

STAPLEHURST

PARISH COUNCIL

VILLAGE
UPDATE
SUMMER
2022

A LOGO FOR STAPLEHURST

Lately, it is hard to turn your head without seeing the developments around the village. From the skate park to new planters and from the refurbishment of the Youth Club to the Big Clean-Up, we are pulling together as a community and achieving great things. With our ongoing commitment to self-improvement, it may come as a surprise to some of you that we don't have a village logo.

What is the significance of a logo? In its simplest form, it is something to adorn letterheads. At its best, it can be a visual representation of the heart and soul of our community that connects us and we can all take great pride in. With this in mind, the Communications Group would like to involve the local community in the ideation process of creating a logo for Staplehurst. Ideally, we would combine two different influences. Firstly, we want to ensure that we are considering people, places and things in the local area that have social, cultural or historical significance. Secondly, we want to capture the sentiment and aspirations of our community.

How are we going to do this? Below, you will find a link to a quick survey (2 mins maximum) where we will ask you 3 simple questions. What words do you associate with the village, or do you hope for the future? (Inclusion, progress, vineyards etc). What colours do you associate with Staplehurst? What would you consider in the local area to be of social, cultural or historical significance?

It's that easy! We will keep you informed as this project progresses and hope to have something eye-catching and relevant that represents Staplehurst and each and every one of us for years to come in the not too distant future.

Some examples with logos of different qualities from a ranking by Robert Wilde, a Graphic Designer specialising in logos:

THE GOOD..



THE BAD..



and THE UGLY..



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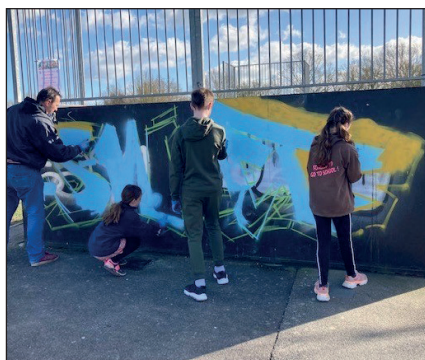
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STAPLEHURST SKATE PARK'S WORKS OF ART



Many of you have probably noticed that the skate park at Jubilee Field has been given a new lease of life with some amazing examples of different graffiti artwork. The Parish Council, with the intention of boosting the look and feel of the site and to encourage the young people of Staplehurst back to our parks and sports facilities, decided to involve artist Graham Upton, who had previous experience in similar projects such as the mural at Maidstone bus station.

To make the process more engaging for young people, we also invited them to come and share their ideas and artwork that could be used to adorn the walls. Once submitted, Graham brought their ideas to life and then led volunteer groups of young people in the painting process. The youngest who helped paint was 5 years old and the oldest 13. Several of the images now have their names tagged in them for posterity!

The project took several days of surprisingly good weather in February to be completed and, since then, we have received many complimentary comments in social media and through direct contact from both youngsters and adults.

The funds for this project came through the Welcome Back Fund, from Maidstone Borough Council, HM Government and the European Regional Development Fund. From this fund, we also financed other projects like improving various aspects of the Parade and getting additional equipment for our clean-up days.

We hope you agree that the project has been a stunning success!



Photographs: Mark at PhotoTeam.co.uk

STAPLEHURST WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On June 14th 1922, Staplehurst Women's Institute held its first meeting. This year, on June 14th, we will be celebrating our 100th anniversary with a Centenary meal at the Weald of Kent golf course. We have several events planned for this momentous occasion, some of which will be open to the village to celebrate with us.

There are two events where we hope you will join us. We are donating a commemorative bench and a silver birch tree to the village. Both will be handed over to Staplehurst on June 11th. The bench will be sited in line with other benches near the South Staplehurst Monument bus stop, and the tree has been planted near the library, in the Greener Staplehurst Group Village herb bed. Please come along. We will be providing more details of times on notice boards around the village.

In July the members will be having our annual garden party and will be making this special by having a celebration cake, baked and decorated by members. We

will also be inviting members of other local WIs to join us.

