

Keele Parish Council Bulletin February 2026

Chair's Report: February 2026

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Group and other volunteers have been busy over the last month in organising the regulation 14 consultation. The consultation is now live and runs from February 17th to March 31st. You should have received a flyer with details of the consultation. You can find more information here:

[Keele Parish Online | The official site of Keele Parish and Keele Parish Council](#)

Local Government Reorganisation

As we have reported, Local Government is being reorganised in Staffordshire and new unitary authorities will replace the current Borough and County Councils. Various options are being considered. A government public consultation is being held which closes on the 23rd March. It can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-staffordshire-and-stoke-on-trent/proposals-for-local-government-reorganisation-in-staffordshire-and-stoke-on-trent>

Meetings with Adam Jogee

Adam Jogee, our M.P held a coffee morning at the Village Hall on Tuesday 17th February to allow local people to speak to him about their concerns. It was very well attended and I would like to thank Mr. Jogee and his staff for organising the event.

I also attended a meeting on the 30th Jan with our M.P. Adam Jogee. In attendance were the chairs of Audley, Madeley, Whitmore, Loggerheads parish councils and the vice chair of Silverdale parish council. All chairs expressed dissatisfaction with the manner with which the Local Planning Authority was handling application in the green belt. A number of cases were cited. Of particular note was the approval of planning in principle applications for sites involving less than 10 homes, which avoid the NPPF Golden Rules regarding development in the green belt of 'grey belt' land. It was pointed out that loopholes in the drafting of the NPPF were undermining the intention of the legislation and be providing opportunities for profiteering. Mr Jogee was asked to make representations to this effect to the government. Some opinion held that the legislation needed a complete redraft. I proposed that, as the matter was urgent, specific alterations should be made to the current draft NPPF. Mr. Jogee is currently working with Borough Councillors on this matter.

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Boggs Cottages:

The matter of the occupation of the site of 5, Boggs Cottages remains unresolved. The site has remained unoccupied since the appeal more than three years ago. The garage and park home were both demolished and the site fenced. There is no water, electricity nor drains to the site. Residents of 1-4 Boggs Cottages are seeking a clear statement from the LPA regarding the status of the site. Keele Parish Council are writing to the Borough's Planning authority on this matter.

Other:

[26/00066/TDC | Application for Technical Details Consent in relation to permission 25/00218/PIP - erection of 2 dwellings | Land Between Station Road and the A525 Keele Newcastle-under-Lyme Staffordshire](#): This application concerns the technical details for the development of two homes on the triangle of land opposite the Keele Village sculpture at the end of Station Road. The site plan (attached to this report) shows how limited the space is for these two homes, nestled by the A525. Site access is from Station Road and is uncontroversial. I am not sure there are any objections in terms of planning we can make. The proposal is for self-build/ custom build. I am sceptical about the desirability of the site. A number of issues will remain to be resolved in reserved matters should the technical details app be approved.

Keele Parish Council have no comment to make on this application

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25/00920/TWA | Works to hedge and trees | Hawthorn Villa 11 The Village Keele Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST5 5AD. **Approved, no objection**

25/00910/FUL | Retrospective full planning application for the retention of an attenuation storage pool with associated access to serve the arable farmland of the applicant's agricultural holding | Leycett Farm Leycett Lane Leycett Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire. **Pending consideration**

Keele Environment

Litter

A new litter picker has been appointed to help keep the Parish clean and tidy

Fly tipping

We were advised of a significant large fly tipping incident on Hollywood Lane near The Oaks development. offices. We noted the area where this had been left and took photographs. NBC were informed and provided with evidence. The waste has yet to be removed. We will monitor the situation and pursue the matter if necessary.

We were notified by a member of the public about fly tipping along Quarry Bank. The environment team inspected the site and took photographic evidence. The bulk of the waste materials looked like they were removed from a home out of the area. We noted letters in a bin which we also photographed. Evidence was then sent to Newcastle Borough Council. The Borough have now removed the waste.

More leaves have been deposited along Quarry Bank Road. The Parish Council reminds residents that this activity is fly-tipping and illegal. Garden refuse should be disposed of properly using the Borough Council's garden waste scheme.

If you see any fly tipping activity, please inform the Parish Council.

Tree on pavement near St John's School

Branches from around the tree have been removed and that someone has cleared around the base , The base is well tended and Spring bulbs have been planted. There is now a beautiful floral display of snowdrops and crocus.

Community Orchard at Keele Cemetery

Councillors and volunteers have inspected the orchard to identify work which needs to be carried out in the coming months. Some of this work will be volunteer led but our contractor is being approached for a quote for other work.