



Doxey Newsletter

Summer 2019
Edition 10

Welcome to Doxey Parish Council Newsletter.

Elections were held in 2019 and information about the Councillors is available in the middle pages.

What does Doxey Parish Council do?

A Parish Council is the lowest tier of local government and a large proportion of their work directly benefits the local community.

Recently the Parish Council have taken ownership of Castle View Park and are responsible for the maintenance of this. We lease the Rugby Pitch and are committed to keeping this green space for the community.

This year we are also producing a roll of honour for those residents of Doxey who lost their lives in the first and second world wars and this will be in place at Doxey Church ready for Remembrance Sunday. All residents are welcome to join us on Remembrance Sunday to see this.

DOXEY DAY

FAMILY

FUN

DAY

SAT
31ST AUG
12-4pm



Burgers - Hot Dogs - Ice Cream
Face Painting - Music
Bouncy Castle and Slide
Tea - Coffee - Cake
and much, much more

Castle View Park and Doxey Pitch
(Rear of the Drive, Redrow Estate)



Western Access Road information

The new road will provide a strategic link between the north and west of the town. The route will connect A34 Foregate Street at the Madford Retail Park junction with A518 Newport via the existing Martin Drive and Kingsway. It is being managed by Staffordshire County Council.

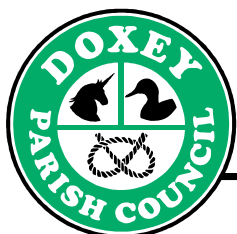


Project milestones include (times subject to change):

- On site activities begin: June 10 2019.
- Start piling works in Castletown/Doxey Road Car Park: Early July/August 2019 (approximately seven months).
- Roadworks at Doxey Road roundabout: Early September 2019.
- Roadworks between Doxey Road Bridge and Timberfields: Mid-October 2019.
- Demolition of old St Gobain buildings: Mid-October 2019.
- Roadworks at Rose Hill/Martin Drive roundabout: Mid-November 2019.
- Roadworks between Timberfields and Doxey Road roundabout: December 2019.
- Doxey Road car park viaduct beam installation: January 2020.
- Doxey Road railway bridge closure: Late March 2021.
- Scheme completion: August 2021.

For more information please visit the County Council website:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Highways/roadworks/stafford/westernaccess/proposedstaffordwesternbypass.aspx>





David Hughes

Chairman

David has lived in Doxey since 2000 and was one of the Parish Council founder members when it was formed in 2005.

David is a retired Captain with the Army Cadet Force and served for 52 years.

He served 2 years on the board of governors with the College for Further Education (now Stafford College, part of the Stafford and Newcastle College Group).

He was a volunteer with Stafford and Rural Homes for 15 years as a customer inspector and a member of the customer board.

Vice Chairman

Richard originally lived on the Tixall road end of Stafford and now lives on the Doxey road. He has worked for GEC, Alstom and GE all at the same site on Lichfield road where he has become the test department supervisor and attained his membership of the Institute of Engineering Technology.

He has lived in Doxey for 13 years and has been a member of the council and vice-chairman for over eight years.

He is a bit of a conservationist and has a night vision camera and sometimes watches a badger or Fox who visits their garden.



Richard Whyman



Keith Allen

Keith has lived in Stafford since 1971 courtesy of the Royal Air Force and has lived in Doxey for over 12 years.

He has been involved in local football having run a Junior Team, Secretary for a Sunday Team then Match Secretary and Secretary for various teams for Stafford Town. With his partner, he laid the groundwork which led to the formation of Stafford Town Dragons Disability Team. He was also Match Secretary for AFC Eccleshall in The County League.

He enjoys watching local football on a Saturday. He's also a keen walker and cares about the local footpaths and their access. The local footpaths are well used by local people and with the new housing development we must make sure that access is maintained.

While out walking we often see fly tipping - It's a disgrace.

