



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 Tues 11th September.

HS2 (Phase 2A) Presentation

Consultation papers are currently available around the proposed HS2 development through Staffordshire. A representative attended, presenting to the community information about the effects on local traffic re congestion and condition of the roads. The consultation finishes on **30th September 2017**.

Key issues that were raised was the need for road improvements to manage the increase in traffic BEFORE the site construction begins; health concerns of the local residents from increased traffic / pollution. Residents should take the opportunity to view



the consultation documents (available on parish council website and in Rugeley Library).

Co-opted Councillor

The parish council received an application from Andrew Cliffe for the position of Co-opted Councillor at Gentleshaw ward. The council look forward to working with him and are looking forward to using his experience as a local farmer, to support the parish and local residents.

Planning Applications

Following the summer break, there was a very high number of planning applications to look at. Councillors are finding that local residents are still unsure of how to comment on applications and are coming to the parish council after applications have been decided – when development is already underway. Should you want more guidance about how, when and why to object or support planning applications, please go to our website and



read the piece under **ARTICLES**, or give the parish a phone call.

In light of the planning discussions, the parish council agreed to spend £250 on updating the website so that we would now have live links to Lichfield District Council planning pages – keep your eyes open for the changes.

Bus Consultations

Don't forget that the consultation on the local ring and ride bus service is out now. Please take the time to make some comments, supporting the service which is of great benefit to the people of the parish.

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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