

Whitmore Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2016



Parish Council to Improve Whitmore Recreation Ground

In 1960 Staffordshire County Council transferred responsibility for the continued protection and development of Whitmore Recreation Ground to a charitable trust. Whitmore Parish Council is one of the trustees and provides all of the funding to keep the area attractive and suitable for recreational use.

The Parish Council has over the years continued to regularly cut the grass every two weeks, has provided extensive children's areas, picnic table and benches. Outdoor exercise equipment has also been installed and continues to be used.



The Parish Councillors have also discussed what might be done to bring about more use of the ground for recreational and sporting activities.

In recent years the Parish Council ap-

proached Newcastle Borough Council to bring children's play & sports activities to the ground. Unfortunately on each occasion the Parish Council was unsuccessful because officers believed the standard of the ground was unsuitable for formal sports and the football goals too small and no longer acceptable for football activities.

Earlier this year the Parish Council commissioned the Staffordshire Football Association to survey the ground and make recommendations as to what should be done to bring the ground up to an acceptable standard. The survey was completed by Gareth Thomas (Staffordshire Football Association) and Andy Jackson (Groundsman at Stoke City Football Club).

The report advised that the grass is in good condition and has acceptable drainage. The ground slopes slightly and is uneven in areas. To make the ground more useful and suitable for sporting activities it was recommended that the existing small goals be removed and replaced by junior sized goals (12ft x 6ft) and a formal playing area be marked out 50 yards x 30 yards. This size of pitch would be suitable for children aged under 7, 8, 9, 10 years of age to enjoy. It was also recommended that the unevenness of the ground be addressed so that a flat playing surface can eventually be achieved.



Parish Councillors also made enquiries about the possibility of the pitch being used for 'Walking Football'. It was confirmed that the size of pitch being recommended would also be suitable for meeting the requirements of the growing interest in 'Walking Football'.

With this in mind the Parish Council will be undertaking works to remove the existing unsuitable football goals and replacing them with the ones recommended for junior football and walking football. A playing area will be marked out and the uneven ground minimised.

Bringing the recreation ground up to standard will mean that play and sporting activities can be provided by the Borough Council, young children will have a properly marked out playing area and adults that have an interest in trying out 'walking football' will be able to get involved.

Parish Council Meetings

All Parish Council meetings are open meetings and any member of the public can turn up to observe them.

There is an 'Open Forum' on EVERY Agenda for parishioners to address the Parish Council about any particular concerns they wish to bring to the Council's attention.

The monthly Parish Council meeting usually covers a wide range of topics and provides an interesting snapshot of the work that the Parish Council does.



Articles for publication

Clerk to the Parish Council

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Neighbourhood Plan

www.cmaw-neighbourhoodplan.org.uk

New Parish Councillor Colin Perry



It is now 40 years since we moved to North Staffordshire from our London roots. We first lived in Snape Hall Close and both our children attended Baldwin's Gate School. As they grew into teenagers we moved for some more space and have now been in Butterson for 30 years. As Rugby was been a lifelong passion I joined Newcastle Rugby Club back in 1976 but then due to a playing accident took up the whistle and became a Rugby Referee and was privileged to officiate around the UK and Europe. Life is still very active owning a couple of Springer Spaniels and playing Golf. My first few months as a Parish Councillor have shown me how important the Council is in protecting the local environment and supporting the residents in all matters affecting the Parish.

Colin Perry

Butterson Grass Triangle



The Parish Council has agreed to include monthly grass cutting and general maintenance of the Butterson Grass Triangle in the 2016/17 financial year. However there is concern that motorists are causing damage to the area. Just after the first seasons cut considerable damage was observed. Whilst the Parish Council has taken on responsibility for cutting the grass an improvement in appearance will be undermined by the careless actions of some motorists.

Annual General Meeting and Annual Parish Assembly

These two statutory meetings took place on 25th May.

Cllr Ian Webb was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Carl Evans re-elected as Vice-Chairman. Other Councillors were appointed to various sub-Committees of the Parish Council.