As a Parish Councillor he intends to voice the concerns of Local People regarding road safety, footpaths, management of open spaces, planning, crime prevention, fighting for services and facilities. All these things impact on people's lives and as a Parish Councillor he promises to listen to people's concerns and raise those concerns to the appropriate authorities.



Isabella Davies

Isabella was one of the founder members of Doxey Parish Council when it was formed in 2005.

Doxey is the only part of Stafford Town to have its own Parish Council. She also represented the community as Borough Councillor between 2007 - 2019.

In 2019, eleven candidates stood for nine seats on the Parish Council and she welcomed this first opportunity for a contested election which gave residents the chance to choose their representatives.

Isabella notes "As your local Councillor it is always a privilege to meet so many of you and deal with any matters of concern you have."

Simon is 58 and has lived in Doxey for 7 ½ years. He is married with 2 teenage children.

He works at Stafford college as a Curriculum leader in Motor vehicle engineering. He joined the council initially, to ensure fair representation for the newer estates being built.

Since joining the council he has taken up a very active role in community projects and works and can often be seen on Castle View Park resolving issues and doing general works.

He likes to inform newer people in the area the role of the Parish council, and try to encourage public involvement in the community.

He feels that if everybody did their own little bit to help themselves and each other, the majority of community issues would be solved.

Favourite motto is: if you need a helping hand, look at the end of your sleeves!

His hobbies include walking the dog, travel, flying Gliders at Seighford airfield and Curries!



Simon Davenport





Carol Haigh

Carol is a founder member of the Parish Council which was formed in 2005. She has lived in Doxey since 1977 and has made many good friends and neighbours over the years.

When the Parish Council was formed one of the things they wanted to do was start a Youth Club up again. She helped to run the Youth Club until 2017. She is pleased that the Church decided to carry on running the Youth Club as she feels it is greatly needed for young people to meet and enjoy different activities together.

She feels proud of how the Parish Council has improved community activities in Doxey e.g.

- Funding pensioners Christmas dinner at the Church
- Grants for the Youth Club
- Providing dog waste bins
- The lease of the Football Pitch, now Rugby pitch
- Grants for Doxey Primary School & Church Gardens upkeep and Xmas trees
- Redrow Park and the new equipment recently added (good to see so many children enjoying themselves)

She would like to thank everyone who voted for her to stay on the Parish Council during the election in 2019.

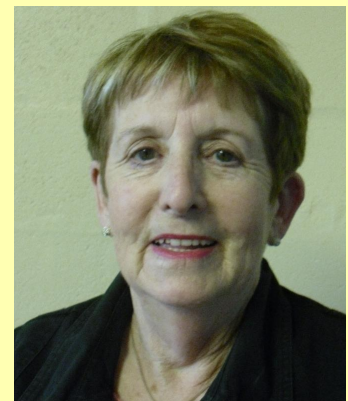
She looks forward to continuing to serve on the Parish Council and to help make Doxey an even better place to live and more community activities and meeting new people who have come to live in Doxey.

Cath has lived in Doxey for 39 years and was the Landlady at the Three Tuns Pub between 1980 – 1998 (18 years).

She has been on Doxey Parish Council since 2015.

Cath works part-time locally and volunteers at Stafford Gatehouse in her spare time.

She takes a keen interest in local matters and enjoys meeting people.



Cathleen Hughes



Chris Shirley

Chris is 54 and has lived in Doxey for 9 years and has settled here to have and bring his family up – his son who is seven with his partner Wendy. He lives on Greensome Lane and before that The Ridgeway Doxey.

He has been a school governor at Doxey Primary School for 3 years and is very active within the local Church supporting its events.

He works for West Midlands Ambulance Service in Stafford.

Chris hopes to bring his life experiences to the Parish Council this includes, meetings at various levels, governor role, presentations and teaching various areas including - FirstAid, Sports/Leisure, Health & Safety Training.

Chris intends to make a difference to the Community of Doxey and to represent the interests of the community. He sees himself being active within the Parish Council, interested and committed to all.

