



CLAVERING NEWSLETTER

CLAVERING PARISH COUNCIL

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Deadline for next Newsletter: 6th April

WELCOME. The 'Beast from the East' came through Clavering more gently than other regions, but do take care in the cold winds that are still promised !! Easter Weekend sees the Village Art & Craft Show - a popular event which raises much needed funds to support the running of the Village Hall - do visit it!

Parish Council Meeting 12th March

Four parishioners were in attendance with UDC Cllr Edward Oliver, who attended for part of the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ryan. Items raised by parishioners included a request for clarification on whether the councillors had discussed Fox Meadow at the previous meeting, a request for comments from the PC regarding a legal dispute, an offer of help in co-ordination if the Emergency Village Plan is activated and a rest centre is instigated, a reminder to the Parish Council of their legal duties regarding Parish Land & Registered Village Greens.

County Cllr Report- No report.

District Cllr Report -Draft Local Plan to go to next stage in June. Cllr. Oliver continues to work for the best of all parishioners re. planning and enforcement issues. UDC Planning Department 'forgot' to invite Clavering and many other Parish Councils to a Local Planning Meeting, Feb. 19th, meeting to be rescheduled

Cock Lane update- no further news.

Website and Email - EALC advice on data protection noted. Clerk (or a councillor) authorised to attend a further course as GDPR information still being updated. Noted that the parish council's own website fulfils all requirements of the PC under the Transparency Code. www.essexinfo.net/claveringparishcouncil. Updating of current village website on a *pro tem* basis to be investigated.

Emergency Plan - Cllr Gill attended training in March. Draft to be sent to UDC for comment before adoption.

RCCE Housing Needs Survey - Report received. Determined not to ask RCCE to present at APM but advise all residents of report's recommendations via the PC Newsletter (see below). Determined to send the report to UDC to inform Planning Decisions.

The report in full is available to read, after application to the Clerk, but is the intellectual property of RCCE.

Village Litter Pick - see notice below.

Royal British Legion - request for Parish Council to help fund the cost of sending two representatives to GP90. Deferred as insufficient financial information presented.

Willow Tree on Village Green in front of Chipperfield House - quotes to be sought from tree surgeons

Allotments - As the area is populated by birds of prey/domestic cats, rodent control measures cannot be undertaken. Holders to be reminded of good house-keeping measures, especially re. composting.

Affinity Water checked water meter: no leaks therefore indication is Summer 2017 was simply high usage.

Jubilee Field Report - Next Meeting March 20th.

Passenger Transport - Cllr Gill attended the Uttlesford Passenger Transport Meeting in Dunmow. A new website detailing live bus information and public transport journey planning has been launched: www.essexbusinfo

Annual Parish Meeting (APM)- Monday 21st May.

Motion to request ECC Highways to reduce the speed limit from Hertfordshire County boundary to current 30mph speed zone - More pertinent

information and statistics to be gathered to enable an informed discussion at the next PC meeting. Clerk informed PC that Essex Highways have confirmed they will be taking vehicle speed readings in Clavering in the coming week at certain places subsequent to the ongoing requests from the Parish Council.

Clerks Report : Received and noted.

Finance - Internal Auditor's interim comments noted for action. Cheques approved.

May Cottage -Discussions held *in camera* as concern a legal dispute.

Complaint and Monitoring Officer's comments - received and noted.

Planning Received

UTT/18/0424/HHF Hill House, Wicken Road

Demolition of existing conservatory, single storey rear extension and single storey outbuilding. Proposed erection of single storey side extension, two storey rear extension and two bay garage.

No Comments

UTT/18/0460/FUL Stansted Airport Limited

Airfield works comprising two new taxiway links to the existing runway (a Rapid Access Taxiway and a Rapid Exit Taxiway), six additional remote aircraft stands (adjacent Yankee taxiway); and three additional aircraft stands (extension of the Echo Apron) to enable combined airfield operations of 274,000 aircraft movements and a throughput of 43 million terminal passengers, in a 12-month calendar period. **Council oppose.**

UTT/18/0207/LB Great Barn Clavering Hall

Insertion of conservation rooflight to serve first floor shower room. Retention of existing timber partition enclosure to aforementioned shower room **No comment as Council does not have full knowledge of Listed Building permissions.**

