



## Longdon Parish Council News

**Welcome to the latest edition of our Newsletter, which summarises the key points from the monthly Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2016.**

### **Presentation from Alan White – Chair of Governors at St James School, Longdon.**

Alan talked about the change in the future as the school moved from being under the control of the LEA to being an Academy. The schools joined the St Chads Academy on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and works alongside schools from Rugeley and Walsall. The partnership is getting stronger and the school is now fully staffed and working towards an outstanding grading at its next OFSTED inspection.



### **Increasing Number of Planning Applications in the Green Belt.**

Each month the Parish Council are seeing representations from, and applications for development in the Green Belt. The Parish Council reiterated its position on any development in the Green Belt – if the development affects the 'openness' of the green belt, then the parish council will be minded to recommend refusal.

### **Festive singalong**

Longdon Villages Community Group are once again organising a community event to which it is hoped that the local residents will attend. A community Sing-A-Long will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December on Longdon Green – opposite the Red Lion public house.



### **Induction Pack**

Councillors approved a detailed 'Induction Pack' for Councillors at the meeting. There was now a proper application form

to be completed by applicants and additional information would be available to new councillors in the form of data about the parish, details of training etc.

### **Remembrance Services**

The parish council had purchased wreaths to be lain at two locations in the village on Remembrance Sunday.

### **Western Power Emergency Number**

The villages had recently experienced a couple of power cuts, one of which lasted for quite a time. Cllrs were informed that that a bird had hit an overhead cable causing the longer black out. The shorter black outs were related to a small fault which had now been fixed. Should anyone experience blackouts and need to report them, or want up to date information about a blackout, they were asked to dial **105** for information.

To see the full minutes, please go to our website. If you require a paper copy, please contact the parish clerk:  
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