



Councillor Carol Hart  
Chairman of the Parish Council

## Elections Over - Down to Work Again!

*A message from Councillor Carol Hart, Chairman of the Parish Council*

### Your New Parish Council

After the May elections we have a new Parish Council in situ. Two of our previous Councillors, Brian King and Alan Draycott did not stand for re-election and the Council is now made up of 5 people who have been Parish Councillors the previous 4 years - Helena Chapman, Darren Adams-Shaw, Barbara Harrison, Bruce Broughton and myself; two who had been Parish Councillors before - Janet Hayes and Gary Hamson; and two completely new Councillors - Iris Howes and Kevan Garvey.

I had the great pleasure of being elected Chairman and I look forward to working with all of our Councillors and the Parish Clerk/Assistant Clerk to keep providing the best services we can for the residents of West Hallam.

### Parish Council Meetings

Our Parish Council meetings are always held on the first Monday of the month (excepting for Bank Holidays when they revert to the 2nd Monday) and they always start with an 'Open Session' for members of the public to raise any questions with their Parish Council. Sometimes we do get quite a few members of the public attending and hopefully we always make anybody attending welcome and do our best to answer their queries, questions or complaints.

### Spending Priorities - A Consultation

The Parish Council as a whole generally know what local people are concerned about, but are we getting it right or are we missing something? To help answer this question we are giving all residents a chance to have their say. With this mini newsletter you will receive our consultation leaflet 'Your Money - Your Voice' and we'd really like to hear from you with your views.

We want to make sure that we are representing the residents in the right way and that we are doing our best to deliver the services in West Hallam that they consider important.

Hopefully a lot of you will respond to our consultation paper about budgets and this will enable us to set up our budgets for the next year or two to provide the services that are important.

Please feel free to contact any of us with any queries or questions. Contact details are on the last page of this newsletter and may also be found in the Church Magazine and on our web site ([www.westhallam-pc.org.uk](http://www.westhallam-pc.org.uk)) or, of course, you can come along to our Parish Council meetings.

We'd be delighted to see you there!

Councillor Carol Hart

*Chairman - West Hallam Parish Council*

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## Did You Know?

This 'mini' newsletter is being delivered to all households as a 'one off' - but you can have the full version sent direct to your Inbox four times a year!

To register for this free service go to the Parish Council's web site at [www.westhallam-pc.org.uk](http://www.westhallam-pc.org.uk) and follow the link from the home page.

## Affordable Housing Update

As we go to press many of you will be wondering what is happening as regards the proposals for affordable housing in West Hallam, following the public exhibition/consultation held at the Powtrel Community Pavilion in July.

A summary of the responses and comments were posted on the Parish Council's web site as soon as they had been received from East Midlands Housing and currently these are being considered by EMH before they decide whether to pursue possible development on either of the currently proposed sites (Beech Lane or High Lane West). Alternative sites

suggested as part of the consultation exercise are also being considered by them.

The Parish Council is of course well aware of the considerable local interest in this matter and as and when further information becomes available updates will be posted on the Parish Council's web site.

It's perhaps worth saying again that the Parish Council has not indicated support or otherwise for any site at present.

The proposals will however be on the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council on 5 September 2011 and perhaps by then there will be more information to hand.

## Damage to 'Hurricane Swing' at Station Road Recreation Ground

Some of you will know that the new swing at the Station Road Recreation Ground was sadly vandalised at the beginning of June. The rubber protective sleeves were ripped/cut off the hand chains.

The perpetrator was identified and following discussions with the Derbyshire Constabulary it was agreed that the restorative justice model be used in this case, subject to the offender agreeing to reimburse the Parish Council 50% of the total costs involved for the repairs to the swing.

The family of the young person concerned has now made a payment of £68.50 to the Parish Council and a letter of apology has been received expressing regret for the incident.



## TDG Storage - Cat & Fiddle Lane

The Parish Council continues to have a dialogue with management at TDG regarding 'stray' vehicles using unauthorised routes to the storage depot.

The company takes these issues very seriously so if you see a problem, please do let the Parish Council know (date, time, vehicle registration and location).

Following comments at the August Parish Council meeting the Parish Council is also taking up with the company issues regarding litter in lay-bys used by vehicles en route to/from the site. Hopefully this too will be addressed.

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