UTT/18/0518/HHF and UTT/18/0519/LB Sheepcote Green House, Sheepcote Green
Demolition of existing single storey extension.
Construction of new single storey kitchen extension.
New internal staircase to Hayloft. Replacement window to Hayloft. Conversion of Hayloft to bedroom. **No comment as Council does not have full knowledge of Listed Building permissions.**

UDC Decisions

UTT/17/3562/HHF 2 Rose Cottages, Church Lane Demolition of rear conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension and new pitched roof to rear addition **Approve with Conditions**

UTT/17/3221/FUL Funstons Commercial Centre, Clatterbury Lane Change of use to include a retail unit (A1) to the existing (B1 & B8) use **Approve with Conditions**

Approved Council Minutes and Financial Statements are to be found on the Parish Council website:

www.essexinfo.net/claveringparishcouncil

Draft Council Minutes are posted on the Parish Council Board and the website.

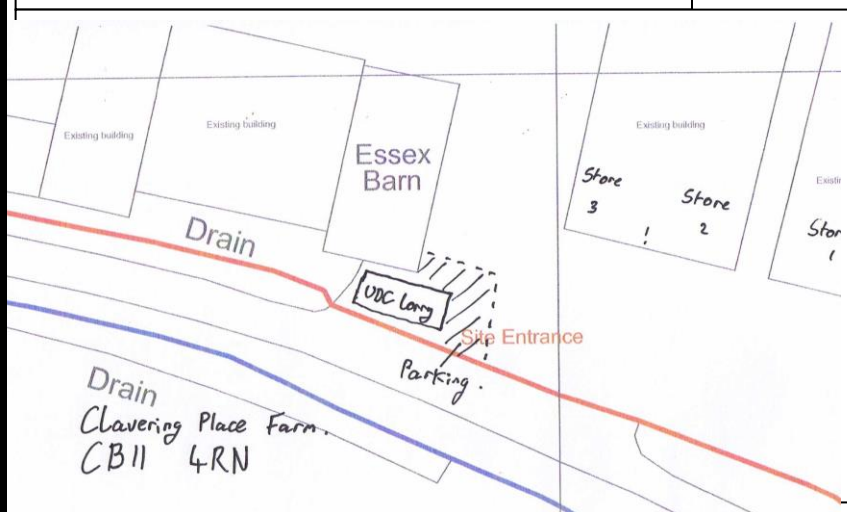
Green Waste 2018

We have not yet had the start date confirmed by UDC for this 4 weekly service, so please look at the Parish Council website for up-to date information as the service will commence on 7th or 14th April.

There is a new venue for this service.

It is **Clavering Place Farm, between Stickling Green and the bend heading off to the Mills.**

There will be signs up showing where cars may park, and the PC is grateful to GW Balaam & Sons for facilitating this service for the parishioners of Clavering and Langley, who in turn pay the cost of this service via their precepts.



Mobile Library

The mobile library will be in Clavering on
27th March, 10th & 24th April
Clavering Mills - 10.20am -10.35am
Clavering School Drive - 10:40 am to 11:00 am;
United Reform Church - 11:20 am to 11:35 am.

The Council meets the second Monday of each month. The next Agenda can be found in the week before each Meeting on the Parish Council's notice board, by the Post Box at Clavering Shop and the new Parish Council website with the latter also providing the supporting meeting documents.

Date of next full Parish Council meeting, Monday 9th April at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. All welcome.

Details of village societies can be found on our village website: www.claveringvillage.org.uk which carries links to the PC website

STOP PRESS: Update on Cock Lane

The following announcement appeared on the Essex Highways Website on March 14th. We are informed that formal notifications will follow.

Cock Lane, Clavering, Saffron Walden.

Plans are in place to undertake embankment repairs to stabilise the area. Working closely with the Environment Agency and specialist contractor we anticipate that works will start 19 March.

It is expected that the road will reopen to traffic by the end of April 2018 when repairs are complete.

As well as ground stabilisation activities, some carriage-way resurfacing will be carried out at this location.

Until the repairs are undertaken it will be necessary for the road to remain closed to vehicles. Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout the works, escorted by on site staff when operations are underway. Dates may be subject to change if for example they are hindered by poor weather or if unexpected issues arise.

For further information see:

<http://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads/highway-schemes-and-developments/other-schemes/cock-lane-clavering.aspx>

SAVE THE DATE !

