

# Stirchley & Brookside Parish Council



## Annual Report 2011-2012

### Chair's Report

Following the election in May I am pleased to welcome new Councillors David Holloway, Sylvia Horton and Stuart Parr. Arnold England and Ted Horton also joined the Parish Council during the past year. I look forward to working with them all. Our thanks go to Ron Munt, John White and Helen Tarte for their hard work and commitment during their service.

We also said goodbye to Crawford Douglas our Project Officer, who retired in January this year. Crawford joined the Parish Council in 2007 to develop the Heritage Trail. He has been invaluable in his work developing community projects and events. I would like to thank Crawford and wish him all the best for the future.

During the year Council members and staff have worked hard in maintaining services to the community on a reduced budget. These include:

- A gardening service for elderly residents
- The Stirchley Allotments
- Maintaining our bus shelters, the BMX track, Brookside skate park and St James' closed churchyard
- Weekly community activity groups and grants for local groups
- Funding a weekly Citizens Advice Bureau drop in session
- Hosting a Christmas Party for over 200 pensioners
- Taking 150 local children to the pantomime
- Providing Funzone evening and holiday play sessions
- Actively promoting local heritage and wildlife through involvement with the South Telford Rights of Way Partnership and the creation of our own Heritage Trail
- Keeping the community informed by publishing a bi-monthly newsletter.

In addition to these regular activities staff, councillors and volunteers have also organised a series of community events including the Pot Your Own Day in June, Fun-day in July and Christmas Celebration. We have with Telford & Wrekin Council installed new play equipment in the Redgra area.

The year ahead is going to be a challenging and exciting time for Stirchley and Brookside. The consultation process is well underway for the regeneration of Brookside centre. Plans involve not only improving the physical environment but developing community projects using grant funding from the Big Lottery. Stirchley Centre will also see a considerable amount of change as plans to develop the Lord Silkin School site move forward. The Parish Council Office will be moving into the Stirchley Library in the autumn which will mean that the library will be able to remain open. We also welcome Margaret Hudson as Community Development Worker who will be working on developing our Community Plan and working in the community.

I would like to thank members of council, partner organisations, staff, volunteers and of course residents for all your support, I look forward to continuing to work with you.

*Jackie Loveridge, Chair of Council*

## Stichley & Brookside Parish Council 2012

### Councillors

#### Stirchley Ward

Maureen Harris	01952 596391
Stan Harris (vice-chair)	01952 596391
Chris Turley	01952 292722
Judith Turley	01952 292722
Adrian Watkin	01952 594408

#### Brookside Ward

Arnold England	01952 414443
Lynn Holdship	01952 660254
David Holloway	
Ted Horton	01952 404944
Sylvia Horton	01952 404944
Jackie Loveridge	01952 414860
Jim Loveridge	01952 414860
Stuart Parr	01952 593789

### Parish Council Staff

Jane Smith	Parish Clerk
Gillian Bailey	Deputy Parish Clerk
Alison Varney	Liaison and Service Officer
Stella Barnley	Cleaner
Margaret Hudson	Community Development Worker

#### Environmental Maintenance

Stephen Taylor	Aaron Kitson
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Josie Thomas  
Nikki Boronski  
Andrea Warrington  
Kerry Simpson  
Lesley Catton  
Joe Rose

## Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012

31st March 2011

31st March 2012

Income Summary		
267,494	Precept	266,259
1,802	Interest Received	1,749
<b>269,296</b>	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>268,008</b>
Operating Income		
11,264	Rights of Way	10,701
1,303	Environment	1,666
508	Community	1,335
2	Administration	80
12,487	Parish Centre	10,067
<b>294,861</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>291,857</b>
Running Costs		
16,434	Rights of Way	15,992
4,305	Environment	25,228
89,928	Community	64,478
200	Community Grants	3,907
116,699	Administration	114,534
5,062	Civic Costs	7,136
42,052	Parish Centre	45,194
121	Newsletter	717
<b>274,800</b>		<b>277,186</b>
General Fund Analysis		
95,366	Opening Balance	123,685
294,361	Plus: Income for the year	291,857
<b>390,226</b>		<b>415,542</b>
	Less Expenditure for the	
274,800	year	277,186
<b>115,426</b>		<b>138,357</b>
-	Transfers To / From	
8,259	Reserves	36,393
<b>123,685</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>101,964</b>

In 2010 the Parish Council reduced the amount of income raised through the precept (council tax) this has been maintained for the last 2 years.

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