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ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER – May 2016

Councillor Vacancies

There are currently three vacant seats on the Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a member of Ashingdon Parish Council please come along to a meeting held on the 1st Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the committee room, Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Alternatively, contact the Clerk on 01702 257457 for further information.

1000th Anniversary of the Battle of Assandun

This year marks the 1000th anniversary of the Battle of Assandun and the Parish Council in conjunction with Ashingdon Primary Academy, have arranged an event for Saturday 25th June 2016. The event will be held at Ashingdon Primary Academy from 12pm – 5pm. There will be a re-enactment at 12.30pm and at 4pm along with a Viking Village which will be available to view throughout the event. There will also be a falconry display, archery and axe throwing as well as a variety of stalls and refreshments.

The Parish Council have arranged for a local historian, Steve Pollington, to hold a historical talk about the Battle on Friday 10th June 2016 at 7.30pm in Ashingdon Memorial Hall.

The Parish Council have commissioned local historian, Ian Yearsley and local artist, Graham Larwood to produce a keepsake booklet to commemorate the Battle. Booklets will be available free of charge at the historical talk and at the event on 25th June 2016.

A company that specialises in Viking history will be visiting Ashingdon Primary Academy and Canewdon Primary School to do a range of activities from making a shield to a weapons display.

The Parish Council have also secured funding for a wooden information board in commemoration of the Battle. This will be installed at St Andrews Minster later in the year.



Dates for your diary

Thursday 9th June at 7pm
Local Community Meeting
Rochford Parish Rooms



Report from the Chairman, Debbie Constable, on the work of the Parish Council during 2015/16

Parish Council elections took place in May 2015. Cllr Peggy Shaw decided, after 28 years of service to the parish, that retirement beckoned and she did not restand. Our thanks go to Peggy for all her work we hope you are enjoying the rest. During the year Cllrs Gunn, Jeffries & Wallace resigned and our thanks to them for their contributions to the parish. Cllrs Catchpole & McCarthy were co-opted. However, we still have 3 vacancies so please contact our Clerk if you feel you might be interested.

The parish has continued to be represented at District & County events and on outside bodies. We have continued with our programme of refurbishing/replacing street lighting, noticeboards and benches. This year's holiday activities were archery and a mobile skate park both well received. The names of two WW1 soldiers were added to the parish War Memorial. The new bus shelters were provided by Essex CC who has taken over their management. Grants were given to Rochford Old Peoples Welfare, Hockley & Hawkwell Old Peoples Day Centre, Rochford Talking Newspaper, Kaos Youth Club and St Andrew's Minster.

The parish was actively involved in the River Crouch Festival 2015. I attended the culmination of the project in Hullbridge on a warm, sunny day in July. Also, in July, I was invited to accompany the Chairman of Rochford DC, Cllr Heather Glynn to an event at The Gardens of Easton Lodge organised by Uttlesford DC. A tour of the gardens with afternoon tea. I can recommend a visit.

Sadly, the Fun Day had to be cancelled due to lack of support. The Christmas Buffet went ahead as usual. Ashingdon Academy provided the singing and £85 was raised from the raffle for Age UK Essex. In December I enjoyed a Christmas lunch with Rochford Old Peoples Welfare. It was heartening to see the number of volunteers who help to run this group and the older generation who enjoy the company.

During December & January councillors went door knocking, in the Ashingdon Ward, to encourage residents to sign up to the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme which is being relaunched. If you were not contacted but maybe interested our Clerk can give you contact details.

Finally, in March, I was honoured to be asked to host a table at Rochford District Council Chairman's Civic Dinner. Slightly nerve racking but all went well, I think!

Please take time to read our noticeboards and newsletters as we always try to give useful and pertinent information.

Thank you to Kelly, Alan and all councillors for their work throughout the year.

Cllr Debra Constable

Parish Council Finances 2015/16

How did we spend your money?

Administration

Staffing costs (including salaries, pensions & PAYE/NI contributions)	£16,095
Stationary/Postage/ Photocopying/printing/telephone	£1,172
Distributing newsletter	£441
Subscriptions	£1,112
Internal & External Audit	£535
Insurance	£1,358
Hall Hire	£385
Training	£880
Travel expenses/member allowances	£2,223
Chairman's Allowance	£100
Other Office Equipment	£85

Open Spaces

Bus shelter cleaning	£1,613
Verge maintenance/improvement	£2,926
Village Repairs/maintenance	£1,410
Dog Bins	£244
Gate Locking	£5,520
Notice board	£1,805
Bench refurbishment	£375
Play equipment check	£65

Street Lighting

Supply	£4,509
Maintenance/Replacement	£3,790

Recreation

Christmas buffet	£478
Activities for the youth	£2,486
River Crouch Festival	£250
Ashingdon Fun Day	£856
Promotional items	£1,948

Grants & Donations

	£1,823
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VAT

	£4,805
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Brought forward from 2014/15	£48,140
Total Income for 2015/16	£65,865
Total Expenditure for 2015/16	£59,289
Carried forward to 2016/17	£54,716