Saturday October 15th we will be hosting a WI Display and Craft Fair. The WI display will showcase all our activities, meetings and history. You will be able to buy produce and Christmas gifts made by our members. Also, refreshments will be available to buy. The Craft Fair in the North Hall will be open to local people who have their own craft items to sell. If you would like to book a table on this day, please contact Stephanie Jenkins on the contact details below.

Valerie George
Chair 2022
Centenary Committee

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YOUTH CLUB

As some of you will know, The Parish Council has recently taken over responsibility for the Youth Club building. We have undertaken a refurbishment and modernisation programme to bring the facilities up to standard and we are installing WiFi for use with some donated computers.

We now have big plans to relaunch the Youth Club. KCC Youth Services are supporting us in this venture and have provided an experienced youth leader to run activities at the new Youth Club. We are targeting an age group of 12-16 on Tuesday evenings from 7pm till 9pm.

To make this successful, we are now seeking a team of local volunteers to assist with the Youth Club on a rota basis. KCC

will assist with guidance and helping us through the online checking process. We really need as much help as possible from parents and others in the village to support this work and make it a success.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the Youth Club or have any ideas about the usage of the Youth Club building, please contact Councillor Stuart McPhee for an informal chat. Cllr.Stuart.McPhee@staplehurst-pc.uk



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th June – Queen's Jubilee Party in the Park – 1pm to 9pm – Surrenden Field
11th June – Monarchs Day – 10am – Jubilee Field
11th June – Women Institute – Bench and Silver Birch donation
12th June – Whites Landscaping 5K and 10K races – 10am - Surrenden Field
25th June – Library – Closing date for competition
16th July – Library 50th Anniversary celebrations – 10am to 12pm
1st August to Friday 19th August – Summer Playscheme
10th August – Bioblitz – Wimpey Field Nature Reserve
22nd August – Staplehurst Youth Fun Day – Surrenden Field
15th October – Women Institute – Display and Craft Fair – Community Centre

If a group wishes to let us know of an important event, let us know. The next deadline to submit a date is the 29th of July. The next publication will be distributed 29th of August.

For Parish Council and Planning Committee meetings please scan:



Greener Staplehurst Group spring into Action

As all gardeners know, Spring is a particularly busy time and our Greener Staplehurst volunteers are working hard to ensure that the village flower beds are looking their very best. Dozens of daffodils have been dead-headed, weeds attacked with vigour and bulbs and flowers added to the display. An additional flower bed will soon be placed alongside the existing beds to further brighten the Shopping Centre!

You may have already noticed the large wooden planter at the entrance to the Jubilee Field, which was kindly donated to us by the MBC and to which we have already added several flowering plants. More work will take place here when time permits, so keep watching this space!

We have also planted a number of small saplings in several parts of the village and, we will, as funds permit, be planting more to add to the village's green canopy to the delight of residents and local wildlife alike.

Our hardworking team is small and we are looking for additional members. So, if you feel that you could lend a hand from time to time, please visit our Facebook page or contact our Chairman - (David George) on 07903 447326.



Collection for Ukraine



Staplehurst always steps in when the situation requires it. We saw the amazing volunteering during the pandemic, and we have seen this again in relation to the war in Ukraine.

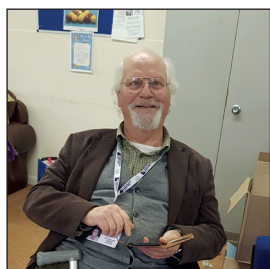
Hundreds of residents donated all kinds of necessities (toiletries, medicines, food, pet food...). The event was organised and coordinated by the Parish Council and many of the local councillors and borough councillors volunteered on the day, working alongside many volunteers from the village.

The original idea and promotion came from Cllr. Spearink who, on the day, sat on the "director's chair" and enjoyed overseeing how everything happened smoothly. We had a visit from our local MP, Helen Grant, who was very impressed by the frantic activity inside the Youth Club, where the collection took place, and by the long queue of residents that were waiting to donate.

We must also thank Marcel Franke, from Frankie's Farmshop and Brian Clarke from Staplehurst Garage, who supplied the transport. Cllr. Spearink organised a second collection of clothes privately with the support, yet again, of volunteers and councillors and of the Free Church who offered their facilities.

