

You are here by summoned to attend a meeting of Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston Parish Council, which will be held on Thursday 23rd January 2025 at 7.00pm at Lapley and Wheaton Aston Village Hall.

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This meeting is subject to change due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Public Forum

Democratic thirty minute period/public discussion time: From 7.00pm residents are invited to give their views to the Parish Council on items on this agenda or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself. (standing order 3 f)

No member of the public may speak for more than five minutes (standing order 3g)

114. To consider apologies 115. Declaration of Interests

-Decision
-Information

To declare any interests any on agenda items

116. Approval of minutes

-Decision

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Meeting of Lapley, Stretton and Wheaton Aston Parish Council held on 7th December 2024.

117.To receive report from Parish Council Clerk (Appendix 1)
118. To receive report from Staffordshire County Council

-Information -information

119. To receive report from South Staffordshire Council

-information

120. Financial matters

-decision

To consider financial matters including: (appendix 2)

- a) To approve the expenditure and income for November and December 2024
- b) To approve the reconciled statements for all accounts to 31st December 2024
- c) To receive the Financial Summary to 31st December 2024
- d) To received the Financial comparison to 31st December 2024
- e) To note payments/decisions made under delegated powers

121. Planning recommendations

-decision

To consider planning matters including

 a) Planning applications received after the agenda papers distributed 122.Play Areas MF Project to receive recommendations from the working group on: CCTV: 	-decision
Lighting:	
Drainage:	
Parking:	
Pavement:	
Grant Application:	
Equipment	
123. Bleed kit usage training	-decision
To receive an update from Cllr Whittingham on the proposed training	
124. Best Kept Village Competition	-decision
To discuss the entry into the 2025 competition	

126. Policy review (appendix 3)To review the Graffiti Management Policy

125. Social Housing allocation consultation

127. Items for future - Each councillor may use this opportunity to report on matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. **Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.**

128. Date of next meeting: Thursday 6th March 2025 at the earlier start time of 6.30pm at Lapley and Wheaton Aston Village Hall

Mrs A Watson Parish Council Clerk

-decision

-decision

16.1.25

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

Appendix 1

Clerks Report

<u>Information</u>

2.12.24 Concern regarding overgrown tree on Marston Rd raised with SCC to cut back

Social Housing Allocations Policy Consultation | South Staffordshire District Council

- 03.12.24 Scheduled a series of support posts on Facebook for mental health, sign posting to County Council and NHS campaigns.
- 03.12.24 Scheduled a series of support posts on Facebook for personal safety over the Christmas period, sign posting to police campaigns.
- 9.12.24 Storm damage to fencing at MF, repaired
- 10.12.24 Request sent to housing plus to clean the pond at Sowdley Green
- 10.12.24 Concern sent to SSC re the hedges along Ivestsey Road
- 12.12.24 National highways info: M54 concrete road renewals advance notification We're planning to carry out resurfacing work on the M54 between junction 2 and junction 4, in both directions. We plan to start our work at the end of February 2025. To carry out our work safely, there will be eight full weekend closures of the M54 between junction 2 and 4, from 8pm on Friday to 6am on Monday. We'll also close the M54 overnight on the Thursdays prior to each of our full weekend closures. To reduce the impact on road users, we'll close the M54 in one direction at a time. We have carefully considered the delivery of this work. Our full weekend closures will enable us to carry out our work safely and allow the concrete to set to the required strength. Whilst we work at this location, we'll have a dedicated public liaison officer (PLO) available to answer any questions that may arise. We'll share further information once the delivery of our work has been confirmed
- 12.12.24 Social Media update for a series of posts signposting residents for help for mental health over the Christmas period including those grieving, for cold weather support for driving and looking out for neighbours.
- 6.1.25 Shadow soldier WA has been bent

