



# CLAVERING NEWSLETTER

## CLAVERING PARISH COUNCIL

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Deadline for next Newsletter: 6<sup>th</sup> July

**WELCOME. Busy weekends ahead in the village! A guided walk around the Seven Greens, the Village Fete and The Clavering Ball.**

### **Parish Council Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

15 parishioners and the agent for the development behind the school on Stortford Road were in attendance with UDC Cllr Oliver & ECC Cllr Gooding, who both attended for part of the meeting. During the Public Participation Session, the agent spoke on the proposed development, a parishioner and representative of HOC also spoke on the proposed development. A councillor asked two questions of the Council on behalf of a parishioner and was reminded both questions had been responded to previously. The Chairman asked that thanks to the parishioners who had recently cleaned the Village Information Box at Skeins Way be recorded.

**County Cllr Report-** Cllr Gooding had spoken at the APM, but asked the Parish Council for their thoughts on the suggestion that Parish Councils take over and contract out repairs to footways/pavements & or other small highways tasks currently dealt with by Ringway Jacobs on behalf of Essex County Council.

**District Cllr Report** –Cllr Oliver reminded the Council that a planning application before them was for determination of Access alone with all other matters reserved, that Draft Local Plan under consideration still states that Clavering should not take any more development and that the site is not included in the Draft Local Plan.

**GDPR** – Data Audit received, GDPR policy and privacy statement adopted. Clerk advised councillors of legal requirements regarding document retention and destruction.

**Winter Salt** – agreed to participate in ECC 2018/19 Salt Bag Partnership Scheme.

**B1038** – PC has received data regarding speed monitoring at Starlings Green (as well as Wicken Road and Stortford Road). Further to motion made in March, agreed to request speed limit modifications: County Boundary to Curles Manor reduced to 40mph; Curles Manor to current 30mph zone reduced to 30mph. Advisory speed notices to be placed at bend at Starlings Green and Watery Stones.

**Allotments-** spare ground requires cutting soonest..

**Jubilee Field** – report of meeting 8<sup>th</sup> May given over.

**Greens Working Party** - Clerk to contact the Land Registry (LR) for updated papers and ensure the LR has up-to-date contact information. Report given over.

**Passenger Transport Representative** – agreed that Cllr Gill will continue as this.

**Clerks Report** : Received and noted.

**Finance** – Re. End of Year Accounting statements: Certificate of Exemption signed; receipt of Internal Auditor's Report; Annual Governance Statement signed; Accounting Statements signed; Chairman's Statement re. Annual Report received. Internal Auditor appointed for 2018/19. Cheques approved.

**Benches** – Suggestion that an underused bench be moved to old site of 'Britvic' Bench and also offer by Horticultural Society to fund a new bench at Hill Green. Clerk to contact Horticultural Society.

**Dispute & Employment** : discussions held in camera as matters confidential.

### **Planning Received for PC Comment:**

**UTT/18/1207/FUL Lantern Thatch Wicken Road**  
Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling. Alterations to existing vehicular access – **No Objections**

**UTT/18/1256/OP Land To The West Of Stortford Road**  
Outline application for up to 31 no. Dwellings (net gain of 30 units), with all matters except access reserved. Demolition of 'Poppies' and alterations to access onto Stortford Road to create access road. Provision of 38 no. parking spaces for visitors to adjacent school. Extension of school playing field and creation of sports pitch. Provision of open space and play areas, balancing pond and associated infrastructure. – **Objections noted under Local Plan Policies and also with reference to NPPF.**

**UTT/18/1551/HHF 26 Skeins Way Clavering**

Two storey side extension with single storey side extension to form an attached annexe. **Objections**

### **Planning Decisions made by UDC:**

**UTT/18/0889/HHF Belle View Stortford Road** - Proposed single storey side extension *Approve with conditions*

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

[www.essexinfo.net/claveringparishcouncil](http://www.essexinfo.net/claveringparishcouncil)

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

**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 Parish Council website with the latter also providing the supporting meeting documents**

**Date of next full Parish Council meeting, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. All welcome.**

### Mobile Library

#### CHANGE TO ECC LIBRARY SERVICES

The Mobile Library will now make only one stop in Clavering on a Saturday.

