

The Village Link



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Welcome to the new Parish Council.

Since the split from Alrewas, the Parish Council has been busy setting up the new Parish Council with fresh premises to be found, a replacement clerk recruited and vacant Parish Councillor posts to be filled. As you would imagine

this has taken some time to complete. As a sign of the times well over 100 applications were received for the clerk's position! However we feel that we are now ready to meet the considerable challenges ahead. This newsletter and our new website are de-

signed to keep you up to date with our activities.

Parish Councils are the 'most approachable' layer of Local Government. Our Parish Councillors live in and are part of the community and are unpaid. They are often the first port of call with local issues. The Council has a statutory duty to be consulted on many issues such as planning.

Below there is a table with the roles of the different Councils described, although there will always be some overlap e.g. hedge cutting will depend on the land-owner



The Parish Council office, Wellington Crescent, Fradley Park

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Seasons greetings to all. Wishing you a happy and prosperous new year.

Responsibilities of each Council are as follows:

Parish Council

Developing and maintenance of recreation facilities, open spaces, seats, bus shelters, commenting on local planning applications, providing Christmas lighting, grass cutting and hedge maintenance of Parish Council land, litter and dog bins.

District Council

Sports centres, leisure & recreation, arts & tourism, housing advice, housing & council tax benefits, local plans, planning & building control, environmental health, waste & recycling collections, street cleaning, licensing & inspection of food, taxis etc., off street parking & city car parks, collection of council tax & business rates.

County Council

Educational issues and youth service, adult & social care, public health, highways & transport, planning, community safety, trading standards, libraries, museums and art galleries, waste disposal, registration of births, marriages & deaths, economic development & tourism.

You will see contact details for all your Councillors on the back page.

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Local News

The Parish Council continues its commitment to our three play areas; Streethay, Hay End Lane and Worthington Road, each of these is maintained by the Parish Council.



Play equipment in Worthington Road

cil. These were funded from 'Section 106' funds negotiated by Lichfield District Council as a result of local development in the parish. The Parish Council will always work to ensure such funds are spent locally after consultation.

Fradley

The Parish Council is delighted to see the gradual opening of shops at the Stirling shopping centre which will be convenient for residents in Fradley and Streethay.



Skateboard Park Fradley

Residents have waited a long time for these important retail outlets and we do hope the centre will eventually include a public house, nursery, gym and Doctor's surgery. These facilities will only

What's on

The Fradley Carol Service is on Wednesday 23rd December, Starting at 6 pm in Barlow Drive and moving to the Village Hall

be viable if the community supports the Stirling Centre project.

St. Stephen's School has decided to award the Silver salver Trophy, presented by the Parish Council, to the house attaining the most points each week. The annual prize was awarded, at the end of the summer term, to Year 6. The pupils each designed a 'leavers pot' with the help of Crackpots of Alrewas.

The new classrooms are now in use, with appropriate facilities. Feedback from parents has been very positive.

During the summer months improvements have been made to



The new Co-op in the Stirling Centre

the Fradley Junction parking arrangements. It is now possible to park off road at the junction itself. This will enable through traffic to Orgreave & the A513 to run smoothly and should help the verges to regrow many of our attractive wild plants.

The proposed new village hall in Fradley has been passed to a local management committee for development work which is working closely with Lichfield District Council.

Streethay

In October the puffin crossing was finally finished which at long last means that all children can

afterwards. Look out for a leaflet through letterboxes regarding the Streethay 'Carols on the Green'.

access the play area and bus users can cross the road safely. The parish council had pursued the desire for a crossing for many



Site for the new Fradley Village Hall

years but were initially told that due to the illegal high traffic speeds that an unsignalised zebra crossing would be unsafe and funds were too low to install the necessary signalised crossing. The installation of the crossing does appear to have slowed traffic down—and is much safer. The crossing has been funded by Staffordshire County Council, LDC and the Parish Council. Through discussions with Staffordshire Highways we have enlarged the Safety Camera



Streethay Pedestrian Crossing

team's area to cover Streethay and the appearance of their van on the verge works wonders. Any residents wishing to be trained by the police for the community street watch initiative should contact PC Richard Allsopp.

Gravel Extraction Plans

With the change in control of Staffordshire County Council all Councillors are working to change the gravel extraction proposals.

Police Officers and Contact Details

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In an emergency always dial 999

"We would ask you all to be vigilant and watch out for your neighbours. If you see anything suspicious please ring it in. Always remember to secure your household and vehicle and never leave valuables on show"



PC David Griffiths



PCSO Tracy Horton

The deadline to apply for any discretionary grants provided for the Parish Council for Community Organisations is 31st December 2009

Fradley fryer

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Local Planning Issues - The Regional Spatial Strategy

In June 2004 the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister published the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the West Midlands. This is the Government's statement of its development strategies and it forms the basis of all local planning as LDC must comply with the RSS. It indicated that Lichfield District should provide 8300 homes by 2026 and as 3300 have already been built or planned for in the district a further 5000 should be built to comply with the RSS. In December 2007 Lichfield District Council produced its Issues and Option Document on how housing development and other planning considerations until 2026 might be addressed. This was followed by the Preferred Options Document in December 2008 and the Core Strategy Policy Directions document in April 2009. All of these documents were subject to public consultation with the intention of determining LDC's long term

planning strategy up to and beyond 2026. The Parish Council has provided detailed responses at each iteration of this process. In June we also responded to LDC on the draft SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment) commenting on the parcels of land included in the document for possible housing sites within the Parish. These documents propose a number of options some of which, if taken forward, will have major implications for both Fradley and Streethay in terms of housing allocations, traffic and infrastructure.

LDC were due to publish the draft Core Strategy in October which was the penultimate stage of the process before the final document and therefore the policy, was adopted. However, in September 2009 the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy Panel issued a Phase Two Revision report which has led LDC to recon-

sider its position with its Core Strategy. The RSS Phase Two Revision document states "With the 1,000 dwellings already envisaged at Fradley and 850 envisaged at Streethay, the effective increase in provision would enable consideration of the optimum means of securing the most sustainable form of development to the north-east of Lichfield for up to 4,000 dwellings within the plan period, be that as an urban extension or a new settlement (or indeed a combination)."

LDC has postponed the issue of the draft Core Strategy document until it has had time to consider the implications of the RSS revision. Clearly this has major implications for the Parish and we will keep you and both local action groups informed and will advise when documents are available for consultation so that you can make representations to the relevant bodies.

Fradley and Streethay Parish Council Useful Contact Information

Parish Council Meeting Dates

2009	December 15th			
2010	January 19th	February 16th	March 16th	April 20th
All meetings are normally at the Fradley Village Hall. 7 pm for viewing of planning applications with the meeting starting at 7.30 pm prompt.	April 27th Parish Assembly*	May 18th Annual Meeting* followed By the Parish Council Meeting		June 15th
	July 20th	August 17th (Subject to Change)	September 14th	October 19th
	November 16th	December 21st	*Venue to be confirmed	

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