- 6.1.25 Christmas light calculations approved and forwarded to eon
- 6.1.25 Resident request received to clean up the pond at Sowdley Green and add more litter bins. SSC member copied re bins and clerk contacted Sanctuary housing about the pond- the estates team will clean the pond in the summer when the water level is lower
- 6.1.25 Drainage report received for Marston Field, this has been shared with county member and highways officers. Awaiting dates from officers to meet on site
- 6.1.25 SSC have submitted the Local plan to the inspectorate
- 6.1.25 Meeting request received from a developer to discuss proposals to develop site 094 (rear of Primrose play area), council dates sent and this will be advertised when confirmed. Clerk chased for attendance on 23rd Jan 25- agent will be present on 6th March meeting
- 6.1.25 Meeting request received from a developer (Evolve planning) to discuss proposals to extend Bridge View, developer to hold an exhibition at the village hall for members and the public
- 8.1.25 Street Scene team emailed about rubbish left on roads following the recycling bin emptying- street scene returned to clear the mess but it had already been cleared
- 8.1.25 Temporary Road Closure, Shop Lane, Brewood, shared on social media, website and with councillors.
- 13.1.25 Fence at Marston Field behind the Skate Park broken. Temporary repair completed, pending suitable conditions for a permanent fix.
- 14.1.25 Temporary Road Closure, Shutt Lane, Brewood, shared on social medica, website and with councillors.
- 14.1.25 member are encouraged to read the devolution white paper regarding unitary councils and the closure of district and county councils English Devolution White Paper

An allotment committee meeting is due to be held in February

Action plan item update

Business continuity plan has been implemented

Outstanding items update

- Defib at Ivetsey Rd- Planning are waiting for the site to be handed over. Once this has been completed an officer will assess the site for installation. SSC are to be landowners and are aware LSWA PC wish to install on site.
- Lapley Green registration-. Awaiting update from Tedstone Solicitors
- Gated alley Broadholes/Pinfold-.residents have received a ,letter from SCC rights of way to cease using the alley as an extension of the garden as it is to be reopened . Clerk has emailed SSC safety officer regarding this (jan 2025)
- Post office no premises found., this has now been taken on at district level.

Consultations

Closing 31.3.25 SSC Social Housing Allocation Social Housing Allocations Policy Consultation | South Staffordshire District Council

Meetings/Events

20.1.25 Parish resilience summit (SPCA)

6.2. 25 Parish Summit SSC-CANCELLED

21.1.25 Clerk- pension Iconnect training

23.1.25 Clerk allotment management training

23.1.25 Clerk quarterly meeting

Day	Time	Event	Places
Tuesday	10 am – 12 pm	CiLCA Autumn 24 intake	10
Tuesday	7 pm – 9 pm	Councillor Introduction	20
Wednesday	10 am – 12 pm	Clerk's Induction	1
Thursday	7 pm – 9.30 pm	Councillor Development	20
Monday	7 pm – 8 pm	SPCA Health & Wellbeing 'How to' guide	25
Tuesday	10 am – 11 am	SPCA Health & Wellbeing 'How to' guide	25
Wednesday	7 pm – 9.00 pm	Introduction to Planning	20
Tuesday	10 am – 12 pm	Clerk's Induction	1
Thursday	10 am – 12 pm	CiLCA Autumn 24 intake	10
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19th	Wednesday	7 pm – 9.30 pm	Explore Chairmanship	20
March				
12th	Wednesday	10 am – 12 pm	Clerk's Induction	1
13th	Thursday	7 pm – 9.30 pm	Councillor Development	20
19 th	Wednesday	10 am – 12 pm	CiLCA Autumn 24 intake	10
26th	Wednesday	7 pm – 9 pm	Councillor Introduction	20
April				
8th	Tuesday	7 pm – 9.30 pm	Explore Chairmanship	20
10th	Thursday	10 am – 12 pm	Clerk's Induction	1
29th	Tuesday	10 am – 12 pm	CiLCA Autumn 24 intake	10
May				
6th	Tuesday	10 am – 12 pm	Clerk's Induction	1
14th	Wednesday	7 pm – 9.30 pm	Councillor Development	20
15 th	Thursday	10 am – 12 pm	CiLCA Autumn 24 intake	10
June				
4th	Wednesday	10 am – 12 pm	Clerk's Induction	1
19th	Thursday	7 pm – 9 pm	Councillor Introduction	20
25th	Wednesday	7 pm – 9.00 pm	Introduction to Planning	20
26th	Thursday	7 pm – 9.30 pm	Explore Chairmanship	20
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Items emailed to councillors.