Clavering Christian Centre

10.30am until 11am

23<sup>rd</sup> June & 14<sup>th</sup> July

### Molly Law

Kelly Law, Molly's Granddaughter, with her family would like thank everyone who attended Molly's funeral on May 10<sup>th</sup>. They also extend thanks for the kind donations given over at the church. £400 was raised for the Animal Rescue Charity (arc) in Bishop Stortford.

**Car Parking on Pavements can force children, parents with prams, and the elderly to walk in the road if there is no room to pass.**

**PLEASE PARK COURTEOUSLY ON THE ROAD AND DO NOT OBSTRUCT THE PAVEMENT.**

### Green Waste 2018

There is a new venue for this service.  
Clavering Place Farm, between Stickling Green and the bend heading off to the Mills.

10.30am- 11.30am

30th June

28th July

25th August

22nd September

20th October

17th November

### CLAVERING JUBILEE FIELD – Report given at Annual Meeting of the Parish

Over the past couple of years the Jubilee Field Management Committee have been investigating the options for the future structure of the Jubilee Field trust and in particular the opportunities, risks, benefits and costs of a CIO vs remaining a Trust. In our 31 October 2017 committee meeting a unanimous vote was taken to remain a trust. We thank Lynne, Jenny, the late Alex, the RCCE, Mr and Mrs Laing and Stephanie for help with this

Importantly this decision was made on the basis that we would review, modernize and make fit for purpose our trust document, put in place occupational licenses for users and review our management policy file and it is on this we now work.

In April a working group met with Sue Sheppard from RCCE who has previously spoken at the Parish Meeting and she has now started work on the trust document. We are proposing to modernize our current trust document and will use the RCCE model trust deed as the basis of our new document. The main issues being addressed are:

- The aims and purpose of the charity will remain the same – *to remain in trust for the purposes of physical and mental recreation through the medium of sport exercise and recreation as may be found expedient for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Clavering in the County of Essex and its immediate vicinity without distinction of sex or of political or other opinions subject to the provisions of these present*
- The dissolution clauses will remain
- the ability to rent out part of the field will be added, to allow for the occupation of the tennis and bowls clubs
- to add a category of elected trustees in addition to club representatives and co-opted trustees. This should help us continue to have enough members to function as a committee
- remove the necessity of the Parish Council chair being a trustee
- remove reference to specific clubs being represented in the trustee deed to prevent the need to amend the document every time clubs in the village change
- add a minimum quorum of 3
- amend the need to keep our bank account with Nat West, allowing with committee approval to choose any bank covered by the FSCS

We will shortly be writing to all clubs and organisations in the village to invite them to put a representative on the management committee. We will also be writing to, where possible, the dissolved clubs listed on our current trustee deed to see if they are happy to be removed. We hope that the amended document will be finalised by our AGM in October when it will be adopted by a resolution at that meeting.

### UPDATE ON COCK LANE : Received from Kemi Badenoch, MP . 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Thank you for your enquiry regarding an update to the repairs to Cock Lane in Clavering.

The site work is still ongoing as there were a few issues that have arisen that were outside the original scope of works. The delivery of some material was also delayed which has impacted the programme.

It is unfortunate that the work are not complete as yet but we are aiming to be finished by week commencing 22 July 2018. As part of the work to reopen Cock Lane we are also reinstating a number of signs that had been damaged in the past.

Thank you again for contacting me in respect of this matter and I trust this information assists you.

Yours sincerely **Andrew Cook | Director of Highways & Transportation. Essex County Council**

**N.B. The Parish Clerk is contacting ECC for more information as they also advised (on June 9<sup>th</sup>) that the currently open section of Cock Lane will be closed for road repairs 26th June for 3 days and Watery Stones will also be closed on 25th June for 4 days.**

### Clavering Bowls Club - During the season there will be regular Practice Evenings on Mondays at 6pm

Just turn up if you would like to try bowling – all you need is a flat pair of sandals or plimsolls (preferably not trainers) as bowls are provided. Refreshments available

The Clubhouse and Bowling Green are located at the far side of the Jubilee Field, alongside the tennis courts

For an introductory leaflet on the game ring Sue Hollingworth on

Bowls Club contacts: Mike Patmore (Captain) Lee Woods

## Chairman's Report to the Annual Meeting of the Parish – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

Firstly I would like to thank the Council for their work over the past year. It has been mentioned many times, no doubt since the inception of such, that being a Parish Councillor is not an easy task; one must work in the best interests of the parish and parishioners in a fair and valid manner and as the Council is empowered by law.

