

**Do you have anything you'd like to see included in our next issue?**

**If so, please let us know**

The Parish Council usually meet on the second Thursday of each month (subject to changes—please check the website for dates) at St Thomas and St Andrew's Church at 7pm in the back room.

Members of the public are welcome to attend to raise any issues during the public open session at the beginning of the meeting.

## Your Parish Councillors

Chairman: Cllr David Hughes

Vice Chairman: Cllr Richard Whyman

Councillors: Isabella Davies	Pam Davenport
Simon Davenport	Carol Haigh
Cathleen Hughes	Chris Shirley
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# DOXEY PARISH COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER

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**Edition: 6, January—April 2018**

### [Castle View Park Takeover..... an update](#)

The Parish Council are delighted to inform residents that they have signed the legal paperwork and the transfer of ownership of Castle View Park on the Redrow Estate next to the football pitch is expected to take place around the 9th March.

This follows over a year of work by the Parish Council to overcome various obstacles and has also seen new play equipment added to the park in April 2017.

The Parish Council would like to thank Redrow for their support during this transfer and for the equipment provided.

#### What next.....?

The Parish Council have been approached by a number of residents requesting additional play equipment (basket swing and toddler age), benches, seating areas, bins etc and these will all be considered by the council over the next few months.

Please bear with us, our aim is to secure grant funding to cover this and this, along with obtaining quotes, does take time. Please rest assured that the Council are committed to making the area accessible for all residents but also understand that we are unlikely to be able to please everyone. We will do our best to accommodate needs based on information from you as residents.

The Park equipment will be inspected each week and the grass will be mown fortnightly. Please could all residents be vigilant, if you see anyone causing damage please report this to the police via 101 and then report to the Parish Clerk who will organise the repair.

# Consultation about Doxey Hub, Community Building

The Parish Council have been approached by the owners of the building with an opportunity to run this community building—located off Sutton Drive, in the centre of Doxey.

The Council feel this could be an excellent facility for the community with the availability of hire for children's parties along with possibilities of hire to third parties to provide activities for residents and a potential venue for holiday provision for children (all subject to third party availability).

The Council would like residents to comment on whether they would like the council to run this community building. Without support from residents the council feel it will not be worth considering.

The consultation is open from 1st February—1st April via the following:

Facebook—please access our page (Doxey Parish Council) and see the pinned post

Website—please go to [www.doxeyparishcouncil.gov.uk/Noticeboard](http://www.doxeyparishcouncil.gov.uk/Noticeboard)

Below: Please fill in the below form (return to the Clerk, 49 Doxey, ST16 1EB):

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1. Would you like the Council to take on running Doxey Hub—Yes/No
2. Have you used Doxey Hub in the past—Yes/No
3. Would you use Doxey Hub in the future—Yes/No/ Not sure
4. Do you have any suggestions what it could be used for (please write below)
  
5. Can you offer any time to volunteer at Doxey Hub—Yes/No  
If yes, please leave your details below

## Doxey Road—Potholes

The Parish Council is monitoring the state of the Doxey Road and many Councillors and members of the public have been reporting issues to Staffordshire County Council.

For residents who wish to report potholes or street lights which are not working this can be done as follows:

By Phone: 0300 111 8000

By Email: [Highways@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Highways@staffordshire.gov.uk)

Online: <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/reportfault>

Why not check out our “Your Community” page on the Parish Council website. This has lots of information about how to report a number of issues to different agencies in Stafford.

## [Find us on Facebook!!](#)

Keep up to date with things as they happen via our facebook page.

We currently have 200 likes and would like to increase this to make sure we're seen by more of you in the community.

[www.facebook.com/doxeyparishcouncil](http://www.facebook.com/doxeyparishcouncil)

## Housing plans for Doxey and Castlefields

Many of you are aware of the planning application for 1500 houses, new school and other local facilities which is due to be built between Doxey and Castlefields.