The Clerk gave a Financial Report and presented the Asset Register, which was approved. Financial details can be found on the website.

The Chairman then gave his Annual report of the Parish Council, his first as Chairman. In this report, he commended the work of the Parish Appearance group, the new layout of the Newsletter and the improvements to the website. The Information Day had been successful and it had been good to arrange the

planting of bulbs in Jubilee Gardens by children from Baldwins Gate School. The proposed music Festival ('Colourville') on the Mainwaring Estate had caused difficulties and divisions amongst parishioners. The Neighbourhood Development Plan was making serious progress, thanks to the work of the Steering Group. The major projects facing the Parish Council were still the Gateway Avenue development and the possible development of 99 homes at the end of Meadow Way. These, plus the ongoing situation regarding HS2 meant another busy year in prospect.

Following these two meetings, there was a presentation on the work of Parish Appearance sub-Committee, showing recent improvements and suggesting priorities for the future.

Focus on a Local Business - H E Butters

H E BUTTERS & CO (Precision Engineering & Metal Work repairs) has been located on Main Road Baldwins Gate since 1951. Bert Butters served his apprenticeship in engineering at Birketts, a well-known firm in Hanley. He quite literally built the business and then bought all the necessary lathes and pieces of machinery, one by one.

The business was gradually built up specialising in precision engineering. Bert employed his own father, Fred and it became a partnership with Bert being the major partner. He then employed Les, and later Graham, making a total of four employees. His second daughter Dianne also worked at the company for a short while.

The workshop became very busy and was extended to accommodate a major new large centre lathe in the 1980's.

Bert and Fred also worked out and about in the village, rewiring and completing electrical installations, (this was Fred's field, as he had completed his apprenticeship at English Electric).

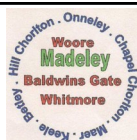
Over the years Bert and his team have worked on many varied requests such as; manufacturing & attending to breakdowns on agricultural equipment, manufacturing grain sampling extractors, drilling, welding & small fabrications, classic car & motorcycle restoration and even repairs to church bells & narrow boats. The company also supplied the aerospace and defence Industry and

the Lichfield Diocese 'Mobile Belfry' was built in the workshop.

The business of late is unfortunately not so busy, as people buy new instead of make do and mend! Sadly over the years Bert and Fred, who both continued working into their 80 s passed away and Les went on to fulfil other work engagements.

Bert's daughters Paula and Yvonne have continued with the business since his death six years ago. Graham continues to use his expertise to help and support in serving the community and further afield keeping alive Bert's skill, experience and wisdom.

If you would like to have something repaired or manufactured locally you can get in touch by phoning T: 01782 680253



**Madeley & District
Community
Association**

Registered Charity Number: 1087999

C/O Madeley Centre
New Road
Madeley
Crewe, Cheshire
CW3 9DN
Tel: 01782 751164

Are you wondering how you are going to get to and from your medical appointments? Help is just a phone call away!

We have a band of dedicated volunteers who are able to offer lifts to people who are unable to get to their Medical related (hospital, doctor's optician's etc.) appointments. The scheme is open to everyone. If you require help with transport please feel free to contact us. If you would like more information about using our services or about how you can volunteer as a driver for us please contact

Debbie Burns, Project Coordinator, on 01782 751164 or email mdcahub@gmail.com

Keep up to date by visiting the Whitmore
Parish Council Website
www.whitmoreparishcouncil.co.uk

Borough and County Councillor David Loades



It has been an interesting and challenging time since I last placed an article in this newsletter and one that no political party can be proud of unfortunately. So I decided this month that I would advise on an item that I am

often asked about. That is "how we can protect our country side and especially Trees". So I hope my replies to the often the asked questions below will be of help and interest to those of you who are looking to protect trees in our rural area.

