

Endon with Stanley Autumn Newsletter 2017 Parish Council



Flood Action Group Report

Our July Multi-agency Meeting (MAM) featured an outline, but comprehensive report on measures that could be introduced to reduce the risk of flooding damage to properties affected by the Village Brook breaking its banks: such measures include individual protection to a number of houses, some work on the watercourse from the Ford to the A53 culvert, and a programme of natural flood management in the upstream catchment to 'slow the flow' in the event of a major rainstorm. The report with its costings has yet to be approved by relevant agencies, and funding for the protection measures has yet to be agreed. At its next MAM meeting the Action Group also expects to receive further information about remedial works from Severn Trent Water following its survey into the capacity and condition of sewers in parts of Endon, particularly along the Leek Road.

Local Plan

SMDC has recently published their preferred options. All proposed sites in the Green Belt have been discarded and Endon's allocation been reduced to 20. The preferred site is Dollis field behind Brookfield Avenue. Comments on and/or objections to the preferred options, and local plan in general, must be received by SMDC before 5pm on Sept 22nd. Residents can email, go online or write.

Lawn Cemetery

The Parish Council has completed the purchase of the Lawn Cemetery at St Luke's Church. This has secured enough burial plots for the parish for the foreseeable future.

Carers' Cafés

Dementia is an increasing problem for people from all walks of life including our own community. APPROACH is a charity linked to Dementia Action Alliance which has staff who are trained in caring for people whose memories are no longer as good as they were.

APPROACH holds regular café sessions around Stoke-on-Trent and North Staffordshire which provide support, helpful advice and information and a time of relaxation for carers of people who have memory difficulties, and the friends and relatives for whom they are carers.

Cafés are held monthly by APPROACH staff assisted by volunteers from the community. Usually an invited speaker from another organisation gives a short information sharing session e.g. Beth Johnson Foundation, Dementia Advocacy Project. Refreshments are provided at these free cafés.

It is planned to open a similar café in our area for those whose lives are affected by this condition.

Venue: Endon Methodist Church

Dates: Fridays 13th October, 10th November, 8th December 2017.

Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Volunteers to help on café mornings would be most welcome. APPROACH is holding a training session for potential helpers at Endon Methodist Church on Friday 22nd September 2017 at 9.30am.

T E Hulme Memorial

There will be an unveiling of a memorial to Thomas Hulme at Hallwater, on Saturday 23rd September at 2pm. The unveiling will be performed by our local MP Karen Bradley (Minister for Culture) together with Hulme's biographer Robert Ferguson. After the ceremony we shall then proceed to The Methodist Church in Station Road, Endon, where there will be an exhibition of photographs etc. Our Community Choir will entertain and there will be some short readings about his life and work and extracts from his poetry. Refreshments will be served on a voluntary donation basis. The event should conclude around 4pm and everyone is welcome. We hope to have press and TV coverage. Please do not hesitate to contact our chairman, Suzanne Sillitoe, if you need further details.

Information about T E Hulme can be found on Wikipedia, T E Hulme Poetry Foundation and T E Hulme 1883-1917 The War Poet Association internet sites.

Facebook

The Parish Council has decided, after discussion with other parish councils and a presentation on social media from the Parish Assembly, to trial a Facebook page. Residents will be able to receive up-to-date news and information as well as being able to message the council. It is hoped that residents will find the page a useful resource and another method, along with email and phone, of communicating with the council. You can find us on Facebook under Endon with Stanley Parish Council.

Scams and cyber crime

Some residents have recently received phone calls or emails claiming to be from HMRC. They tell the recipient that they are about to be fined by HMRC unless they ring a certain number. This is, of course, a scam as HMRC or other similar institutions would never contact anyone in this way. If you are in any doubt about a phone call or email, particularly those which direct you to websites or ask you to ring a number, ignore them. You can report suspected fraud to a number of agencies such as Action Fraud (0300 123 2040), which is a national fraud and cyber crime reporting centre. The Parish Clerk has some booklets on how to keep yourself safe and how to report cyber crime.

Grants

The Parish Council is able to offer grants to local clubs and organisations. If you wish to apply for some financial support for a project or purchase of equipment please contact the Parish Clerk for an application form. The maximum grant will be £500. The deadline is October 31st.

Bus Shelter

The bus shelter at Stockton Brook, adjacent to the school playing field, will be replaced in the near future as it is in a poor state and becoming an eyesore. If residents think there are other areas of the parish which need attention please inform the PC and if they fall within our responsibility something can be done.

Public Forum

At the monthly meetings of the Parish Council the public forum, which is an opportunity for residents to raise issues, has been moved to the start of the meetings at 7pm. Residents are welcome to stay after the public forum but cannot participate further in the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All residents are welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings which are held every second Tuesday of the month at 7p.m. in the Methodist Chapel. Feel free to voice relevant issues and concerns during the public forum which takes place at 7 p.m. Alternatively please raise concerns on local issues with our **Parish Clerk, Dennis Boulton, on 01782 503918** or email **clerkatendon9@gmail.com**. Our clerk is able to contact the appropriate agencies and he has the expertise to advise you on the correct course to take and the authority to include relevant items on the next Parish Council meeting agenda.

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