

STONE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

January 2011



Winter 2010 - 2011

Precept for 2011 - 2012

The Parish Council are pleased to announce that they have been able to set our precept at the same level as last year which is good news for everyone as it assists in keeping down the cost of your Council Tax Bill. We are also pleased that a further 10% payment in Grant Aid has been agreed by Wyre Forest District Council.

Churchyard Grant

The Parish Council will also be applying for a Churchyard Grant in the sum of £720 which will go towards maintenance of the churchyard.

Crime

Although crime levels remain low, in the event of repeated bad weather, everyone is advised to take caution, it is not advisable to leave vehicles unattended with the keys in and the engine running in an attempt to warm up and defrost the windows. This opportunity has proved to be too tempting to opportunist thieves across the country!

Winter Weather

Without doubt, the heavy snow and ice we have been experiencing has taken its toll on the roads and the Parish Council will endeavor to oversee that areas of the roads with potholes causing a problem to motorists, will be reported to the County Council and we will follow up any complaint to ensure that any necessary work is undertaken. Please report any highway complaints either to myself or direct to the Worcestershire Hub.

Concerns have been expressed about the lack of Grit Bins and gritting of the roads. The Parish Council are doing all they can to improve the situation for everyone although the low stock of rock salt and provision of Grit Bins is a wide spread problem particularly on minor routes.

New Councillor

Following the resignation of Mark Stinton, Richard Wignall has been co-opted on to the Council as his replacement. Richard is already actively involved with Neighbourhood Watch in Stanklyn Lane, and it is hoped that this will now be extended to cover other areas of the parish. Anyone who is interested in being a coordinator please contact either the Clerk or Richard Wignall.

Parish Councillors

Cllr. J Arbuthnott (Chairman)	01562 69902
Cllr M H Gough	01562 822485
Cllr. Mrs. D Bird	01562 820859
Cllr R F Hobson	01562 66765
Cllr Mrs. E C Hyde	01562 67142
Cllr, J Jordan	01562 753248
Cllr M Talbot	01562 777406
Cllr R Wignall	07963 620802
Cllr. Mrs. P Whitman	01562 824559

New Notice Boards

Larger notice boards have been placed on Stanklyn Lane and Butts Lane. A new board has been erected by the post box at Mustow Green, and a large board has been installed at The Plough Inn, Shenstone.

If any residents wish to place notices on these boards please contact the Clerk.

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Meeting Dates 2011

8th March—Annual Parish Meeting
10th May—Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.
12th July—Parish Council Meeting

Parishioners are welcome to attend the Public Forum at the commencement of each meeting to express their views on matters concerning the Parish.