Full information is available on the Stafford Borough Council planning portal quoting application number 17/27731/FUL.

These plans follow the Masterplan for the area completed after the Stafford Local Plan.

The Parish Council have responded raising various queries including the lack of appropriate equipment in the “destination park” which was expected to be similar to Wildwood Park in its range of activities.

Further queries including use of rights of way, flooding assessments and a potential road across the Greenway have been raised.

Although the consultation deadline has passed, residents should be able to continue to comment to Stafford Borough Council until a committee date for consideration is agreed.

## Parish Directory

### **Gavin Winnard**

Traditional **Window Cleaner** with over 10 Years Experience.

Covering all of Doxey.

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## What is a Parish Council?

Recently we’ve spoken to several members of the public who have no idea what a Parish Council is.

A Parish Council is the lowest tier of local government. Doxey Parish has 9 Parish Councillors (unpaid) who are elected every 4 years and a Clerk who works 5 hours a week. All Councillors have to live (or work) within a 3 mile radius. All current Councillors live in Doxey.

Unlike the larger councils (Borough and County), Parishes do not have to provide services such as highways and refuse collection. Often they choose to carry out services to improve the quality of life and wellbeing in the area.

Doxey Parish Council currently provide several dog waste bins, lease the football pitch at the rear of the drive and are in the process of taking over Castle View Park. Councillors monitor and report a variety of issues including potholes, broken streetlights and litter in the Parish.

Doxey Parish Council was formed in 2005—most Parishes have existed since the late 1800’s and Doxey was formed following a desire by local people to have more say in what happens in their community.

## Parish Council—new member

The Parish Council would like to welcome its newest member—Chris Shirley who takes office at the February 2018 meeting.

Chris has lived in Doxey for 8 years with his partner and son. He is a governor at Doxey School and is active with the local church supporting their events.

He works for West Midlands Ambulance Service in Stafford.

He brings various experience from these roles and life experience and looks forward to helping shape the future of Doxey.



# Parish Council News

The Parish Council continue to chase issues in the community. Residents are reminded to report these to the relevant authorities—please refer to our website for many contact details on the your community page.

## Events—Doxey Day?

The Parish Council are considering organising a community event in 2018. If you have any suggestions or would like to be involved please get in touch.

More details will be made available as plans progress.

## Annual public meeting—Thursday April 12th—8pm

Each year the Parish Council hold a public meeting to report back on their activities for the year. Everyone from Doxey is welcome to attend. People can also raise any issues they may have—this can also be done during public participation at the monthly meetings.

## Doxey Roll of Honour

Following a large amount of research by one of ex-Parish Councillors Mr Ken Allman, a list of men who lost their lives in both the World Wars has been produced. Talks are in progress to mark their sacrifice in the form of a memorial inside Doxey Church.

We would also like to hear from residents to ensure our list is complete—if you have any details if individuals from Doxey lost during conflict please contact the Clerk with details.

## **2018 Visits by the Refuse Freighter to Doxey Church**

### **Saturdays April 21st, July 21st and October 20th 10am-12pm**

This is free for residents provided and paid for by the Parish Council, most items can be disposed of, not large electricals like fridges and freezers

## DOXEY PARISH CHURCH

Why not come and join us?



Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday	10.30am	Informal All Age Service
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday	10.30am  4.00pm- 6.00pm	Communion with Kids for Christ  Messy Easter – story, crafts, fun and food for families
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March Maundy Thursday	7.45pm	Communion Service
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March Good Friday	11.30am  2.00pm	Walk of Witness in Stafford Town Centre starting at St Mary's Green  Reflective Service for Good Friday
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> April Easter Sunday	8.00am	Book of Common Prayer Com- munion
	10.30am	Easter Day Family Communion

[www.doxeychurch.co.uk](http://www.doxeychurch.co.uk), contact the Vicar, Revd Martin Strang

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