The items collected were sent to Ukraine through Brother Parcel Post in partnership with the Ukrainian Nova Poshta Global. Each parcel had a small sticker from Staplehurst to the people of Ukraine.

Well done to everyone involved and thank you Staplehurst for stepping up once again!



THE VILLAGE CLEAN UP

Staplehurst Parish Council ran our village clean-up day on the 9th April. This has coincided with The Great British Spring Clean 2022, a national drive to manage litter in a better way! As always, with the help of our amazing volunteers, the event was a resounding success!



Staplehurst Men's Shed group were kind enough to provide tea and refreshments at the Youth Club hut and parish councillors organised our volunteers.

The bright weather assisted everyone, and we had approximately 70 volunteers including our Scout Group who went throughout the village cleaning up litter and other rubbish.

We engaged the Community Payback team to help. They managed the area at the station and Lodge Road and brought back over 30 bags of rubbish from that area alone! They were tagged in social media #paybackoftheday by the Minister for Crime, Policing & Probation.

The whole village looked much brighter and cleaner at the end of the day and our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who supported our event!

Maidstone Borough Council kindly collected and disposed of the rubbish for us.

We look forward to doing another village clean-up day in the autumn!

THE JUBILEE FIELD

The Jubilee Field Management committee, with support from the football clubs, the Guides and local business Magnetic Shields have extended the parking space at the facility significantly, in the area adjacent to the skate park.

Road stone has been used, which is removable if required. Further improvements are envisaged, such as an all-weather sports pitch.

A large planter has been donated by Maidstone Borough Council. This has been placed adjacent to the entrance to continue to brighten up the whole area. Staplehurst Greener group have kindly offered to place plants and flowers, and keep it maintained.

The Staplehurst Monarchs youth football club will be having its presentation day on 22nd May and the Men's club will be running a family fun day on 11th June. Feel free to come down and enjoy the days with your friends and family.



COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GROUP

We have managed to get some of our projects completed. We finally managed to implement the new design for the gate at the Wimpey Field Nature Reserve. This will now enable access to the site for maintenance whilst ensuring the least impact on the residents. You will also have seen that the long-awaited Surrenden Field path is now going ahead – it was delayed by wet weather. There are other ideas in place to make the field even more sociable, with regard to benches and maybe even an outdoor gym for us older kids.



We continue to lobby for the disabled toilet to be opened at the parade- although this does of course have cost implications for the cleaning. This will be accessible to those who have a radar key.

For the old telephone box; now we have it all refurbished, we would like to use it. Sadly, there is no electrical supply so we can't use it for charging cars, but maybe a local group would like to adopt it for a month and create a pop-up exhibition? Or a plant / seedling exchange? What do you think? Let us know your ideas.

THE PAYBACK TEAM



The community payback team continue being a valuable asset for our village and our community. They undertake work nearly every Saturday under the management of Hazel and councillor volunteers.

Recent projects undertaken include:

- Clearing the back garden at the Free Church for a children's play area
- Helping move boxes in the collection for Ukraine
- Clearing rubbish from the Youth Club into a skip
- Tidying up the area around the Community Centre and erection of a new notice board
- Renovating the dead hedges at the Wimpey Fields Nature Reserve
- Taking part in the clean-up collecting over 30 bags of rubbish in the Lodge Road area alone

Work planned for the near future includes:

- Bollard and railing painting
- Reglazing of telephone box
- Wimpey Fields – various other maintenance tasks.
- Repainting and refurbishment of Youth Club premises.

If you have any suggestions for work for this team for this year, please do not hesitate to contact us

PLANNING



Members on the planning committee continue to be kept busy with applications. Staplehurst has a number of noteworthy submissions you may be interested in as a resident. You can access and comment on any application via MBC's website. Your

information can help MBC make their decision, as often they do not know Staplehurst as well as we do!

You have, no doubt, noticed activity at the old Texaco garage site, which Churchill Retirement Living would like to build housing for 'mature' residents. As ever, our concerns

relate to the mundane but important issues of parking, waste water and over intensification. We are awaiting the decision by MBC.