- 9.12.24 SCC Planning ap 24/01038/FULHH
- 6.1.25 South Staffordshire Local Plan Examination
- 6.1.25 Bruton Knowles- letter regarding proposal for Land 094
- 6.1.25 Evolve planning details regarding stage 2 of Bridge View development
- 6.1.25 SSC local plan submission
- 6.1.25 SPCA Parish resilience summit details
- 9.1.25 SSC Social housing consultation
- 9.1.25 BKV Judges report
- 9.1.25 Shop Lane, Brewood Temporary Road Closure
- 14.1.25 Shutt Lane, Brewood, Temporary Road Closure
- 15.1.25 SSC details regarding Staffs plans for council restructure

Use of devolved powers

VO £89.55 materials for guttering and water butt at the allotments (from SCC climate grant)

Response to planning comments:

24/01038/FULHH

SSC Planning Decision

17/00905/REM - Grey Farm 12 High Street Wheaton Aston Stafford South Staffordshire ST19 9NP. Approval of Reserved Matters for the Scale: The height, width, length and overall appearance of each of the buildings. The Appearance: The visual impression. The Landscaping: Private and public space (hard and soft landscaping) pursuant to 13/00799/OUT for a residential development of nine properties.

Annual Play Area Inspections:

These have been carried out, and work has been allocated. The cable runway and the net climber will be removed from the site in Spring 2025. Other than removing those two play equipment items, all other items are included and allocated for ongoing routine maintenance and monitoring.

Appendix 2

Lapley Stretton & Wheaton Aston Parish Council

Income transactions - receipts approval list Start of year 01/04/24 Tn no Ref. Gross Heading Cttee Invoice Details Ref. Total date 40 £550.00 40/1 PC 18/12/24 Perton Parish Council - recharge for the xmas tree as organised by Iswapc 41 £315.78 33 PC 31/12/24 Unity Trust Bank - interest on reserve account £865.78 Total Lapley Stretton & Wheaton Aston Parish Council Expenditure transactions - payments approval list Start of year 01/04/24 **Payment** No **Payment** Gross To pay Heading Invoice Invoice Details Reference Reference -£467.33-£467.33100/10 04/12/24 226 inv07615733 WaterPlus - Water invoice for allot, ments 230 32752808 £606.00 £606.00 190 05/12/24 39605 SGS Systems Limited - CCTV Monitoring for 2025 £606.00 228830369 £89.25 £89.25 100/6/1 05/12/24 Email051224 Wheaton Aston Village Hall 232 Management Committee £89.25 - Village Hall for PC meetings £1,291.99 120/1/1 06/12/24 231 230940055 £1,291.99 2089 **Ditton Services - Monthly Grounds Maintenance** £1,291.99 1 Contract 228 £18.88 £18.88 170 09/12/24 **Equals Card** FairFx Pre Paid Card - 2 x Address Labels MO31 5G 225 £59.94 £59.94 100/10 11/12/24 British Telecom - Montlhy BT bill Ricoh U K Limited - Photocopier/printer 229 68112345 £111.58 £111.58 100/12 12/12/24 102567235 £111.58 233 2290089£68.40 £68.40 100/18/1 12/12/24 ExpenseseClai Mrs Amy Watson - Mileage: Remembrance, £68.40 mForm Container and Christmas Lights 234 178136050 £170.86 £170.86 100/2 12/12/24 101436 South Staffordshire District Council - Office Rent £170.86 Uplift for Oc, Nov and Dec 215705231 235 73664 The Play Inspection Company Ltd - Annual Inspection £237.60 £237.60 12/12/24 £237.60 of Marston Field and Primrose Play Areas 1 £108.30 140/8/1 Primrose Road Play Inspection 2 £129.30 140/8/2 Annual Inspection Marston Field Play Area 236 36850788 £9.45 £9.45 100/18/1 12/12/24 Mr. Malcolm Bissell - Mileage £9.45 237 524902749 £239.09 £239.09 100/19/4 12/12/24 inv-d-05858 Cloudy It - IT support and tablets £239.09 238 63730608 £3.15 £3.15 100/18/1 12/12/24 Mr. Malcolm Bissell - Mileage £3.15 239 £380.00 £380.00 100/2 12/12/24 101621 South Staffordshire District Council - Monthly Office Rent 245 121224SC £150.00 £150.00 100/16 12/12/24 Staffordshire County Council - annual website charge £150.00 246 1212124bra £1,240.00 £1,240.00 160/1/2 12/12/24 Bradshaws - xmas tree costs (total £1,240.00 rechareg due dshaws from perton pc of £550 250 vocard £89.55 £89.55 175 Wickes - materials fro water butt at allotment (part of 13/12/24 £89.55 scc grant) 247 £10.50 £10.50 100/21 31/12/24 Untity Trust - bank charges 1/22-30/11 £10.80 311224utb 100/21 31/12/24 248 311224utb £0.30 £0.30 Untity Trust - bank charhes (chq) £10.80 EE - monthly charges 249 171224ee £56.56 £56.56 100/10 31/12/24 £56.56 Sub Total £4,365.77 £4,365.77 £4,886.38 £4,886.38 Confidential Total £9,252.15 £9,252.15 **Bank Account Reconciled Statement** Unity trust working reserves 20419150 60-83-01 Statement Number Bank Statement No. 34 Statement Opening Balance **Opening Date** £50,832.40 01/12/24

