



Borough Council Planners Refuse To Talk To Local Residents.....

The performance of the Borough Council's Planning Department is measured on how long it takes to make decisions on planning applications. The Government's target is for 80% of planning applications to be decided in just eight weeks. However Stafford Borough Council is falling well short of this mark! In an attempt to improve their performance the Council has decided to ban planning officers from answering their telephones. If a local resident rings in to ask advice or to see what has happened to their plans, their call is logged and a planning officer will ring back. Each planning officer is given just thirty minutes a day when he or she can make these calls. The situation is no better if you call in at the Borough Council Offices. Without an appointment no one will see you! A few years ago the Council prided itself on the help and advice it gave to anyone who wanted to make a planning application - but not any more. **Barry Stamp** has raised the way local residents are being treated with the Chief Executive and Members of the Conservative run cabinet - but they refuse to change the way things are now done. It does appear this Council is more concerned with meeting its targets than with providing a service to the public! **Barry** will continue to fight for improvements to the way local tax payers are treated. If you are having problems contacting the Planning Department please let **Barry** know.



Barry Stamp discusses with a local builder the way the Council now deals with planning enquiries

Church Eaton - Gnosall Road Repairs Finally Underway

At long last Staffordshire County Council have recognised that the Church Eaton to Gnosall road needs urgent repairs. Following years of pressure from **Barry Stamp** and Church Eaton Parish Council work has been carried out on the first section of road between Gnosall and the sewage works. The main problem was poor drainage and much of the work has involved installing new drains and pipes as well as resurfacing. This first section has cost £140,000 to repair! A bid for a similar amount of money has been made for next year, and if successful it is hope that work on the rest of the road will be carried out. **Barry** will be fighting to ensure this happens!



Barry inspecting the newly resurfaced Gnosall Road

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Can we help?

Is there a local issue or problem you would like us to take up on your behalf?



Don't forget to put your name and address on the other side

Please Write Your Comments Here!

Please return this form to:- Barry Stamp, Stone Liberal Democrats, FREEPOST MID26357, STONE, ST15 8BR (no stamp required)

Staffordshire Police have recently introduced a single easy to remember telephone number for non-emergency calls.



As the number starts with 0845 this means the calls will only be charged at local rates regardless of where in the Country you call from! All the calls will be answered by the Staffordshire police switchboard and will then be transferred to the police station or police officer you require. However if you know the telephone number of the officer or station you want this will still work so you can dial it direct.

Service to Residents Going Down The Drain!

After many weeks and almost a dozen telephone calls



Barry inspecting the newly cleaned out drain behind Prince Avenue

Barry Stamp has finally got the Borough Council to clean out a road drain behind Prince Avenue, Haughton. The drain, which just happens to be Housing Department land, was completely blocked. At the moment it appears Borough Council is concentrating on "selling off" it's Council Houses rather than giving the

tenants a good service. At first the workers were sent to Prince Avenue Stone and cleaned a drain there, and then the job could not be found on the computer system!

Pension Increases

At the recent Party Conference in Bournemouth Liberal Democrat's agree to increase pensions for people over the age of 75 by £25 per week and scrap the means test! **Barry Stamp** supports this plan.

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Got a problem? Contact your Stafford Borough and Staffordshire County Councillor BARRY STAMP

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Dog Fouling A Growing Problem

Dog fouling in Church Eaton is again on the increase. It appears that only one or two dog are responsible, and that vast majority of dog owners in the Village clean up after their pet. **Barry Stamp** and the Parish Council have received numerous complaints. At least one owner has been identified, but no-one is prepared to make a formal complaint which would allow the Borough Council to take the person in question to court. A



Barry, as a responsible dog owner, always cleans up after his dog Benson

successful prosecution relies on someone giving evidence! Not only is the dog mess making the Village untidy, but it is also a health hazard. The germs in the faeces can cause blindness in children, although adults can also be affected to lesser extent. At least 100 children a year are diagnosed with eye problems related to dog mess. Half of these have serious eye damage.

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