The outline application at Station Approach (currently the garage and shop) also raised similar concerns of design, parking and impact on the area street scene. No doubt other areas will 'pop up' for development, such as the area behind the industrial estate and the continued development on the Headcorn side of Staplehurst.

We continue to hassle developers for more infrastructure and green development, but there is little incentive for them to spend money on this, as it's not a legal requirement as part of their planning application.



Planning Website

ROAD SAFETY GROUP



We continue to work hard as a group to improve the roads in and around Staplehurst. The recent accident on the hill only goes to highlight the importance of encouraging drivers to slow down. We continue to lobby for a pedestrian crossing near the petrol station, the Quarter on Cranbrook Road.

We have also had some success in getting dropped curbs with tactile paving at crossing points for our residents with mobility needs.

There are still projects being worked on, such as the school area and road signage, etc. at the new developments, but we chip away at it – a bit like water torture but we get there eventually! We continue to monitor road surfaces and would encourage any resident to report directly to KCC on their website, "Report a problem on a road or pavement" area. Some of us have taken to carrying a ruler with us when taking a picture to show depth and scale as proof it needs repairing! Please do join the Speedwatch team. As the weather improves it's a lovely chance to stand in the sunshine and slow down speeding drivers.



Report a Pothole

STAPLEHURST MEN'S SHED

A huge "Thank You" is due to the Staplehurst Scouts for currently allowing us to hold our weekly Thursday morning meetings, between 10am

until 12pm (subject to review) in the Scout Hut.

We hope to be back at the Youth Club (beside the Community Centre) soon.

The Shed is a place where men come together to socialise and make new friends, play pool, scrabble, share ideas and skills, participate on practical projects or join the choir. Tea and coffee are provided. Current Membership ages range from 50-80+.

Retirement means massive changes for people with more time to fill. Men typically find it more difficult to build social connections, which can lead to feelings of isolation. Despite their loneliness, older men rarely share personal worries and health concerns.

However, you don't need to be retired or to feel lonely. You might just want a bit of banter with a bunch of blokes. At the very least, we offer an opportunity to get out of the house for a few hours each week.

New members welcome so why not come along and join us? To find out more, contact Richard James, Leader, 07976 009522 or thestaplehurstshed@outlook.com.



LIBRARY USER GROUP

The Staplehurst Library User Group has recently re-started its activities after the various lockdowns and restrictions. It was formed to give volunteer help where possible and to provide feedback on library services. A number of similar groups were formed in different parts of Kent, but the Staplehurst group is the only one still in existence.

This year is the 50th Anniversary of the opening of Staplehurst Library, and we've focused on marking this. The actual opening date was 24th March 1972, and the Golden Jubilee was marked by a display in the Library, prepared by the staff, and a special cake.

There will be a larger celebration event on Saturday 16th July from 10 am to 12 noon to which everyone will be welcome. There will be a story time and craft activity for children and displays on the history of the Library.

The Library User Group is organising an art competition for children under 11 (in three age groups) and a writing competition for children under 16. Full details will be available from the Library, and through Staplehurst School and local playgroups. The closing date will be Saturday 25th June, and prizes will be presented on 16th July.



The Staplehurst Neighbourhood Plan Review Group

The Staplehurst Neighbourhood Plan Review Group membership includes both local residents and parish councillors and has continued to meet via Zoom. The group has met regularly with continued commitment on highlighting the importance of all planning applications being judged within the context of the Neighbourhood Plan and how this relates to the current MBC Local Plan and the new Local Plan which is out for consultation.

The group have been working through the Neighbourhood Plan as we know our plan can be made stronger. We are amending and updating to make sure we have a plan fit

for purpose and with the aim of a further referendum. Infrastructure and, in particular, environmental and disability issues affecting Staplehurst continue to be seen as highly important additions.

The Neighbourhood Plan is a living document for the future. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the group members for their continued hard work and their ongoing commitment.

Margaret Arger, Chairman.



SPEEDWATCH

In 2006, Staplehurst was one of the first parishes in Kent to purchase Speed Indication Equipment. Volunteers attended a training session, led by a policeman, and then stood in a group of three by the roadside. It then took several people in the police station to check details before letters to repeat offenders could be sent.