I am always contactable and my details can be found on council web sites so please if you have an issue don't hesitate to contact me

Make a request for a tree preservation order

If you feel a particular tree or trees should be protected you can ask for a tree preservation order to be placed on the tree. You should provide details of the type of tree(s) and its location and the reasons why you think the tree(s) should be protected. The tree(s) will then be assessed in terms of its visual amenity value, health and likely danger to persons or property. Please be aware that the tree must be visible from public

vantage points for it to be considered worthy of a preservation order. Even where a tree is assessed as being worthy of preservation, an order will not automatically be made if there is no obvious threat to the tree's well-being.

When does a tree preservation order come into effect?

The protection comes into effect as soon as the local planning authority serves notice of the making of the order on the land owner and interested parties. After a 28 day consultation period in which interested parties have the opportunity to object to or support the protection of the tree, the authority will consider whether or not to confirm the order. The order must be confirmed within six months from notice first being served in order to ensure the long-term protection of the tree.

How will I know when the council makes a tree preservation order?

The authority will write to those who may have a right to work on the tree, generally the tree owner and sometimes others, such as tenants and neighbours. Copies of new orders are also available for inspection.

How can I object to or express support for a new tree preservation order?

After serving notice of the making of the

order on interested parties, the local planning authority allows 28 days for comments to be made. You should make your comments in writing to the authority, identifying the tree or trees in question and giving your reasons for either supporting or objecting to the making of the order.

The authority will take your comments into account when deciding whether or not to confirm the order. The authority can also modify an order when it confirms it; for example, to exclude some of the trees.

Does the local planning authority become responsible for looking after protected trees?

No. Owners remain responsible for trees covered by tree preservation orders, their condition and any damage they may cause. The authority's permission is usually required before any work is carried out to the trees.

Make a request

To make a request either email Newcastle Planning Department or use the web site directions to do so.

T: M: 07960 131408

E: david.loades@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk

Notice the Difference as Whitmore Parish Council takes on Grass Cutting of the A53 Trentham Road Roundabout

In April this year Whitmore Parish Council reached agreement with Staffordshire County Council to take on responsibility for contracting the grass cutting arrangements for the A53 Trentham Road roundabout. The

roundabout is a significant feature in the parish and has been unsightly since its construction. The Council has negotiated a continuation of the sponsorship arrangement with Newcastle-under-Lyme school that had

originally been agreed with Newcastle Borough Council and the parish council is grateful for this financial support. The sponsorship funds will be used to maintain the roundabout and gradually improve its presentation.

The Parish Council is keen to seek partnerships with other companies to sponsor its Parish Appearance projects.



NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME SCHOOL



OPEN MORNING

Sat 1 Oct 10am - 1pm

A leading HMC Day School for Boys and Girls aged 3 to 18



Madeley and District U3A

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For more information see

www.madeleydistrictu3a.org.uk E: H.Hurd@keele.ac.uk or E: cmhawksley@gmail.com

T: 01782 750338 or T: 01270 820049

WHITMORE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2016

Whitmore Festival time is here again – every two years, the Parish Council has organized a community Festival, featuring a variety of events. The full programme for September's Festival should arrive along with this Newsletter but, in case your copy goes missing, here is a brief synopsis.

Saturday 10th September –7.30 pm

Concert by Daleian Singers, Whitmore Village Hall

Tickets £10 from Don Lawton (01782 680371) or Claud Rowley (01782 680801)

Sunday 11th September 9.00 am

'In Praise of God' Radio Stoke

A service recorded to mark the Whitmore Festival

Sunday 11th September 2.30 pm

'Whitmore before the First World War' Talk by Andrew Dobraszcyc
Methodist Chapel - No charge

Monday 12th September 9.30 am

Guided walk around the footpaths and lanes of Butterson and Acton
followed by a tour of Butterson Church
Park at Butterson Church - No charge

Tuesday 13th September 7.00 pm

Brewery Tour of Joules Brewery, Market Drayton
Coach leaving the Mainwaring. Cost: £6.00
(To include tour, drinks, pork bap and coach)
Book via the Mainwaring (01782 6808510) - Numbers limited

Wednesday 14th September 7.30 pm

W I Special Event. 'Season of Mists and Mellow fruitfulness'
Whitmore Village Hall - No Charge

Friday 16th September 10.00 am

Mrs Christine Cavenagh-Mainwaring will be giving a talk on
Whitmore Hall and its history
followed by Refreshments - No charge

Friday 16th September 2.00 pm

Guided walk around the footpaths of Whitmore
Whitmore Village Hall - No charge

Saturday 17th September

FAMILY FUN DAY

Whitmore Village Hall

11.00 am – 3.00 pm

Free entry

Paint balling (charge for this)

Stalls

Refreshments

Bouncy castle (no charge)

Face painting

Competitions

And much more!