Saturday 30th June 2018

THE CLAVERING BALL Kingswater Lake

Reception 7.30pm Tickets £85

As before the NSPCC will be the main beneficiary of The Clavering Ball.

Village charities, organisations & groups are invited to apply for a donation.

Message from Clavering Village Hall Management Committee.

The Green Bin at the Village Hall is for the use of hirers of the Village Hall.

The Village Hall pays £500 /Year to UDC. It is NOT for general public use, so please do not leave plastic bags etc. next to it.

Thank you.

Essex CC and UDC have agreed that the Parish Council may place a Grit Bin near Saville Close. The Council are purchasing the Grit Bin but verification is now being sought from ECC & UDC as to where it may be sited.

Orchards East in Essex – a project investigating the past, present and future of orchards – is looking for volunteers.

Launch: Marks Tey Village Hall & Crapes Fruit Farm, on 25th March. For more info see www.orchardseast.org.uk

Village Spring Clean

Thank you to all villagers who have recently picked up litter in the village.

The Parish Council are also aware that many villagers also pick up litter all year round as they walk through the village, taking the collected rubbish home to put in their own household's refuse bins – our thanks again. Please don't forget that anyone wishing to do a 'Big Pick' can use the Parish Council's Hi-Viz Jackets & Litter Grabbers and be provided with UDC Rubbish Bags - all available via the Clerk or the Chairman. In contacting and telling us when & where you will be picking plus receiving a short H&S briefing, you will be covered under the PC's Insurance. The Clerk/Chairman will also arrange for UDC to collect the filled bags from a convenient, designated point.

Clavering Art and Craft Show.

The 49th Art and Craft Show will take place over the Easter Weekend - Saturday 31st March, Sunday 1st and Monday 2nd April - from 11am until 5pm each day.

Entry £2 for adults and children are free.

There will be a wide selection of paintings for purchase, which we hope will suit all tastes and pockets, as well as a range of gifts in the marquee.

Also on show will be an artwork exhibition by some of the children from Clavering School.

Homemade refreshments will be on sale each day. Donations of a cake for this event would be most welcomed, as are volunteers to help set up/help out for an hour or so over the weekend.

Please contact Angela Harvey for more information

Clavering Landscape History Group

Upcoming talks at the Clavering Christian Centre

Tuesday 20th March 8pm: 'The Essex Queen of Chardonnay'

Lecture by Network Archaeology on recent excavations at Great Chesterford including the grave and grave goods of a very high-status female and evidence to show the importance of this hill as a meeting place over thousands of years.

Thursday 19th April 8.30pm:

Cine Film (DVD3) of Clavering in the 1980s, courtesy of John Banks

Further info:

Clavering Jubilee Field:

Thank you to everyone who attended our Quiz Night – a most enjoyable evening that also raised over £1,250!!!

We are currently selling tickets for our Grand Easter Draw, which will be drawn at 3pm on Monday 2nd April at the Art and Craft Show. Fabulous prizes include 2 night B&B in the Dales -from Collets, Poncho -from Cove Cashmere, £50 Voucher -from Boden Clothes, Cream Teas and so much more!

To celebrate the 40th Anniversary of setting up the Jubilee Field Trust, we have a date booked on Friday 5th October for a Gin Tasting event! Look out for more information in the coming months!

**Clavering Horticultural Society present:
A talk by Robin Carsberg
'Growing and Using Plants in Containers'
Wednesday 11th April
Clavering Village Hall 7.30pm
Refreshments & Raffle**

Tickets £5 in advance available from
Nigel, Richard
Gerald or
Email

HANDS OFF CLAVERING

Residents against the urbanisation of Clavering

Notice is hereby given that Hands off Clavering will hold its AGM on Wednesday 4th April 2018 at 8.00pm at Clavering Christian Centre. All are welcome to attend.