Staplehurst invested in more modern equipment which is capable of detecting the speed of vehicles at a greater distance. The reporting of speeding vehicles is now via computer and many police forces pool their information. Volunteers are now given Health and Safety training online before roadside training is given by the Team Coordinator. New volunteers are then invited to join more experienced people in teams of two or three at one of the police approved sites.



Is Speedwatch effective? All statistics say a resounding yes. It is very rare that a driver ignores the bright numbers showing the speed when it is above the limit, or our fluorescent jackets. Repeat offenders are automatically sent letters of advice and very few are recorded more than twice. The very few persistent offenders are likely to have a visit from a uniformed officer.

All data we collect is seen by the police and helps inform where speed is a real issue. The more volunteers that can spare a little time, the safer our roads will be.

WALKING IN STAPLEHURST



Time to get walking again!

As the weather is getting warmer and the days longer, this is an ideal time to get out and about in the beautiful English

countryside. May is National Walking Month, promoting the benefits of walking for both physical and mental health. In Staplehurst we even have our own Footpath Group that meets at 2pm on the second Sunday of each month. This friendly group organises walks around Staplehurst and beyond and is great for finding out more about the local area while enjoying some gentle exercise. For more information, see the Staplehurst Footpath Group Facebook page.

There is also plenty of information about walking, online. We were approached by one of these websites that has brought it together in one place: Walking in Kent www.walkinginengland.co.uk/kent has hundreds of walks to download and print (free), as well as books of walks, details of walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place. With walks from half a mile to more than twelve miles long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, why not get walking?"



Walk in England

SCC STAPLEHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE

The better weather seems to be trying to come back, so we had a spring tidy up. With the help of Hazel and the Community Payback team guys, we were able to install our new noticeboard and have a good clear up of the site.

The monthly market on a Sunday continues to be a buzzing event and there are other classes such as art, yoga, boxing and bridge to join. Also, Borough Council Elections on 5th May are held in the North Hall. We held an exhibition in the central West Hall on Saturday 7th May 10am-4pm, collating all the public consultation recommendations from before Covid lockdown. These have been organised into a coherent design to improve the facilities we already extensively use.

Thank you to our lovely volunteers who do bookings, maintenance and lots of behind the scenes work to enable the community to use our facilities.



Photo Richard Hawkes

MEMORIALS IN STAPLEHURST (3)

Our village War Memorial is actually the whole of St George's Chapel which forms the south-eastern part of All Saints' church. You can see the inscription carved into the entrance end. Inside is the large WW1 Memorial in the form of a Roll of Honour and the much smaller WW2 Memorial plaque beside it. The Roll of Honour has a new shelf above it that the Parish Council paid for. There is also a brass plaque to the dead of the Boer war on the north wall of the main church.

A few years ago, Cllr Peter Spearink and Cllr John Perry spotted several errors on the WW1 Memorial and they had them corrected. One of the names was just that, no regiment just the name. Ted Sergison thought he belonged to the Durham Light Infantry. Cllr Spearink contacted them and they immediately sent a reply giving his full details and how to correctly abbreviate DLI together with a copy of the trench maps showing where he was killed. We were so pleased at this help that the Parish Council sent a small donation to the regimental museum. Another error was writing RAF against someone who was killed before the RAF was formed, so that was corrected to RFC.

These corrections were made at the same time as the WW2 plaque had been completely planed off and revarnished prior to having all the names painted back to include Sgt Fitzgerald, whose name had been missed off of the plaque when it was made after the war. Sgt Fitzgerald's story will be my article in the next Update. A sad story but ultimately one that the village can be proud of.