Saturday 17th September

And to end the Festival at Whitmore Village Hall

DISCO AND FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

8.00 pm – 11.00 pm

Something for all tastes from 'Oliver's Disco'

Tickets £10.00 (to include fish and chips) from any Parish Councillor

DALEIAN SINGERS

CONCERT:

WHITMORE VILLAGE HALL

7.30 p.m. 10th September 2016

As reported elsewhere in this newsletter, the Village Hall has recently installed a new Public Address System which will be put to the test on Saturday 10th September.

As part of the Whitmore Festival, The Daleian Singers will be returning to the Village Hall on that date to entertain local residents. Details will be listed in the Festival Programme, but in addition to the Choir itself, we have secured the services of an excellent young baritone, Jake Phillips. Jake is a scholar at the Royal Academy of Music studying Piano and Classical Guitar in addition to Singing. He took part in The Messiah at Cheswardine Church. He has performed in a number of recitals in the North of England and is keen to expand his repertoire. I am sure you will be most impressed by his wonderful voice.

Tickets are priced at £10.00, which includes light refreshments and are available from Village Hall Committee members or by calling

Don Lawton on 01782 680371
Claud Rowley on 01782 680801.
We look forward to welcoming you to what will be a most entertaining evening.

Neighbourhood Plan



The Neighbourhood Plan

Questionnaire will be on paper and online

from mid-August to mid-September 2016

Watch for further announcements on
parish and village hall notice boards

It's your opportunity to shape where you live

www.cmaw-neighbourhoodplan.org.uk

Roads, Pavements & Road Traffic Signs



The Parish Council is concerned about the state of the roads and tidiness of the Parish. The Council wants to encourage everyone to report problems directly to Staffordshire County Council.

Reporting issues directly speeds up the repair process and allows you to keep in touch with how the repair is progressing.

Staffordshire County Council Highways is responsible for the maintenance of Highways, Roads and Pavements. The County Council is also responsible for the provision, maintenance and cleaning of road signs.

Whitmore Parish Council also maintains some highway and road grass verges in certain areas of the Parish of Whitmore. **You can report a road or pavement problem yourself to Staffordshire County Council**

T: 0300 111 8000 www.staffordshire.gov.uk
Staffordshire County Council Highways Department, Wedgwood Buildings, Stafford ST16 2DH

Be prepared to give details of the problem and its location.

Annual Butterton Litter Pick



The Villagers of Butterton took part in their annual litter pick and it was at the time of the national promotion of "Clean for the Queen" In just over an hour the group collected 10 bin bags of rubbish, and this is despite regular tidy ups by a few residents.

After the work everyone met up at Helen Hopper's house for a slice of her fabulous cake and a cup of tea.

The lorry load of rubbish was deposited at the Leycett Lane Council site under protest as we had not notified them in advance !

Something local on your mind? We can't help if we don't know!

A note from the Clerk:

Be it lost sheep, Planning Applications, road gritting, parking problems, moles on the Playing Field, hedges needing cutting back, pot holes, dogs and dog fouling, litter, fly tipping, liaising with School/Borough/County Council (to name but a few), the Clerk's work is constantly varied and I hope you all know that you can contact me about any

local issue. I may not be able to help but I can try and point you in the direction of someone who can! I would rather be told about a problem 10 times by 10 different parishioners than not at all.

My phone number and email are in this Newsletter, on all the Parish Notice boards and on the web site.

