Cllr L. Bullock and Mrs L. Morris.



**Staffordshire Society of Local Council Clerks AGM, April 2009.
Hayes Green Community Centre.**

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.

All the minutes and agendas for the last five years are on the Council website, as well as the meeting dates for the next four years.

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.

6. Chair's Report – 2008/09 - From the Annual Parish Meeting 6th May 2009 – Councillor M. Doody.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Chairman for the last year. First of all, I would like to congratulate Mr Tim Brooks and Mrs Joy Berwick.

Tim Brooks has been awarded a Certificate of Good Citizenship for his voluntary work in the area, assisting with Remembrance Day and other events and especially for the work that he does with his family with the Ignite Café.

Joy Berwick has been awarded a Certificate of Good Citizenship for her work with the homeless and at the Bourne Methodist Church, again over many years.

We are grateful for their attendance and for their contribution.

We also celebrate the Jasmine Restaurant of Hednesford Road, Heath Hayes for their many years of providing a well used facility for the community. We are lucky to have this business here.

Now, what has the Council done over the last year? I can tell you that I am very proud of this report and this Council. The last year has again been very successful.

The Heath Hayes Cabin last year raised £3,161 in hire fees, the highest ever. The Hayes Green Community Centre has been maintained at the high standard it was after the refurbishment and is in use every day of the week.

We have raised over £5,000 to producing a map of the area and delivering it to every house in the area. It is hoped this project will be completed in the next few months.

In the last year, we have donated £8,372 to local groups and we continue to support organisations that benefit the area.

We continue to operate a website, totally free of charge, that has every meetings agenda and minutes for the last five years as well as many other articles and links.

As a Council, we provide the best value that we can. We have reduced the tax burden each and every year in the last six years, the Band D annual charge has reduced by 27% in that time.

I have been on the Council since it was formed in 1988, and last year was one of our best years.

We have continued to build on our success following the award of Quality Status in 2006 and plans are in hand for the re-accreditation which is due next year.

We have undertaken a major financial review and have looked at every aspect of income and expenditure to make sure that we are operating as efficiently as possible.

I want to congratulate our Clerk, Ray Smythe, who has won a competition to be one of five national representatives to attend the World Town Clerks Conference in Chicago in May. This is another great honour and his attendance at the conference will be beneficial for him and this Council.

This is the Council's 21st year and we have made a lot of progress in that time. 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.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as Chairman.

The 2009 Annual Parish Meeting.



Mr Tim Brooks



Mrs Joy Berwick



7. Finance Report.

For the financial year ending 31st March 2009

Income

Precept	£ 58,400.00
Interest	£ 711.88
Grants	£ 857.00
Vat	<u>£ 2,461.81</u>
Total	£ 62,430.69

Expenditure

Administration / Office /Salary	£20,381.57
Grants	£ 8,372.63
Other expenditure	£ 9,527.63
Vat	£ 2,461.81
Hayes Green Community Centre	£20,505.82
Heath Hayes Cabin	<u>£ 5,141.40</u>
Total	£66,390.86

Balance brought forward	£18,689.22
Plus Income	<u>£62,430.69</u>
Total	£81,119.91
Less Expenditure	<u>£66,390.86</u>
Balance at 31st March	£14,729.05

8. Grants awarded by the Council in 2008/09 (£8,372.63)

Royal British Legion	£ 66 (Remembrance Day)
Christmas Lights Competition	£ 40
1st Heath Hayes Scouts	£100
1st Heath Hayes Pioneers	£100
1st Heath Hayes Brownies	£100
3rd Heath Hayes Brownies	£200
1st Heath Hayes Guides	£100
3rd Heath Hayes Guides	£100
1st Heath Hayes Beavers	£100
1st Heath Hayes Rainbows	£100
Heath Hayes Band	£500
Five Ways School	£200
Gorsemoor School	£200
Heath Hayes School	£612.80
Norton Canes High School	£200
Bourne Methodist Church	£500
St John's Church	£500
Hednesford Pentecostal Church	£380.58
St Giles Hospice	£400
Chase CAB	£400
Cannock Chase Advice Centre	£400
Meiji Judo	£700
KONCAS	£300
The Source Youth Club	£483.25
Cats Protection	£ 50
Breathe Easy	£ 50
Victim Support	£100
County Air Ambulance	£200
Cruse Bereavement	£100

9. Heath Hayes Cabin

- The Cabin was installed by the Parish Council and provides an affordable meeting place for local groups.
- The Community Action Team, Police, PCSO's, Streetwardens and the County Council Youth Service have free use to help the community.
- Hire Charges remain unchanged at £4.25 an hour or £15 for four hours. Despite the unchanged hire charge that, last year we raised £3,161 in hire fees, the highest ever. It is used most days of the week.
- A rebate has been received from Inland Revenue for voluntary online filing.
- We have successfully applied for rate relief, saving £1,118.



10. Hayes Green Community Centre.

- The Hayes Green Community Centre on Heath Way was taken over by the Parish Council to save it from closure. It is a community facility that can be hired by individuals or groups for parties, events or classes.
- Just over 12 months ago, the Centre has underwent a huge internal and external refurbishment and is now a first class facility. The main hirer is Stepping Stones Nursery which operates between 8.30am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday and the Centre is in use every day of the week.

- The Centre is used for Community Forum meetings and as a Polling Station.
- The Centre is registered with the District Council as a major emergency venue.
- A rebate have been received from Inland Revenue for voluntary online filing.
- Grants have been used to install a new boiler and to purchase 24 folding lightweight tables and two trolleys.
- We have successfully applied for rate relief, saving £4,536.



Hayes Green Community Centre, rear view above and internal below.



11. The Aims of the Council for the Future.

- To manage the Heath Hayes Cabin and Hayes Green Community Centre as efficiently as possible for the benefit of the community.
- To produce a high quality map of the area and to deliver a copy to every house in the area.
- To manage public money efficiently and responsibly in the best interests of the residents.
- To ascertain funding sources and to apply for any grants that may be beneficial to the area and to liaise with local groups to inform them of funding opportunities.
- To continue to represent the area, to encourage good citizenship and to act in the best interests of the community.

Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Parish Council
Serving the community since 1988

