

Endon with Stanley

Summer Newsletter 2021

Parish Council



STATION ROAD MEMORIAL PARK

The long awaited opening of the new play area took place on the evening of Friday, April 30th, when the area was christened by the children of the EPRP group who announced that it was 'fantastic'. The following day it was open to everyone and the feedback has been extremely positive with large numbers of children making use of the facilities.

The Parish Council and the EPRP group wish to thank Churnet Valley Railway and Cllr C Jebb who sponsored some items and to the family and friends of Dennis Vincent, who died so tragically recently; their donations have enabled goalposts to be purchased, a tree to be planted, and benches and playboards to be added to the play area as they become available.

The total cost of the project was just over £50,000 of which EPRP raised over £30,000 with the PC making up the deficit through reserves and grants. It is hoped that future generations will enjoy the park for many years.

HIGHWAYS - HOW TO REPORT

Residents should report potholes, blocked grids and anything else to do with roads, pavements etc to Highways at Staffordshire County Council via email on the SCC website. You can also use [Report It](#), on the SCC website, or via the [myStaffs app](#) which is available for both Android and iOS devices. Once you have logged a report you will receive a reference number. However not everyone has access to the internet and if you are in this position and wish to report something and you cannot use family or friends internet you can contact the Newsletter by phoning [07973 368858](tel:07973368858) and you will be given help to make your report.

If you have made a report and there is no progress please email editorendonnews@gmail.com, or phone the above, and, if you have a reference number, the PC will be able to pursue the matter for you. More information on how to make a report to Highways is on the SCC website.



YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

The Parish Council currently has four vacancies.

Your chance to be part of the Parish's future.

The PC is not just about blocked grids but a forward thinking council has the ability to enhance the facilities and lives of the residents.

**If you wish to contribute
your skills, ideas and experience
please contact our Clerk for details.**

FLOOD ACTION GROUP

On March 31st there was a presentation by Trent Rivers Trust and StaffsCC in Endon Scout HQ on the principles of Natural Flood Management and how these will affect the scheme for the Village Brook. Despite covid restrictions it was possible for a small number of residents to attend. Landowners affected by the scheme were to be contacted individually and it was hoped that a report will be issued by the end of May after which another public consultation will be held.

LAWN CEMETERY

The refurbishment of the cemetery began in March this year with the restocking of the central garden, which will reflect the seasons with appropriate planting. The benches will be refurbished during the summer, weather permitting.



PANDEMIC GRANTS

The Parish Council has been able to obtain grants from the County Council Resilience Fund and Community Foundation Fund to enable the Village Hall to buy wipe-down chairs and tables so that cleaning and sanitising is more effective. Four iPads have been purchased for Endon High School pupils who do not have access to appropriate digital devices to enable them to access the school internet for homework and homeschooling. The headteacher has said that the school should be able to obtain at least eight years use from them.

FOOTPATHS

Those of you who use the footpaths in the area will notice that some footpaths are missing their numbers and also have damaged finger posts. These matters are being addressed but if anyone spots any problems with footpaths please notify the Parish Clerk so that the PC can keep on top of any issues.

DOGGY ISSUES

There have been recent sightings of dog owners taking their dogs into the children's play area at Hillswood despite clear notices saying No Dogs. There is a good reason for these notices as it is a health and safety issue that dogs should not be allowed onto children's play areas as dog faeces and urine pose a serious health hazard to children since the parasites therein contaminate the ground even if the faeces are removed. One pile of dog mess contains a million roundworm eggs which can cause blindness amongst young children. One person when remonstrated with was most unpleasant and couldn't see why he should not take his dog into the area. There is a perfectly good, and large, area where dogs can be exercised and therefore absolutely no need to take them into the play area.

Dog fouling is still an issue in some parts of the parish and it is worth reminding dog owners they can be fined up to £1000 for leaving dog mess on the highway. If dog bins are full please do not leave doggy bags hanging on hedgerows or around bins, just be responsible and take them home.

RE-START GRANTS

If your business has been affected financially by the lockdowns you may be entitled to a Re-Start Grant. To find out more go to the SMDC website where you can check if you qualify.

CANAL SEATING

The Parish Council is working with the Canal and River Trust to install additional seating along the canal towpath so that walkers will be able to sit and admire the activities and views which the canal offers. It is hoped that the seating will be installed during the coming weeks.

HILLSWOOD PLAYING FIELD

The play equipment at Hillswood is safe but the wooden structures are showing signs of wear. The PC's long term plan is to refurbish the area but not replicate the Station Road Project.

Hillswood is a very rural setting and equipment there needs to reflect this aspect.

The PC would welcome suggestions as to what residents would like to see there for children and families.

TREE PLANTING

During the Autumn/Winter planting season the PC will be planting 100 trees in memory of the Duke of Edinburgh's conservation work. The trees will provide a variety of seasonal colour along the boundary fence leading to the spinney at Hillswood playing field. It has been suggested that this section be known as the Duke's Walk.