Community Chest

Each year, the Parish Council has a small amount of money to distribute to local groups and organizations via the Community Chest scheme. Last year, we were able to give £500 to the Whitmore Scout Group and £300 to Whitmore 'Stay and Play' – the Mother and Toddler group which meets at Whitmore Village Hall.

Contact Wendy if you think your group would like to make an application to the scheme.

Community Litter Pickers

We have several unsung heroes across Whitmore Parish in the form of a surprising number of you who pick up black bags, don gloves and go and pick up litter in your respective patches. We can't offer you any medals (although we can offer you 'litter-picking sticks' – contact the Clerk) but we do offer you our sincere thanks.

The Borough Council's Streetscene does the best it can, but any efforts to help and try and keep our lovely area free of litter are very much appreciated.

Mobile Libraries

Following the recent consultation about the Mobile Library service, thankfully the Mobile Library serving Whitmore Parish will continue, although there will now not be so many stops. However, the stop in Baldwins Gate will be for a longer period.

Butterton Celebrates Queen's 90th Birthday

The Queen's 90th Birthday was celebrated in St. Thomas's church by a number of local families and their children. The village flag was set up and Glyn Edwards played the organ so everyone could sing the national anthem followed by cutting the birthday cake and chorus of Happy Birthday.

Car Parking problems at Baldwins Gate Primary School

Parking in the environs of Baldwins Gate School is proving a problem again, at school dropping off time in the mornings and collecting time in the afternoons. The local Police are monitoring the situation and we would remind parents not to park on pavements or block driveways. This is illegal. Fair Green Rd has been proving a particular problem recently.

Keep up to date by visiting the
Whitmore Parish Council Website
www.whitmoreparishcouncil.co.uk
Twitter @WhitmoreParishC

Whitmore & District Village Hall



Regular Events

Monday	Yoga Club 9.45am (term time only) Tai Chi 6.00pm
Tuesday	Line Dancing 10.00am to 12.00 noon Karate Club 7.00pm
Wednesday	Play and Stay 9.30am to 11.30am Indoor Bowling Club 2.00pm (<i>October to March</i>) CAMEO coffee morning 10.00am to 12.00 (<i>2nd week of the month</i>) Parish Council 7.00pm (<i>1st week of the month</i>) Maer WI 7.30pm (<i>2nd week of the month September to February</i>) Scouts 7.30pm
Thursday	Art Group 9.30am Cubs 6.30pm Village Hall Committee 7.30pm (<i>1st Thursday of the month</i>)
Friday	Indoor Bowling Club 2.00pm (<i>October to March</i>) Dance Club 8.00pm
Sunday	Tai Chi 6.00pm Last Sunday of the month Car Boot Sale 8.00am

If you require more information or you are interested in joining any of the activities just turn up at the Village Hall on the day and time presented

To book the Hall contact
Krys Holbrook, T: 01782 680481

Village Hall News

As part of the ongoing development of Whitmore Village Hall, our next project is to upgrade the Public Address System in the hall. Much criticism has been levelled at the existing installation which consists of four domestic type speakers and an antiquated amplification, control system and microphone.

In addition to the new speaker and amplifier system, radio microphones will be provided in an attempt to provide an excellent facility for many years to come. Also a hearing loop will be installed to assist those using hearing aids. Quotations were received and a grant has been awarded by Lottery Awards for All. The installation was completed on 30th June.

The final part of the acoustic enhancement will be to try to reduce echo vibration in the Main Hall and the new Meeting Room and various options are being investigated to address this problem.

The Village Hall Committee will be pleased to receive (non-electronic) feedback on the efficacy of the system once it is up and running.

