

Call for New Parish Councillors May 2022

Current parish councillors may stand for re-election in May 2022.

In Silverdale there are three parish councillor vacancies so we are calling on local residents who would like to serve on the Parish Council to come forward to seek election.

Election notice starts on Monday 21 March 2022 and will be available to download on www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/elections-registration-1/local-government-elections-2022/2

Newsletter 2

Silverdale Parish Council News and New Projects

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Completion of Miner's Tribute Heritage Lottery Fund 2019-22

March sees our National Lottery Heritage funded project, Memories of Mine, come to an end. The project has been challenging during covid, but with the help of Project Manager Sarah Bonam, we have managed to do some exciting things in the community including the lantern parade at Heritage Park and the event to turn on the lights at the tribute. We also now have an amazing replica of the original North Staffordshire NUM banner which will be housed at Apedale Mining Museum.

To celebrate the end of the project, we will have available a limited run of commemorative badges that have been designed from the badge workshops that took place with the community. They will come in a pack with a timeline of Silverdale's history and a poem for Silverdale written by former Poet Laureate for Stoke-on-Trent, Stephen Seabridge. If you would like a badge pack please email info@sarahbonam.co.uk or call 07921 126692.

The conservation of the mining tribute won a prestigious PSSA Marsh Award for Excellence in the Conservation of Public Sculpture (<https://pssauk.org>) and has been nationally recognised.

To see videos from the project, head over to YouTube and search for Silverdale Parish Council. The project website will be live in March www.memoriesofmine.co.uk.



The lighting event 'chimed' with Christmas lights at the Parade (and a brass band from the Methodist Church Silverdale) and Park Site MK Store.



1 Completed Project in Silverdale Park by the Borough Council



The skatepark replacement was developed by a group led by Silverdale Borough councillor Amelia Rout for the Western Communities Locality Action Partnership of Cross Heath Knutton and Silverdale. The design was initiated by the Borough Landscape Department and funded by several grants including Derbyshire Land Trust Landfill Communities Fund, Ibstocks, the Borough Council and a 'sponsored silence' of young people.

2 Possible New Projects in Silverdale Park



Bowling Green re-made or re-purposed to provide a green space for all residents.



Tennis Courts re-made or re-purposed as an amenity for residents.

Precept 2022-23

Silverdale Parish Council has agreed to raise the precept by 1.99% for the year April 2022 to March 2023. Silverdale Precept will increase from £18.98 to £19.36 per year for a Band D property.

This will help support the work the council is doing in supplying services to residents.

Silverdale in 2021-22 had the lowest precept charge of all the 9 parish councils in the borough. The highest precept was Audley with £61.77 and the median average precept was £35.27 per year.

See
www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/council-tax/council-tax-bands/3



What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A neighbourhood plan puts in place planning policy for a neighbourhood area to guide future development. It may contain a vision and proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities, or allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development.

It may deal with a wide range of social, economic and environmental issues (such as housing, employment, design, heritage and transport) or it may focus on one or two issues only. Those producing the plan decide on its scope and content as a planning document.

If successful at referendum, a neighbourhood plan will become part of the statutory development plan for the area. This statutory status gives neighbourhood plans far more weight than some other local documents, such as parish plans, community plans and village design statements.

A neighbourhood plan must meet certain specified 'basic conditions'. These ensure plans contribute to the achievement of sustainable development, have regard to national policy and guidance and are in general conformity with adopted strategic local planning policies.

A neighbourhood plan should not promote less development than that identified in the local plan for the local area (such as new housing allocations). It can allow greater growth levels, providing it meets the basic conditions. It can specify policies and guidance on how new development should be designed, orientated and located. Neighbourhood plans can be a powerful tool in shaping the development of a neighbourhood.

The timeframe for the neighbourhood plan will be for communities to decide, for example whether it is a 5, 10, 15 or 20-year plan.



Neighbourhood Plan 2022

For four years 2018-22 we have focused on securing our Silverdale heritage. Funding of £96,000 in grants paid for erecting the Miners' Wheel and restoring then lighting up the Miners' Tribute. We now have a landmark at each end of Silverdale village. The Heritage Lottery grant supported many events and artwork celebrating the Miners' Tribute.

During the pandemic we met on zoom for continuity to provide other services, renewing bus shelters, supporting school uniform programmes, Christmas events and litter-picking.

The parish council wants to secure the future of the parish by designating a Silverdale Neighbourhood Plan. It would be a catalyst for the whole community to consider changes for the future and run alongside the borough council's Local Plan (*see Newsletter1*).

There are government grants to support the design and consultation work.



Producing a Neighbourhood Plan

The first formal step is the submission of the proposed area to the local planning authority
A map identifying the proposed neighbourhood area

A statement explaining why the area is appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area

A statement explaining that the body making the application is a qualifying body

What sort of proposals are possible?

A controversial question in Silverdale is about Green Belt release for the location of new housing to meet housing need and whether retrofitting and brownfield first schemes are viable alternatives. Improving existing houses does not feature in the Local Plan.

Another set of issues concern protection of green spaces, community facilities, heritage and the Kinsey Street Conservation Area through a Neighbourhood Development Order.

The traffic management and car parking provision in Silverdale village is a problem too and with that accessibility of community buildings, GP and Dental surgeries, schools and shops.

To do this consultation is needed with a wide membership of people who live and work in Silverdale.

We could have a say over what should happen over the next 20 years and then lobby the Borough council on our vision not just put up with what the council plans for us.

We would find out how many houses are proposed for the former Keele Municipal Golf Course.

Call for Volunteers to get involved in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan

Steering Committee with a wide membership people who live and work in Silverdale would be a great start.

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