I am pleased to say that, since the last Annual Meeting, we have two more councillors. Nigel Cook re-joined the Council – bringing his wealth of past experiences to the table and along with other Council tasks, he is trying to relaunch the village Speedwatch Programme with Cllr Couchman. Martina Ryan also 'signed up' and has contributed greatly with advice 'from the workplace' that translates to PC work. We remain very fortunate to have Victoria Moore as our Clerk. She continues to be invaluable to the Council as she carries out her duties as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer in a professional and proficient manner, especially as the past year has brought further challenges re. GDPR, different audit arrangements and legal matters; it must be borne in mind that it is not until August that she reaches 2 years of being a Clerk.

Each month the newsletter details the Council's activities, but this report is expected to summarise them so –

- Regarding Cock Lane: In addition to our own actions, we facilitated a Public Meeting and supported the parishioners who lobbied our MP. As Chairman, I spoke at Essex's Full Council Meeting in October to bring the matter to the attention of all Essex Councillors especially as ECC's current mantra is to work with PCs.
- We put pressure on Thames Water to fully repair the access road near the allotments which was damaged when new reed beds were put in.
- Highways have been lobbied to place chevrons at Watery Stones, an accident blackspot: the area has been measured for these to be put in place.
- After the Grenfell Tower Disaster, UDC asked that Communities revisit their Emergency Plan. The PC is grateful to village organisations, businesses and individuals who came forward to be included in the rewritten plan, and to Mark Wilkinson who agreed to be a coordinator.
- A new PC Facebook page was set up to disseminate information quickly to parishioners – such as road closures/unexpected power outtages/Cock Lane work stopping due to nesting mallards!!
- A working party has been set up to look at the IT requirements of Councillors re. email addresses and the parish websites.
- The Affordable Housing Survey took place late last year. This had a 30% return, which is above average, and will be used to inform future planning applications as it can be submitted to UDC as evidence.
- Passenger transport meetings are attended; trees around the village inspected periodically - fungus at Hill Green meant that one close to road had to be felled this year and a close eye is still being kept on another there; litter picks were organised in October and April - and do remember 'impromptu' ones can take place at any time using the PC's equipment and under PC's Insurance if the Clerk is notified.
- A Village Green Working Party has been set up, comprising two councillors and three parishioners, to look at policies and current practices.
- The Village Sign is to be refurbished and we were awarded a CIF match funded grant of up to £2000. It was fantastic that many children at Clavering School sent in ideas and the Village Sign Working Party is to be in contact with a professional sign company to determine the best way forward to ensure that we have a sign that will serve us for many years to come.
- We continued to donate to the Parish Church and the Jubilee Field – though we must be mindful in future that the former is made as a Parish Council is legally permitted to do.
- Carols took place on the Village Green in December and we thank those who attended and contributed towards the maintenance costs of the defibrillator.
- There is a current legal dispute. The Parish Council has legal obligations in respect of the Parish Land and Village Greens that it owns and accordingly acts under legal advice with the interests of all parishioners being paramount. Under present advice, currently the Council and its Councillors may not discuss this legal matter with the public and villagers.

Looking forward to the coming year:

- Health and Safety Training is arranged for June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Christian Centre for those who voluntarily maintain PC land and wish to be covered by the PC's Insurance.
- At the moment we wait on further traffic data to enable us to put forward a request for a reduction in the speed limit along the B1038 between Watery Stones and the County Boundary, but we will especially press for a low speed limit to be applied on the 90 degree bends on this stretch of road. We hope also to put forward a request for a reconsideration of the lowering speed limits to 30mph around Middle Street.
- As in previous years, the Parish Council will continue to work to retain the rural, village setting of Clavering. As UDC no longer has a proven 5 year housing supply, the basis of our comments concerning planning applications has changed. Previously for new developments, a sound planning argument under the 2005 Local Plan would have meant permission was not granted by UDC. Now planning decisions must currently be taken by weighing the harm arising from the development against the benefit arising if the development contributes significantly to the rural housing supply, which is determined by the National Planning Framework and the Government's Productivity Plan. At local level, the planning decisions rest with UDC, a Parish Council may only make comments. I confess though that we have been perplexed by UDC's interpretations of the magnitude of harm arising, even when there has been a clear comment made by the Planning Inspectorate at Appeals for certain sites about such magnitude. This problem with subjective decisions should be alleviated when UDC's new Local Plan is confirmed as an Emerging Plan and certainly when it is approved by Government.