Don Lawton Hon. Secretary : Whitmore Village Hall

Book the Village Hall

Parties, Weddings, Anniversaries, Charity Fund-Raising Events and Meetings

Krys Holbrook

Bookings Secretary

T: 01782 680481

Car Boot &

Table Top Sale

Whitmore & District Village Hall

Last Sunday of the month

8.00am to 12.00 noon

Tables are
provided indoors
£6.00 per table indoors
or outside pitch
No booking required

Ashley Music School

Tuition given at Whitmore Village Hall
www.amsprojects.webplus.net

96th Whitmore and Baldwins Gate Scout Group

Whitmore & District Village Hall

Cubs for Boys and Girls

Age 8 – 10½

Thursday 6.30 to 8.00pm

Scouts for Boys and Girls

Age 10½ to 14

Wednesday 7.30 to 8.00pm

Contact the Scout leaders for details
jayaukland@hotmail.com

Learn more about the Scouts at www.scouts.org.uk
We are also looking for volunteers to get involved.
If this is of interest please get in touch.

NEW - BEAVERS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

Voice of 10,000 Village Halls to be heard again

'The Voice of Village Halls'



A new online voice for the 10,000 village and community halls has been launched today by the national charity ACRE

(Action with Communities in Rural England). The National Village and Community Halls Network will take over the role of the National Village Halls Forum and act as a reference group enabling the grass roots expertise of knowledgeable village and community hall trustees, volunteers and councillors to feed into meetings with MPs, Government departments and Consultation responses.

Alan West, formerly chairman of the National Village Halls Forum explained; "For almost 35 years the National Village Halls Forum was the voice of around 90,000 volunteers running village and community halls. The Forum had difficulty recruiting new younger officers and raising funds but still felt there was an important role to be played in speaking out, particularly when faced with tax, finances and legislation that was likely to adversely affect the management of community facilities."

ACRE is pleased to be hosting the new Network and welcomes the sponsorship by Norris and Fisher (Insurance Brokers) Ltd. Hall management committees and other organisations and individuals with an interest in village halls are invited to sign up via the webpage to share good practice and experiences with other like-minded members as

well as contributing to the development of appropriate legislation and regulation.

Alan West added: "Last year we met The Right Honourable Oliver Letwin at Downing Street to emphasise the importance of village halls in rural communities and to highlight the support volunteers managing them need. We intend to continue this important work through the National Village and Community Halls Network."

Four priorities of the newly formed Network will be consideration of:

- * VAT on extensions and alterations and the possibility of a VAT Refund Scheme.
- * How funding might best be sought for capital improvements.
- * The delivery of long-term advice and support for volunteers managing buildings and;
- * The disproportionate charge for music copyright licenses where music is rarely played.

Madeley Practice Patient Participation Group

This is a newly established group meeting at Moss Lane Surgery every two months, on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm.

The group aims to consult and plan with patients on facilities, explore ideas and promote practice development between the Practice and the patient.

If you're interested in joining, the next meeting will be in September – or contact the Surgery (01782 750274) for more details.

Report Dog Fouling

Please report dog fouling directly to the Borough's dog warden service (not to the Parish Council). You can contact the dog wardens by phone (01782 742 571) or via the online reporting form on the Borough's website (www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk).

To access the form click 'F' on the alphabetical index, select 'Forms – online' and click 'Dogs – Report dog related issues'. Provide as much information as possible, such as a

description of the dog and its owner, the time of day when the dog is usually walked, the route taken and the location of the fouling. The dog warden will patrol the area and will speak to the owner when they see them. The Warden has the power to start proceedings against the owner if they witness a fouling offence. All reports to the dog warden service are handled confidentially. For further information about the work of the Borough's dog warden service click 'D' on the Borough website's alphabetical index and go to 'Dog'.

ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) is the national voice for the 38 rural community councils who make up the country's largest rural network. Together, we reach 52,000 grassroots organisations in 11,000 rural communities www.acre.org.uk.

