



The Annual Parish Meeting of Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston Parish Council will be held on Thursday 6th May 2021 at 6.30pm by Zoom Conferencing systems. This is accessible to the public by contacting the Parish Clerk for the meeting link or accessing using the meeting ID and passcode found below. Email office@wheatonastonparishcouncil.gov.uk telephone 07495789051.

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01. To receive apologies

02. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2019

03. To receive community reports

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04. To receive the Chairman's Report

05. To receive any comments from Parishioners

Amy Watson Parish Council Clerk
29.04.21

Crime and Disorder Implications

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on local authorities to consider the crime and disorder implications when exercising its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions and to do all that is reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area. Where relevant any decisions made at the Parish Council meeting have taken this duty of Care into consideration

Reports

Brewood Car Scheme 2020 – 2021

Last time I prepared a report on the Car Scheme I began -
This year has been quite eventful for the car scheme.
This past year has been very uneventful.

Due to covid we made our last journeys in March 2020. Since then I have constantly been checking the government guidance on GOV.UK in the hope of getting us up and running again.

According to the guidance it has not been feasible to restart the scheme safely.

I have kept in touch with the drivers by email and contacted some of our customers, who I know look upon the scheme as more than just transport, in an effort to keep their spirits up.

Hopefully, when everyone has had their second vaccination, the world will be a safer place. We will get the scheme back up and running as soon as we possibly can. I am currently coming into the office to do the accounts and close up Year 20/21 and prepare for Year 21/22.

The accounts are currently showing a deficit, so your support for the future is really needed.

For the future I have been thinking of extending our services beyond just medical appointments, but will have to discuss this with the trustees and drivers and I will endeavour to have a recruitment drive to get more drivers.

The need for useful transport in this area is lacking and yet so important, I am sure our scheme can be of help.

Report from Stafford Samaritans on how the grant from Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston Parish Council will be spent.

24th April 2021

Stafford Samaritans are immensely grateful to have received a grant of £300 very recently from Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston Parish Council.

Our services have been in high demand over the year since the first UK lockdown started. We have encountered increases in calls about coronavirus and health, but also about isolation, family problems, work and financial worries and self-harm. We have worked really hard to minimise disruption to our helpline, and made adaptations to our ways of working and our premises to maintain volunteer safety.

Unfortunately, we have recently noticed that both our burglar alarm and fire alarm have been going off for no obvious reason. At the same time some of our volunteers have noticed suspicious activity around our premises. We take our responsibility to keep our volunteers safe very seriously, so while our longer-term plan is to upgrade the building we need to resolve these problems more urgently. We envisage that we will make some changes to building and car park security, but the first step is upgrading the alarm systems.

Since the initial application form was completed we have obtained a number of quotes and trustees have decided to replace the existing fire and burglar alarms and panic button system with a single wireless 'smart alarm' which will perform all of these functions. This will meet the insurance requirements, build volunteer confidence and help

maintain good relationships with our neighbours. Opting for a wireless system will give us flexibility if the branch is refurbished or decorated. The cost of the system, which will be fitted soon will be £1130 + VAT, so your donation makes a substantial contribution towards this work.

We are so grateful for your support of our branch.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Lapley, Stretton & Wheaton Aston Parish Council held in Wheaton Aston Village Hall on Thursday 16th May 2019 at 6.30pm.

In attendance: Five members of the public and a representative of Brewood Voluntary Car Scheme attended.

Parish Council Clerk: Mrs A Watson

Community Reports: A representative from Brewood Voluntary Car Scheme reported on the previous years activity (copy attached)

Chairman's Report. Cllr Noblett gave a report of the previous year's activity.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 3rd May 2018. The minutes were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

There were no comments from parishioners

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and support and closed the meeting at 6.45pm.

Chairman

Date

Brewood Car Scheme 2018 - 2019

This year has been quite eventful for the car scheme.

Upon discovering that we did not have a constitution we were advised the best way to go forward was to make the scheme a Registered Charity. After much consultation we applied for and have been granted a Registered Charity status.

Staffordshire County Council have withdrawn all funding from voluntary transport services, ours included. This means we lost the £2312.00 previously granted to us annually.

Having applied to Brewood and Coven Parish Council we have been given a grant of £1200 for which we are very grateful. As we are to Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston and Blymill Parish Councils who also make grants to the scheme.

We now have 20 volunteers, 3 new this year. They have covered 21,918 miles and made 1322 journeys.

We still do not have any drivers from Wheaton Aston, but increased demand from clients there.

One of their biggest commitments this year was to take a lady from Bishops Wood to Stoke Hospital for 15 sessions of treatment. They met this challenge and we were told that the family could not have managed without them and quite rightly called 'a marvellous team'.