I am sure that I speak for all Councillors when I say that the Parish Council will continue to work next year, as best it can, for the benefit of all parishioners.

**Clavering Cricket Club** – With two wins and one cancelled game to date, the team is feeling positive! Upcoming games at home all starting at 2pm:- June 17<sup>th</sup> versus Hare St & Hormeads, July 8<sup>th</sup> versus Little Bardfield. July 15<sup>th</sup> versus Flycatchers starts at 1.30pm as we stage a Special Tea for our Vice Presidents. We continue to be on the look-out for new members to join the club. Do contact Rob Clayton if you fancy dusting off your cricket whites and spending an afternoon playing cricket in very picturesque settings!

 Clavering

**FETE**

**23rd June 2018  
1.00pm-4.00pm**

**TOSS THE BALE  
MAGGOT RACING**

**BEER TENT**  **REAL LOCAL ALE**

**PIMMS**  **BOUNCY CASTLE**

**TUG OF WAR**  **CLASSIC CARS**

**EXOTIC ANIMALS**  **WET STOCKS**

**LIVE BAND**  **RAFFLE**

**FEEL THE VEG**

**BAR-B-QUE**  **BOOK STALL**

**FACE PAINTING**

**ICE CREAMS**

**AND MUCH MUCH MORE!**

**2018 - Clavering Horticultural Society's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**In our Marquee at Clavering Fete 23<sup>rd</sup> June:**

Plant stall: Plant a pot for Mum: Longest Rhubarb competition:

Planting Demonstration: Decorated Picnic Cake competition.

**Flower, Vegetable & Cookery Show Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July:**

Over 80 classes for all ages and abilities

Do look on our website [www.claveringhorticulturalsociety.club](http://www.claveringhorticulturalsociety.club)

which has full details of all the events and categories for the Rose Show and Flower, Vegetable and Cookery Show

**Clavering History Group's Special Village Event**

**The Seven Greens of Clavering**

**A Guided Walk of about 7.5 miles**

**led by Peter Cooper**

**Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup> 11am start at Hill Green**

Meet on Hill Green opposite the Village Hall: please park on far side of Hall Car Park **not** on the Green.

Come and celebrate one of the special features of Clavering

- its Seven Greens : Hill, Stickling, Butts, Roast, Sheepcote, Deers, and Starlings.

All welcome - historical notes along the way.

Tea and home-made cakes at the end (in Christian Centre)

Bring your own picnic for lunch at Roast Green.

Dogs on leads please ! Lifts available for those who wish to do only part of the walk

For more information

**Free Seven Greens Walk Leaflet for participants**

**Clavering Village Hall Council of Management ...**

Please note there is a new Bookings Secretary for the Village Hall:

Catherine Baker -

[Claveringvhall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Claveringvhall@hotmail.co.uk)

**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.

**GDPR Information:** For the Newsletter, we have determined an 'opt-out request'.

Email addresses will continue to be kept as a secure record and are used only to send out the Newsletter or if there is an urgent event to be notified to Villagers.

If you receive the PC Newsletter by email you will continue to do so UNLESS you send an email to [chairman.claveringpc@gmail.com](mailto:chairman.claveringpc@gmail.com) advising that you wish for your household not to receive the Newsletter.

If you receive a hard copy of the PC Newsletter, this will continue UNLESS you send a note to the Parish Clerk at the address below advising that you wish for your household not to receive the Newsletter.

If there are any households who currently have a paper copy and who could take the Newsletter by email, please do send your email address through to the PC Clerk or Chairman. Currently 150 households - scattered all around the village and at its far reaches - receive the hard copies thanks to one volunteer who delivers them all.

## **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:

**Clerk:** Mrs Victoria Moore : 07986 914991 **Email:** [clerk@claveringvillage.org.uk](mailto:clerk@claveringvillage.org.uk)

**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.**