Space Scheme

for 11 – 17 year olds

During the summer holidays

25th July – 2nd September

the Borough Council is offering discounted membership for £10.00 at Jubilee 2 and Newcastle Sports Centres 11 – 17 year olds can access unlimited activities – although numbers may be limited

For more information, contact

Lucy Taylor (01782 742615)

Jubilee 2 (01782 616606)

or go to

space@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk

Youth Fishing Competitions

Local police officers have

Organised a number of

fishing competitions

for 8 - 16 years

Parents and grandparents welcome

10.00 am - 3.00 pm

Arrive by 9.00 am

25th July (Cudmore Fisheries)

11th August (Redhall Lane, Halmerend)

24th August (Cudmore Fisheries)

27th August (Madeley Pool)

Free of charge

Local police will be supervising

Restricted to 20 places

Contact PCSO16266 Hodgkinson or

PCSO 16736 Forrest T: 101 ext 5643

E: [colin.hodgkinson](mailto:colin.hodgkinson@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk)

@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk

Loggerheads & District Befrienders

VOLUNTEERS WANTED in the

Whitmore & Baldwins Gate Area



Do you have any free time, an hour or two per week that you could spare to be a Befriender to an adult who is lonely or feels isolated and who would like some company?

If so, or you would like more

information, please call

Kathleen 01630 674365



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Home Fire Risk Check

Get your free smoke alarms and fitting today

Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service offer a free home fire risk check service which involves a Firefighter or Service Technician visiting you in your home to give fire safety advice, discuss escape routes and fit free lifesaving equipment such as smoke alarms and fire guards.

How to book a check

The FREEPHONE number to ring to request a check is 0800 0241 999 and on ringing you will be able to arrange a mutually convenient time for the visit to take place. Text: 07528 983101 Book online www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk HOME FIRE RISK CHECK All Firefighters and Service Technicians carry an ID card and will travel in Service vehicles. Although checks for the elderly and vulnerable are prioritised, the service is open to everyone.

Chairman's Message

The Parish Council is very pleased to welcome our new Councillor, Mr Colin Perry from Butterton, who has been co-opted onto the Council, so returning us to full strength. As a result we now enjoy direct representation from each of the four main development areas in the Parish (Acton, Baldwins Gate/Whitmore, Butterton, Madeley Park Wood).

We are now keeping our **website** fully updated with the progress of the major projects that I mentioned in our Spring Newsletter. In brief:-

Development at the end of Gateway Avenue Kier's Planning Application 15/01106/REM was "Refused" by the Borough's Planning Committee due to the fact that a number of concerns raised by the residents (BGAG) and Parish Council had not been sufficiently resolved. Following this, Keith Lawton, BGAG Chairman, and I had a second meeting with senior Kier personnel to discuss the outstanding issues, all of which Kier have now agreed to resolve. We are expecting a revised Planning Application in due course, containing all of the relevant agreed adjustments, which we will then be able to fully agree to. While clearly still wishing that this development had never achieved outline planning permission in the first place, at least now it is to be in the best form that we could reasonably have hoped for.

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) I would like to thank and compliment the members of the Steering Group both for their enthusiasm and for the excellent work that they are doing. The project is steaming ahead. Grant monies have been obtained to cover the costs of their activities, the

next stage of which will be the circulation of a questionnaire to all interested parties aged 18 and above.

I cannot urge you all strongly enough to take the trouble, when the time comes, to complete a copy so as to make your individual positions known. How well the NDP can reflect the needs and opinions of our three Parishes clearly depends directly on how well you, the parishioners, make them known to us.

HS2 Representatives from HS2 have recently met twice with the Parish Council and concerned residents and visited the Heath to inspect the practical issues that will have to be dealt with to negotiate crossing both it and the A53. Unfortunately the situation is still entirely fluid and we are currently waiting to be updated on latest thinking. Very much still "a work in progress".....

Potential development at the end of Meadow Way The Exhibition by Bellway Homes took place as announced but there has been no further news to date....

Finally and unfortunately, something of a disappointment. We held our **AGM and Annual Parish Meeting** in May and have to report that once again not a single parishioner attended! This is a real pity because the AGM is YOUR opportunity to better understand what we have been doing for the past year and the Parish Meeting is YOUR opportunity to influence decisions as to what we do in the coming year. Next year we will advertise these meetings far more actively in the hope that some of you will attend. Please do get involved.

Councillor Ian Webb

Whitmore Parish Council



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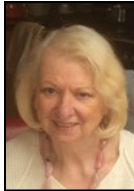
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