The trees will be supplied free by the Woodland Trust and will assist the drainage on Hillswood.

PEAT-FREE CHALLENGE

To support our climate change pledge we are extending our peat-free challenge into schools. This project is being funded by County Cllr Flunder, from the Sustainability Fund, who has also contributed to the vertical planter in Station Road playground.

LITTER BINS

The bin next to the Stalwarts' bench at the Fountain was moved to Brookfield Avenue without the knowledge of the Parish Council. As a consequence the other bin at the Fountain is becoming overfilled on occasions. The PC is looking to address the problem but the bin is serviced and supplied by SMDC who also carried out the transfer. It is not PC policy to site bins outside residents' property and if you find that a bin has suddenly appeared outside your property and you want it removed then contact SMDC who should agree to your request to move it.

The Lengthman's litter picking team are now recycling 70% of the litter they collect from within the parish and from Parish Council bins on the playing fields and the John Emery Land. The PC is very conscious of the need to recycle and are proud to set an example within the community.

MAINTENANCE

The picnic bench and table on the John Emery Land and the handrails by White Bridge have been repaired. The bus shelter at the Plough has been repainted and the artefacts, opposite the Plough, in the mini meadows, will be repainted when weather permits.

VANDALISM/THEFT



The seat at the bottom of Moss Hill was recently badly damaged by vandals but due to the skill of Andrew Stretch it has been repaired and is now back in place. Thanks also go to Jim and Robert Gibson who repaired the Stalwarts' Bench at the Fountain after traffic damage. Without the expertise of these good folk the PC would have been faced with a large bill.

The bus shelters outside the High School still suffer from broken panes and the PC is looking at alternative replacements.

The bench at Queen's Cross was recently stolen, no doubt someone thought it would look good in their garden, but we had an offer of a free replacement from Sue Stevenson of Sandon Garden Buildings, for which we are extremely grateful. The stone marking Queen's Cross was stolen a few weeks before and if anyone has any information about the above incidents please inform the police.



More from Station Road

Madison Barnett, the Well Dressing Queen for 2019 cuts the ribbon to open the play area on April 30th.

The dolphin waste bin has been very popular with children who are feeding it lots of litter.



EVENTS

Over the next few months it is hoped that local events and activities will gradually return to normal.

Pilates: Marie hopes to resume her very popular Pilates class in the near future - depending on Government guidelines. Look out for details or telephone 07769693390.

Endon Friendship Club: We are hoping that all our members are in good health and we look forward to seeing you all again later in the year when we are able to meet. We will be in touch with you all with the date. Eileen and Liz.

Carers' Cafe: Our Cafes will reopen when it is safe to do so. Those people who have access to the internet,

Approach - 01782 214999 - holds Zoom sessions, some of which link into Stoke City F.C. eg. Stoke Memories, and **Alzheimer's Society** - 0333 150 3456 are also holding Zoom supporting sessions. Whether you are known to Approach or Alzheimer's Society, you are welcome to join the Zoom sessions of one or both.

Dementia Connect offers face-to-face, telephone and on-line advice and can offer personalised support from specially trained Dementia Advisers to those who have dementia, their carers and families, dementia.connect@alzheimers.org.uk

More information about Endon Carers' Cafes -tel. 01782 502693

Let's hope it won't be too long before we can meet again.

Girl Guides/Brownies have resumed their normal activities in the Village Hall on Monday evenings.



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ENDON ST LUKES

St Luke's is open for worship at 9.15am on Sunday mornings led by our licensed reader Barrie Jackson and our churchwarden Roger Simpson. We are allowed up to 50 people in the building for this. 25 - 30 folk have been attending regularly following current guidelines with track and trace, hand sanitiser and masks. On the first Sunday of the month our assistant archdeacon, Rev Terry Bloor, takes a service of Holy Communion. At 11.00am on Sundays we have a Zoom session for families and the passcode is 743 818 2108. All welcome!

Midweek services have resumed on Wednesday mornings at 9.15am in the chapter house led by Barrie Jackson. Rev Eleanor from our Methodist Church kindly gives us a service of Holy Communion when she is free to do so. Note that only the wafers are distributed. We don't know when we shall be having a new incumbent. Due to the shortage of ordained clergy and lack of funds for stipends a new system called "Shaping for Mission" has been introduced and we are currently being taken through this process.

All enquires for funeral, weddings and baptisms should be made to Barrie Jackson on 07517 653370. Unless involved with funeral duties Barrie mans the church office in the vestry on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri from 10.00 to 1.00pm. While the office is open the church is also open for private prayer.

More information on the church website which includes our monthly newsletter www.endonstlukes.org.uk

ENDON METHODIST CHURCH

We are delighted to announce that the church is open for worship every Sunday at 10am, we have made the church a safe space to meet. We can sing in the garden and now serve coffee and tea after the service (please bring your own mug).

In the coming weeks we plan to reopen for midweek activities, please check our notice boards and Endon Methodist Church Facebook page for further information.

We so look forward to being able to welcome you.

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