



27 October 2015

Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the Town Council will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 3 November 2015 at Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford. You are invited to attend for consideration of the matters shown on the agenda.

Please note that at the commencement of the meeting Chief Inspector G Knight will be present to discuss policing issues

Yours sincerely



Peter Harrison
Town Council Manager/Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public are invited to address the council and ask questions before the meeting begins

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes – to approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 15 September 2015 (enclosed pages to 16 of 20 - 2015-16)
4. Chairman's Announcements

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5. Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group
To receive the notes of the meeting held on 27 October 2015 (enclosed pink)
6. Report of the Town Council Manager/Clerk
To consider the following:
 - a) Planning
To confirm the action of the Town Council Manager/Clerk in consultation with the principal speaker in submitting observations on Planning Applications as described (enclosed agenda page 1)

- b) Library Update

- c) Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association
To note the submission of the following motion for the AGM on 7 December 2015

"The Strategic Transport Plan issued by the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority calls on efforts to be made to increase the use of the M6 Toll from Laney Green to Coleshill. In order to achieve this ambition the Association calls on the Government to abolish the charging regime for the M6 Toll; making it available free of charge to all users. This will have the effect of easing traffic congestion on the entire length of the M6 through Staffordshire and the West Midlands and will take pressure off key trunk roads such as the A5 and A34. It will also have the effect of reducing the financial burden on hauliers and keeping transport costs down for them and members of the general public"

The motion has the support of the Chair of the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority (Cllr Roger Lawrence – Leader of the City of Wolverhampton Council) who states this is in line with their own thinking at Wolverhampton. Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Parish Council has agreed to formally second the motion

- d) Rugeley Road Car park
To consider correspondence from Steve Clifford (enclosed agenda page 2)
- e) Diversion of Public Footpath No. 5
To consider correspondence from the County Council (enclosed agenda pages 3 to 6)
- f) CCTV Monitoring
To receive reports for August and September 2015 (enclosed agenda pages 7 to 10)
- g) School Crossing Concerns – Belt Road
To consider a letter received from the Principal of Staffordshire University Academy (enclosed agenda page 11) County Highways Community

Infrastructure Liaison Manager has provided the following response

"I haven't been approached by the Academy directly however I am currently preparing a response for Cllr George Adamson and I have also been in conversation with our crossing patrol team.

Incidents can be distressing and it is important we look at all of the circumstances, existing measures and the accident history of the road.

The crossing patrol team have informed me a slight injury occurred to the operative following a slow moving vehicle to which the driver was either looking at his phone or within the glove box who then unfortunately struck the patrol whilst in the carriageway.

This incident is unfortunate and clearly should not have happened, however it seems the driver was clearly at fault and no engineering measures could have prevented this incident from happening.

Given the good safety record of the road and considering the whole length is a 30mph traffic calmed road (much slower at school times) I would suggest no further physical measures are required, however I will be liaising with Cllr Adamson and I believe he will support another "20's plenty" scheme campaign outside the school at the next available term date"

h) War Memorial Works - Update

CCDC has provided the following update

- * All weeds on future planting beds, paths and gravel areas sprayed out
- * Start made on removing Rhodos from around the memorial and treating the cut stem
- * Removal of Hollies and cutting back of Yew trees started. Will grind out stump of holly by left gate post as well but leave grinding out of other Holly stumps till after 11 Nov – too messy at this stage.
- * Gate post restoration ongoing. Setting up meeting with Barr and Grosvenor ASAP to agree amount of repair work to pillars. Don't want to do too much as may end up looking like a patchwork quilt, concentrate on the larger areas of damage.
- * Gates being painted as agreed, dark green and gold leaf to lettering. B&G intending to re-hang gates
- * Curved sections of railings either side of pillars –, cleaned and shot blasted, repairs and reassembly on going. Due to be reinstalled at same time as gates
- * New railing panels for Rugeley Road frontage only . Sample panel and post inspected and confirmed OK. New panels now being manufactured
- * Remaining fence line – nearly all panels removed, stripped down, cleaned and undergoing repairs ready for re-assembly
- * Replacement step to war memorial – granite with Stone masons – Installation will follow completion of their works on pillars – should be second week in Oct.

* Stonemasons will also be giving the memorial a light clean and repointing as well.

All above will be completed by the end of October. This will allow just over a week for a good clean round prior to the Remembrance Ceremony. The planting beds will be raked over and left level, tidy and weed free.

All remaining fencing will be carried out after the 11th Nov with completion by 20th Dec 2015 Planting works will be programme to be carried out from Mid Nov to end Jan.

There will also be some works to the gates stops after the 11th November which do not want to start now as could be quite protracted to get them to work again, due to the raised ground levels of the block paving

i) Christmas Event

To receive a report of meeting held on 23 September 2015 (enclosed agenda pages 12 to 14) and a verbal report of any urgent matters arising at the meeting held prior to the Council Meeting

j) C2 Connecting Communities (Community Spirit)

To receive notes of meetings held on 14 September and 12 October 2015 (enclosed agenda page numbers 15 to 24)

k) Hednesford in Partnership

To note the arrangements for the formal launch of the "Hednesford in Partnership Charter" on 26 November 2015 (enclosed agenda page 25)

7. Dementia Friendly Hednesford

Update requested by Cllr B Gamble

8. Members Items From Last Meeting

Heritage Initiatives (Cllr D J Davis) (Deferred from last meeting)

Vehicle parking on verges (Station Road/Rugeley Road junction) (Cllr A Pearson) (Deferred from last meeting)

9. Items for Information and next agenda

10. To resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

11. Promotion, Publicity and Marketing

To review the terms for the provision of this service by the Marketing Room (enclosed confidential agenda page 26)