

Clerk's Report – April 2019

1. Future Meetings and Events.

2019 – 3rd April APM and Council Meeting.

Election 2nd May.

Remembrance Sunday – 10/11/2019

Wimblebury Event – 3/11/2019

Community Funday – It is again hoped to hold an event on a Saturday or Sunday in August, between midday to 4pm. Possibly with live music, a BBQ and children's activities.

St John's – Carols Event – TBA. Hoped to be held in December in the two weeks before Christmas Day.

Litter Picking. The volunteers have been asked for a list of suggested sites and it is hoped to have a programme of monthly events planned from June onwards.

2. Plans for APM / Council Meeting.

The meetings will be held on Wednesday 3rd April at the Hayes Green Community Centre.

The APM has been advertised on our Facebook page and website. Noticeboards and newsletter. Invitations have also gone out to the local District Councillors, County Councillors, MP and grant recipients etc. If any invitations to any person or group need confirming or repeating, please let me know.

The buffet will officially open after the APM but anyone wanting something to eat or drink before that will be accommodated. The Cherished Coffee Shop has very kindly offered to provide the refreshments.

The Council meeting is planned to be brief and purely to undertake the necessary business to enable the smooth transition for the start of the new Council in May. The agenda reflects this.

Timetable.

7.30pm APM starts – Presentation of Chair's Report for 2018/19.

Presentation of Certificates / Grants.

- **Citizens of the Year – David and Margaret Strickland.** (Notified and attending).
- **Business of the Year – Cherished Coffee Shop.** (Notified and attending).
- **Young Person of the Year – Anastacia Smouna** – (Notified and attending).
- **Grant cheques will then be handed out.**
- **Break for refreshments.** Estimated 8pm.

Council meeting. Estimated 8.30pm to 8.40pm. **Dispersal.**

3. Brief Financial Points.

3.1 Cannock Chase Council has allowed 80% Mandatory and 5% Discretionary rate relief on the Hayes Green Community Centre. On an initial bill of £5,796.00, 80% was £4,636.80 and 5% £289.80, a total reduction of £4,926.60, leaving £869.40 to pay.

3.2 During the 2018-19 financial year, the remainder of VAT paid by the Council is to be reclaimed.

3.3 Returns for accounts, trustees reports and Inland Revenue end of year procedures have been prepared for the Hayes Green Community Centre and the Council. The confirmed figures will be available as soon as possible. The financial year ends on 31st March, the meeting is on 3rd April. I hope to have all the accounts finished.

4. Traffic Issues.

4.1 Reporting. Traffic matters can be reported to the County Council on the following number : 0300 111 8000 or on the County Council website www.staffordshire.gov.uk and following the link for road or lighting faults.

4.2 Abandoned vehicles can be reported on <https://www.gov.uk/report-abandoned-vehicle>.

Thanks to Cllr C. Woods for reporting Ford Fiesta YE04 WKS apparently abandoned in Gorsemoor Road, near to the Heathers.

5. Publicity / issues raised.

Newsletter published in February and next due in June.

Facebook / Web. 761 (Last year 342)

- Various Council events / Meeting dates / Grant Awards information / Hednesford Nature Reserve / Horsehoe Way play area
- How to report a traffic fault / County Council information
- AONB Events / Magistrates / Police information
- Recycling / Weather.
- Almond Close – report of litter.
- Weekly summaries of planned events.
- Condor Grove play area, Gorsemoor Road, Millers Vale (broken glass)
- Gorsemoor Road Play Area (ASB)

6. Other matters of interest.

6.1 Tesco's – The advertising frame has not yet been removed. I have had no response to further requests for information.

6.2 Tesco's – Recycling It would appear that the changes have stopped the problems with the fly-tipping. Although the possibility will never be eradicated, the likelihood has reduced significantly.

6.3 Tesco's – Work has started on the car wash facility.

6.4 Broken glass in various areas has been reported to Cannock Council. Very quick and positive response.

6.5 CCDC meeting with Clerks on 8th April.

6.6 Police Drop In sessions started at Heath Hayes Library. First one on 25th March. Next due on 4th and 13th April.

6.7 PCSO Natalie Baggott has been organising dementia awareness sessions and held one for "Village Cabs".

6.8 A report made on Facebook about Japanese Knotweed has been passed to Severn Trent.

7. Defibrillators.

7.1 Defibs checked and ok. (HGCC, St John's Church, Community Life Church, Tasty Bites, John Street, Wimblebury

7.2 No new known sources of funding.

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8.1 Litter pick 24th March.

The above event was held as part of the Great British Spring Clean.

Cllr Julie Aston very kindly opened Wimblebury Community Association and provided refreshments for the volunteers. She also allowed the Centre bins to be used for the waste disposal.

8.2 Bird / Bat / Owl Boxes.

I am liaising with Cannock Chase Countryside Services about the provision and installation of boxes.

Bird boxes need to be squirrel proof and placed in safe, high locations. Most box sizes would be occupied.

Bat boxes would probably be very quickly occupied as there are a lot up there.

Owl Boxes (Barn Owl) cost £135 and are very big and I am meeting with a Ranger to discuss a possible location.

9. Miscellaneous.

8.1 The Parish Council elections will be held on 2nd May. Cannock Council will hold elections for two District Council seats; one for Hawks Green and one for Heath Hayes East and Wimblebury.

8.2 The Hayes Green Community Centre will be a Polling Station.

8.3 I have watched a webinar from the HMRC about how to complete end of year returns.

8.4 The HMRC end of year return for the Hayes Green Community Centre has been prepared and ready for submission. P60's created. The new arrangements for 2019/20 will be downloaded when available.