VOLUNTEERING IN STAPLEHURST

Volunteering opportunity	Brief description
Become a Councillor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are often places available. Keep an eye on the PC website. Contact: Parish Council Clerk - clerk@staplehurst-pc.uk
Community Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always looking for an extra pair of hands: gardening, DIY jobs such as sanding and repainting, small building works, etc. Contact: Councillor Adele Sharp – cllr.adelesharp@staplehurst-pc.uk
The Jubilee Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Monarchs need volunteers to organise the parking on match days. Contact: Councillor Bill McLaughlin – cllr.billmclaughlin@staplehurst-pc.uk
Greener Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking after various planters. Contributing and looking after the herb bed and flower beds. Tidying up the Wimpey Field Nature Reserve. Contact: Mina McPhee - kk_mina@yahoo.com
Community Events Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help with the Queen's Jubilee Party in the Park Help with the Whites Landscaping 5K and 10K races Members and helpers needed to organise events for the community. Contact: staplehursteventsgroup@gmail.com or via Facebook page.
Speedwatch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get trained and become part of the scheme. Contact: Councillor Joan Buller - cllr.joanbuller@staplehurst-pc.uk
Parish Council Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers to distribute the Village Update and the Annual Report. Contact: Parish Council Office - admin@staplehurst-pc.uk
The Community Fridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shepherd's Pantry Community Fridge at the Free Church are looking for food donations from individuals and businesses. Contact: Bob Howse - bobfhowse@gmail.com, 07837 809269
Paddock Wood and District Lions Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serving the people of Staplehurst for 40 years. They always welcome members to help in the community and raise vital funds. Contact: 0345 833 9564 (directly through to one of their members)
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting is volunteering, too. Report potholes, traffic infringements, road traffic accidents, antisocial behaviour, bus delays, etc. Contact: Staplehurstroadinfo@gmail.com
Youth Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helping running newly opened Youth Club: Tuesday evenings 7-9pm Contact: Councillor Stuart McPhee - cllr.stuartmcphee@staplehurst-pc.uk

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS FROM THE PAST (5)

This fifth issue has been special, as the document we were using ended in 1920. We have had to research our archives and decipher some of the writing. Special thanks to Malcolm Buller and Tom Burnham for helping us to understand the most challenging words. As you can read, on this occasion we encountered some tension between the Post Office authorities and the Parish Council, who described the PO service as "worse than before and during the war". Five years later, nothing had changed.

If you are interested in giving us a hand and take the challenge to decipher and select the next lot of Parish Council News from the Past, please, contact Cllr. Castro: cllr.jose-castro@staplehurst-pc.uk

23rd March 1921 – Proposed that the attention of the Rural District Council is called to the unsatisfactory state of the ditches in Lovehurst Lane which overflow the road in rainy weather making it almost impossible for pedestrians to walk on it and ask as to whose duty it is to clean them out.

13th July 1921 – It was approved that the Clerk wrote to the Post Office Authorities complaining of the too late delivery of letters in the morning and the too early collection in the evening especially in the Station area and point out that the postal arrangements at Staplehurst are far worse than before and during the war.

16th October 1921 – A letter was read from the G.P.O. Surveyor stating that the question of affording Staplehurst an earlier general post delivery and a later night collection could not be admitted under present conditions.

It was proposed that the Clerk write again to the Surveyor and state that the Council wish to point out that the present bad postal arrangements tend to hamper business of all descriptions with the risk of increasing the number of unemployed in the parish and trust that an effort will be made to prevent this sad state of affairs. Owing to the Sunday arrangements practically 3 days posting facilities are lost.

7th September 1922 – A letter was read from the Mid Kent Gas Company quoting £3-11-9 per lamp for 30 lamps from 1st September to 30th April that half hour after sun set to 6 o'clock, with the exception of 6 nights each month, the company finding lanterns, burners, mantles, gas and all labour necessary. [i.e. gas mantles, very fragile structure that glowed white hot in the flame and produced a much brighter light]

29th October 1926 – It was requested that the Clerk write to the Maidstone Post Master complaining of the delay in the post office of the delivery of letters posted in Maidstone before reaching Staplehurst.

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PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

The Parish Office is open but due to the continued prevalence of Covid 19 and the small size of our offices, we are operating on a limited staffing arrangement. Please call 01580 891761 before attending to ensure a member of staff will be available. Normal hours for any appointments are 9:00 – 1:00pm. Monday to Thursday

SURGERIES AT THE LIBRARY

Surgeries are the last Saturday of the month the next ones will be 28th May and the 25th June.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Next meetings:

Full Council is 6th June then 27th June.

Planning committee is 13th June then 4th July.

Both at the Community Centre South Hall at 7.30pm



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