He is very proud to be given the chance to serve the residents and families of Doxey.

Eleanor is starting her second term of office as a Parish Councillor (1 term = 4 years). She first became involved in 2011, as she had become annoyed with standing outside the corridors of power, shouting in, wanting change, and nothing changing. She decided to try and join the local parish council, and thoroughly enjoyed her first four year term.

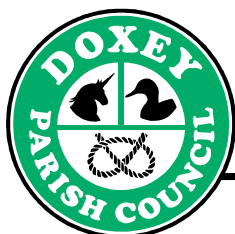
She has lived in Doxey for over 13 years, is in her mid 40's and has a teenage daughter. She feels Doxey is a thriving community, with many of us having the same aims for our village.

She created the action group DASH (Doxey Against Segregated Housing) to fight social injustice. The group successfully fought to remove additional affordable housing to be built in Doxey leaving an estate in Baswich with none rebalancing both neighbourhoods in a fair way.

She looks forward to doing even more, in her second term as a Parish Councillor. Having been the driving force in the starting of the Parish Council Newsletter, which is hand delivered through every single door in the Parish quarterly, more of our residents are aware of the Council, and how we work hard to help make Doxey a happy village.



Eleanor Tristram



Bowling Green Housing Update

Work is due to commence on the development of the old bowling greens at the rear of the Universal Club to create 24 affordable homes. The work will be carried out on behalf of Telford and Wrekin Housing Group after planning permission was given in 2017.

New Walking Group in Doxey

A local resident and Parish Councillor is looking at starting an over 60's waking sessions in the Doxey area. This would involve walking along local footpaths. Distances would be dependent on the capabilities of the walkers. But we do need feedback from Residents who would be interested.

Please contact Keith Allen via email to register your interest - keithallen8354@gmail.com. If you don't have access to email please leave your contact details with the Parish Clerk on 07592 708464



Mobility Access to Greenway

The Parish Council have installed kissing gates on the access to Castle View Park from the Greenway and the access from The Drive. This is to reduce the number of small motorbikes using these areas and will also allow access for wheelchairs and mobility vehicles.

We appreciate that cyclists will have to stop and bring their bikes through these but we ask for understanding on this to assist reducing the motor powered bikes from accessing the area easily and at speed.

We ask all residents to be vigilant regarding children/young adults attempting to vandalise these. If you take any pictures or videos please pass them onto us and the police and please only do this if safe to do so.

Redrow Estate service charge information

We are getting a large number of queries from residents of the Redrow Estate about their service charges and the park on the estate. We would advise all residents to revisit the information they signed when they purchased their homes but can confirm that the park has never been included in these service charge costs. There was an error on the first bills sent by Betts which referred to park inspections – we have confirmed with them that this is their standard wording and no inspections have been carried out on the park. This wording will be amended going forward.

Rugby Pitch and St Leonards news

The Parish Council are delighted to announce that they have secured a one year extension to the lease for the rugby pitch from Staffordshire County Council who have recently acquired the land from Saint Gobain.

The Parish Council and St Leonards are working together to try and secure a long term (up to 25 year) lease going forward with the County Council to protect and secure the land as green space for the future of Doxey and its residents.

The land forms part of the designated green spaces in Stafford Borough Councils Local Plan and we will continue to keep residents updated of progress.

A recent "working weekend" has seen improvements to fencing, pathways and the general pitch area as well as work ongoing at the Universal Club. A huge thanks to everyone from the community who took part – and enjoyed the BBQ after!



Dates for your Diary

- August 31st** - 12-4pm Doxey Village Day at Castle View Park
- October 19th** - Amenity Visits (Refuse freighter, Doxey Church car park)
- December 14th** - Senior Citizens Christmas Meal (Doxey Church)

**Do you have anything you'd like to see included in our next issue?
If so, please let us know**

The Parish Council meet 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.

NEXT MEETING/S DATES

September 12th, October 10th, November 14th, December 5th