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Statement Closing Balance £96.30 Closing Date 31/12/24

True/Cashbook Closing £96.30

Balance

Date Cheque/ Ref. Supplier/ Customer Debit (£) Credit (£) Balance (£)

13/12/24 Transfer 200.00 0.00 115.18

31/12/24 FairFx Pre Paid Card 18.88 0.00 96.30

Uncleared and unpresented effects

Total uncleared and unpresented 0.00 0.00

Total debits / credits 218.88 0 Bank Account Reconciled Statement

equals card VO

Statement Number 6 Bank Statement No. 6
Statement Opening Balance £150.99 Opening Date 01/12/24
Statement Closing Balance £261.44 Closing Date 31/12/24

True/Cashbook Closing £261.44

Balance

Date Cheque/ Ref. Supplier/ Customer Debit (£) Credit (£) Balance (£)

13/12/24 Transfer 0.00 200.00 350.99

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Uncleared and unpresented effects

30/11/24 No activity 0.00 261.44 Total uncleared and unpresented 0.00 0.00

Total debits / credits 89.55 200

Financial Summary - Cashbook

Summary of receipts and payments between 01/04/24 and 31/12/24 inclusive. This may include transactions with ledger dates outside this period.

Balances at the start of the year

Ordinary Accounts

Barclays savings account £52,749.13

equals card VO £100.00

Fair FX prepaid card - Clerk £26.74
Unity Trust - Current Account £9,401.62
Unity trust working reserves £75,780.09

Total £138,057.58

RECEIPTS Net Vat Gross

Parish Council £180,616.55 £0.00 £180,616.55 Total Receipts £180,616.55 £0.00 £180,616.55

PAYMENTS Net Vat Gross

Parish Council £149,778.47 £17,412.39 £167,190.86 Total Payments £149,778.47 £17,412.39 £167,190.86

Closing Balances Ordinary Accounts

Barclays savings account £55,792.92

equals card VO £261.44

Fair FX prepaid card - Clerk £96.30
Unity Trust - Current Account £42,684.43
Unity trust working reserves £52,648.18

£151,483.27

Total £151,483.27

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Barclays savings account 73219496 20-08-64

Statement Number 40 Bank Statement No. 40

Statement Opening Balance £55,792.92 Opening Date 01/11/24 Statement Closing Balance £56,001.57 Closing Date 31/12/24

True/Cashbook Closing £56,001.57

Balance

Date Cheque/ Ref. Supplier/ Customer Debit (£) Credit (£) Balance (£)

