



The Yew Tree

April 2015

Newsletter for Keele Parish Council

Keele Parish Councillors

Ann Abercrombie

Graham Bibby

Jane Corfield

John Downing

Duncan Hindmarch

Chris Harrison

Sue Hughes

Wenslie Naylor (Vice -Chair)

Val Newman (Chair)

Angela Studd

Robin Studd

Not Only a General Election But Also a Parish Council Election

Thursday 7th May 2015

On May 7th you will be voting not only for your local Member of Parliament, but also for 1 Borough Councillor and 11 Parish Councillors.

There are 18 candidates for the 11 places on Keele Parish Council. You can vote for up to 11 Parish Councillors, and a list of all the candidates is on each of the Parish Council notice boards and on the website.

Our thanks go to the 3 retiring Parish Councillors (Ann Abercrombie, Jane Corfield and Angela Studd) for the contribution they have made over the past few years.

Proposed Pharmacy on Keele Campus

There is a proposal to establish a retail pharmacy on the Keele University Campus. The proposed location is the old Lloyds Bank outlet (currently being used as a locker room for students).

The School of Pharmacy started discussions with the The Co-operative Pharmacy some time ago, and have continued these discussions with the new owner Bestway. This has resulted in an application for a licence, a legal process which involves negotiation with all the affected services/groups in the area.

The Parish Council was alerted to this by concerns from the Madeley Practice about dispensing and delivery of medicines to patients, and has raised the issue with the University. On 1st April we met with the Vice-Chancellor and the Head of the School of Pharmacy, who explained that this is a long term collaborative investment which they believe will benefit students and residents, both on and off campus. We were assured that the intention is to provide a premier service to the community, which will include home delivery of medicines for those who are unable to get to the pharmacy.

If the pharmacy is opened the dispensary at the GP practice on campus will close, and there are serious concerns as to how this will affect the practice. Confidential discussions are ongoing between the University and the Practice Patient Group & the GPs.

If you have any concerns about the possible implications of losing the dispensary or the opening of the pharmacy, please let one of your Parish Councillors know so that we can pass them on to the University. If the pharmacy is approved and established we want to ensure it delivers the services you need.



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Post Office Move & Change of Status

There is a proposal to move the Post Office branch on Campus from the Students' Union shop to the newsagent's shop in the Students' Union complex. A period of local public consultation has now started and ends on 28th May 2015. The intention is that the change will be made in July/August this year.

The physical location is not a major issue, but the change of status to a local branch will reduce the number of services the Post Office can provide, most notably sending Parcelforce Worldwide International parcels, passport check & send and on demand travel insurance will no longer be available. The nearest Post Office supplying these services will be Silverdale.

If you would like to find out more and comment on the proposal you can contact the Post Office quoting branch number: 21223899

Internet: www.postofficeviews.co.uk
Email: comments@postoffice.co.uk
Phone: 08457 22 33 44
Letter: FREEPOST Your Comments

Public Consultation – Proposed Changes to External Sports Pitches

Changes are proposed to the external sports pitches adjacent to the tennis courts and the synthetic pitch. Prior to submission of the plans there will be an **Open Evening on Wednesday 29th April** between 6 pm and 8 pm at the Sports Centre. You will be able to inspect the plans and offer feedback. If you cannot attend on 29th April, and would like to comment before the plans are submitted, please contact Ian Bogges on 01782 734534.

Pepper Street Development - Keele Homes

Negotiations between the Borough Council and Keele Homes on the conditions associated with this application have finally been completed, and outline permission was granted on 13th April 2015. The permission lists the requirements placed on the developer and can be viewed on the Borough Council's planning portal by searching for 13/00970/OUT. The Parish Council are continuing to monitor this application.

Possible Scam on Pepper Street/Quarry Bank

At least 2 residents have been called on by someone asking for help. The visitor claims to have been following Sat. Nav. to get to Madeley (which they mispronounce) and to have got their vehicle stuck on Hollywood Lane. It is not clear whether they are hoping that residents will respond to their request and leave the house, or whether they are just trying to assess if there is anything of value in the house. The police have been informed, but please be careful and do not let anyone into your house.

X28/ 28 Bus Service

D&G bus have taken over Wardle Transport and are making changes to routes. The X28 service is being withdrawn completely, and the 28 service is being replaced by an extension of service 42, so the buses will no longer serve Keele. The Parish Council are asking D&G to reconsider the Silverdale-Keele connection as this is well used by students and residents, and we are concerned its withdrawal could increase car journeys and parking problems in the village.

Parish Council Clerk Contact Details – email : Clerk.KeelePC@gmail.com or tel: 07901692414

Phone Numbers to remember:

StreetScene: 01782 742500 or 615599 for out-of-hours emergencies

Non Emergency Police: 101 - Non Emergency Health Service: 111

Rural Runabout Booking Requests: 01782 751164

Village Hall Lettings: 01782 626372