

**Supplementary documents circulated to support the agenda:**

- Copmere review provided by Adrian Le Monnier (for agenda item 11)
- Draft grass cutting tender document

**Further Information for Agenda Items:**

- No further information required.

**Liaison Reports:**

**Community Centre** – No report has been received.

**Offley Hay Village Hall** – No report has been received.

**Tourism** - No report to receive.

**Slindon News** – No report has been received.

**Croxton News:**

Croxton Community Report:

1. Roads

a.) Successful response from Highways: New speed restriction sign installed at the crossroad; faulty street light now synchronised and off during daylight

Damaged kerbing alongside Broughton Parish Room repaired. Thanks to Ken Langford.

b.) Awaiting response from Highways re:

- 40mph restriction signs at approach to Loggerheads to ensure safety of residents where there is no footpath facilitated.
- 'Unsuitable for HGV' signs to be installed at both ends of Fair Oak bank where problems have occurred with HGV on very narrow hill due to SAT NaV use.
- Sumping-out of blocked drain at the crossroads.

2. Recent Events:

Broughton Community Choir celebrated its 10th birthday. The 60+ choir has grown from strength to strength and members attend from all over Eccleshall Parish. The musical director (Martin Jones) has been nominated for a Community Award in the Inspiring Individual category.

3. Forthcoming date for diaries:

2019 Croxton Community Well Dressing - Saturday 6th July.

The theme for the main Well Dressing will be 'Celebrating N.W. Staffordshire, - 'The Pirehill Hundred'. (Eccleshall Parish fell within this Hundred for over 1,000 years). The planning group hope to liaise with Eccleshall Guides rather than a local primary school, to enable them to create a triptych Well Dressing at the Cattery well next July.

**Allotments** –The next meeting is scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> October, so a brief report will be available at the meeting.

**Ecclian Society:**

- The last month has been dominated by trying to organise the erection of a Christmas Tree at the crossroads. Phil Baskerville (Chairman of Bloom), with the help of Committee members Richard Egan and Brian Freeman, has been working with the Borough Council, a Structural Engineer, an Electrician and a Lighting Specialist to get this project off the ground. Phil has also liaised with the Eccleshall residents who started the petition to get the tree. Hopefully this project will be successful.
- There is a Committee meeting planned for October 23rd to discuss this and other issues including taking down the street planting (November 4th) and Christmas activities. We are also preparing for our AGM in November,
- Our twice yearly newsletter has been produced this month and is due to be circulated this week. It gives a good resume of our activities over the summer.
- Our regular lunch club met in mid-September and continues to be enjoyed by many members.

**Children/Young People:** No report to receive.

**Correspondence for consideration, additional information:**

- Co-op Cashpoint – it has been noted by a Councillor that the cashpoint is in a filthy condition, can the Parish Council do anything to facilitate getting it cleaned?

**Correspondence circulated, to note:**

1. Stafford Borough Council Members Digest received and circulated.
2. SPCA Weekly Bulletins – forwarded to all.
3. Visit Stafford Updates
4. Minutes from the Neighbourhood watch meeting held Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October.
5. RBS response – to confirm redecoration of the building w/c 24<sup>th</sup> September and that there are no plans to retain an ATM in Eccleshall.
6. D&G response regarding safety concerns about bus service

**Clerk Availability:**

The Clerk has annual leave booked from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November inclusive. Unavailability due to CILCA training days will be Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**General Council Updates:**

- This year's Civic Service will be held at St Paul's Church, Croxton, at 11.00am on Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>. Please advise attendance/apologies to the Clerk.
- **Parish Elections 2019.** The date of elections has been confirmed as 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. Councillors will be responsible for the submission **IN PERSON** of their nomination papers to the Borough Council. This is because if any amendments/confirmation of details are required to the paper, this can only be completed by the candidate. Whilst dates have yet to be confirmed, there is expected to be a period of approximately 6 working days in which papers can be submitted, which is likely to be around the last week of March 2019.
- Any items for inclusion on a meeting agenda must be received by the Clerk 10 clear days ahead of the meeting date.

**Notes:**

SCC- Staffordshire County Council  
 SBC- Stafford Borough Council  
 EPC – Eccleshall Parish Council

SARH – Stafford and Rural Homes  
 SPCA – Staffordshire Parish Councils Assc