31/12/24 021224barclays Barclays Bank 0.00 208.65 56,001.57

Uncleared and unpresented effects

Total uncleared and unpresented 0.00 0.00

Appendix 3

Graffiti Management Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to provide a framework for managing graffiti and to support the governments plans for a cleaner, greener county https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-improvement-plan

LSWA PC promotes respect for the environment and will strive for a Cleaner, Greener, Sustainable and Safer Environment. This policy seeks to improve the street scene and reduce the fear of crime, for the benefit of all those who live in, work and visit the parish

LSWA PC will work with Agencies and Utility Companies to reduce graffiti on street furniture and other apparatus. LSWA PC will work with the Police and other organisations to reduce the occurrence of graffiti

POLICY INTENT

LSWA Parish Council recognises the significant community impact of graffiti and will minimise and manage the impacts of graffiti through the implementation of the Graffiti Management Program.

The main objectives of this policy are to:

- 1. Minimise the incidence of graffiti on public property.
- 2. Reduce the impact of graffiti on residents and business operators.
- 3. Increase quality of community life in relation to personal safety and security.
- 4. Reduce the financial impact of responding to graffiti.

POLICY

The Council's approach to graffiti management is based on the following principles:

- Prevention Reducing unacceptable levels of litter, detritus, fly posting and graffiti forms a key part of Government's 'Cleaner Safer Greener Communities' Strategy.
- Eradication LSWA PC has a duty to remove graffiti from its own property, just as the maintenance of privately owned items of street furniture is the responsibility of their respective owners.
- Detection and reporting LSWA PC is committed to making the parish a Safer, Cleaner and Greener as detailed in the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 and the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005
- Enforcement Under certain circumstances, Graffiti is classified as a criminal offence under the Criminal Damage Act 1971. The Police Service is the only enforcement agency with the legislative powers to prosecute an offence of Criminal Damage
- Community information and education LSWA PC will publish this policy on the Council's website and will work with other agencies to reduce graffiti in the Parish. When asked to do so, the Parish Council will advise members of the public on whom to contact regarding graffiti removal from private property.

The Council will respond to graffiti within the Parish via the following strategies:

Reporting Graffiti

LSWA PC will encourage the community to report incidents of graffiti to the Parish Council Clerk online or over the phone – office@wheatonastonparishcouncil.gov.uk / assistantparishcouncil.gov.uk 07495789051/ 01902 327091

Prioritisation of Graffiti Removal on The Council Assets

Removal of graffiti on LSWA PC assets is prioritised based on the type of graffiti, with priority given to the removal of offensive, racist or defamatory graffiti and/or graffiti on prominent sites or sites of significance within the community.

GENERAL STATEMENTS AND DEFINITIONS

Definition of Graffiti: Graffiti can include drawings, scribbles, messages or 'tags' that are painted, written, sprayed or etched on walls and other surfaces.

Definition of Offensive Graffiti: Offensive Graffiti is illegal and unauthorised and may contain some or all of the following elements: • Offensive language

- Language of a political, radical, religiously insulting or inciting nature
- A graphically explicit image
- Any statement declaring hatred of any person or group

The following table outlines the graffiti removal timelines on LSWA PC's assets depending on the type of the graffiti.

TYPES OF GRAFFITI	PRIORITY REMOVAL TIME
Type 1 Racist, defamatory, offensive graffiti on The Council assets and/or prominent sites or sites of significance.	As soon as practically possible from when it is reported.
Type 2 All non-offensive or other types of graffiti.	Within one week of it being reported

PLEASE NOTE: Timescales based on staffing and weather conditions.

Graffiti Prevention

LSWA PC aims to reduce graffiti through a community development approach that engages the community and partners with other levels of government, local businesses and the police.

Removal of Graffiti on Private Property and other Local Authorities

LSWA PC does not remove graffiti from private property. The Council will only remove graffiti from Council owned assets. Residents are encouraged to report Graffiti incidents to the Police and the property owners.

The Clerk will signpost residents to the correct Local Authority when a graffiti incident involves the property of a local authority.

REVIEW

This Policy will be reviewed every year from the date of adoption of the policy, or more frequently as required.

Adopted January 2024

Revised January 2025