If you would like to be kept up-to-date with our campaign by being included on our email database, just send an email (with your name) to:

**Clavering Horticultural Society
Summer Outing to RHS Gardens, Hyde Hall, Essex
Wednesday 13th June – cost £20**

"One of the finest gardens in the east of England"
There is something to appeal to everyone:

Dry Garden, Ponds, Woodland Garden, Orchards, Colour themed borders, Vegetables and soft fruit, Wildflower meadow and, of course in June the roses will be glorious. There are several places to eat plus a shop and plant centre

Coach collection points will be Skeins Way and Clavering Village Hall. For more information or to book your ticket please email:

Clavering Friends of St Clare Hospice

Spring Fayre

In aid of St Clare Hospice Hastingwood

Saturday 21st April 11 am – 3.30pm

Clavering Village Hall Entrance fee 50p

Items for sale to include: toys, books, DVDs/CDs, jewellery, bric-a-brac, 'New and Good quality' clothing, linens, homemade cakes, plants. Tombola and raffle held.

For more information or to donate items, which we are happy to collect and store prior to the event, please contact Andrea or Jean

Invitation from Cllr Geoffrey Sell, Chairman of UDC.
Chairman's Charities Event: Tuesday 17 April 6.30pm
From the Hazely Brick Earth: Agriculture in North-West Essex. Venue: Saffron Walden Museum.

Please see PC website for further information

RCCE Housing Needs Survey: Thank you to everyone who completed this last year; below is the summary of the key findings and recommendations regarding affordable housing and shared ownership housing.

The PC has been asked to highlight that only 2 of the 6 respondents assessed with a need for affordable rented accommodation were already on the Housing Register. Residents should be aware of the need to be on this register, in order for them to be considered for affordable housing schemes in the future. Registration terms and conditions can be found at www.homeoption.org. Uttlesford District Council can be contacted on 01799 510510 for more information and advice.

The survey had a **30% response rate** which is just above the county average of 25%.

In Clavering at the moment the majority of those who responded live in a house which they own outright. Just over half of the respondents (51%) live in a 2 person household with 4 or more bedrooms.

Out of the 166 completed and returned surveys, **24 respondents indicated that they or someone in their household had a need to move to alternative accommodation in the parish.** The majority (58%) of these residents in need, wish to move within 2 to 5 years.

The main reason for wanting to move was to set up a first/independent home with twenty-three households citing this option. This is closely followed by the need to downsize to smaller accommodation. This is reflected in the age groups of those in need where 36% are between 16 and 35 years old and 33% are over 56 years old. Eighty eight percent of those in need live in the parish now.

There was **good support for a small development**, with 69% stating they would be supportive of a scheme which is primarily affordable housing for local people with a small number of houses for sale on the open market.

Only two of the households that completed part 2 are currently on either the local authority housing register or any Housing Association register. None of the respondents who expressed a need require housing with any special adaptations or expected to be claiming housing benefits.

When calculating recommendations for **affordable housing** the achievable tenure number has been halved (to secure this for local people). The need for affordable housing units was five 1 bed units and one 3 bed unit - a total of six units. Halving these figures as per normal policy would suggest **two 1 bed units and one 3 bed unit.**

Four respondents expressed a desire for **shared ownership properties**; however following our assessment of need there was only **one** respondent for whom this would have been appropriate. It would be worth bearing this need in mind, should a scheme come forward.

It is also worth noting that there is a **reasonably high need for open market properties especially 3 bedroom houses** which might be worth considering should there be a requirement for some open market properties to cross-subsidise the affordable units.

The report also provided information on open market costs and affordable housing. For any affordable housing schemes, the discussions on finalizing the size and tenure should take place with the parish council, the housing association partner and the local authority at an appropriate time, should such a scheme go ahead.

Website Link to report Highway problems to Essex County Council

<http://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads.aspx>

This website page can be used to report problems (such as potholes, traffic lights not working, pavement/kerb/drainage defects, overgrown trees or hedges, blocked/damaged footpaths, and more). We encourage parishioners to use this service as we find that Essex CC responds more swiftly to problems reported on-line and also a reference number for the report is generated immediately. This link can also be used to check outstanding queries, road closures, gritting routes and bus information.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Stephanie Gill: **Vice Chair:** Robert Clayton:

Councillors: Brian Barrow: Richard Carter: Nigel Cook:

Ron Couchman: Mike Patmore: Martina Ryan: Rebecca Stanford:

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Parish Council Address: Clerk to the Council. P.O. Box No. 247, Saffron Walden CB10 9ET

The Clerk's availability to parishioners is usually Monday 11:45-2:45pm, Thursday 11:45-2:45pm
Parishioners should note that as the Parish Clerk works from home, unannounced visits to her home are not to be undertaken.