



# CLAVERING NEWSLETTER

## CLAVERING PARISH COUNCIL

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**WELCOME:** In January it came to the PC's attention that the Defibrillator at the Village Hall was not on the records of the East of England Ambulance Service, thus they did not have the key code to access the box. (The PC had been informed otherwise when the box was first installed).

Please be reassured that their records have been updated, with all required forms and information now with the Ambulance Service. The PC also passed forms to Wicken Bonhunt to enable registration of its defib.

Do please consider visiting the Maps Exhibition at the Village Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> March - it will be fascinating! Last year the village's History Group funded the visit and workshop given over by Cambridge University Archaeological Dept. to the village Primary School: for this 'Maps Day' any donations on the day will go to the fundraising for the Jubilee Field's New Adventure Playground. Do support the History Group as they support others!

**Please Note: There is a new correspondence address for the Council - See contact listing below**

### Extraordinary PC Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> January

The Chairman explained that the meeting had been called as, due to a mis-casting of figures, a too higher total expenditure figure had been noted on the 2019/20 budget and therefore a too higher precept had been approved. Apologies received from the Cllrs Cook, Ryan and Stanford and the Clerk. Two parishioners in attendance. A parishioner expressed dissatisfaction at the proposed budget increase. A parishioner handed over an envelope for the Clerk.

Parish Council resolved to agree the revised budget figure of total expenditure £21,081. It was resolved to agree the 2019/20 precept be set at £20,602 (this is a 19.38% increase and is an increase of £5.18 per annum for a Band D residence).

### Parish Council Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> February

Four parishioners in attendance: District Cllr Oliver attended in part.

A parishioner asked about possible traffic calming measures in Clavering, especially as a number of pets are meeting their demise here. A parishioner asked if Cllr Gooding could be made aware of the recent road closures around Clavering that were poorly signposted and alternative routes were also closed at the same time. A parishioner was reassured that a letter brought to the PC's attention had not been authorised to be passed to any third party by the Parish Council or its members. A parishioner asked, in the event it may occur, if the PC's Insurance covered fly-tipping of asbestos waste on Parish Land. Having declared an interest, a councillor spoke on the Registered Village Green at Butts Green.

**District Councillor's Report** - Cllr Oliver reported that the UDC element of Council Tax will increase by 2.99%. The UDC Budget currently balances thanks to income received from Little Chesterford Science Park, however this balance is not projected four years hence as the funding from Central Government to District Councils will be substantially reduced.

**County Councillor's Report** - No report or apologies received from Cllr Gooding.

**UDC Sustainability Appraisal Consultation** - Agreed to make comment on the inclusion of a Clavering site which is actually rejected in the same document's appendix; also on statement re. ability to access Newport Station from Clavering.

**Light Pollution Lower Way** - UDC requested more information and are investigating.

**Speedwatch & VAS at Shop** - No reply from ECC Highways link person on broken VAS sign: clerk instructed to write copying ECC Cllr Bentley, Highways Portfolio. Ability to pursue additional VAS signs/traffic calming hampered by lack of communications from ECC. Speedwatch gun taken in November still not returned by police, nor further information on training received: to be rigorously pursued.

**New and redirected footpaths Berden/Clavering** - agreed no comments to be submitted to ECC.

**Trees at Hill Green** - Tree species suggested by UDC Tree Officer: determined to plant replacement trees.

**Gigaclear** - PC awaiting NALC legal advice on The Communications Code with reference to Registered Village Greens.

**Registered Village Green at Butts Green** - Letter of apology received by PC for the carrying out of unauthorised works and also confirming that area will be restored to previous condition.

**Land Ownership at Starlings Green** - ECC's Land Agents confirmed that CPC is correctly registered as the Freehold Owner of the Registered Village Green.

**Risk Assessment** - Tree leaning at Starlings Green inspected by PC and removed by tree surgeon for safety reasons. Tree at Butts Green to be checked.

**Recent Freedom of Information requests** - Clerk advised actions taken.

**Village Litter Picks Sundays 3<sup>rd</sup> March & 7<sup>th</sup> April** - Risk assessments noted.

**Website and Email** - Further report to be presented

in February.

**Jubilee Field Committee report** – Clarification being sought concerning certain recommended Trust Deed Amendments. Safety Tree work continues; £600 grant awarded by Stansted Airport Community Fund for ongoing playground safety repairs; new Playground Working Party finalising ideas and will seek grants. Quiz Night raised a fantastic £1,500 – thank you!

**Village Greens Working Party** – As PC's Freehold Ownership of Starlings Green now confirmed, date for meeting may be fixed to finalise policy.

**Allotments** – Rents handed over.

**Clerks Report** – Received and noted. Clerk highlighted External Auditor comment since last meeting that amount budgeted for the advised challenge to the accounts is a fair estimate.

**Finance** – Cheques approved and payment determined for Clerk's Membership of SLCC. Jubilee Field's requested donation moved to February meeting.

**Employment, Dispute & Complaint** - per advice to the Council, discussions held in camera as matters confidential.

**Planning Received for PC Comment:**

**UTT/18/3103/PAP3M Change of use &**

**UTT/18/3104/FUL M And M Supermarket**

**Stortford Road** - Form a second floor within existing loft area for form 2 no. self-contained apartments accessed by extending protected stair within the building which leads to existing escape door to exterior. Addition of roof lights to west elevation

– **No Comments**

**Planning Decisions made by UDC:**

**UTT/18/3201/HHF 26 Skeins Way Clavering**

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

**UTT/18/3327/DOC Land North of Wicken Road**

**Wicken Road** Application to discharge Conditions 2 (External finishes), 3 (Hard and soft landscape) & 4 (Biodiversity Management) attached to

UTT/18/1693/FUL) **Discharge conditions in full.**

### Mobile Library

The Mobile Library makes only one stop in Clavering on a Saturday.

Clavering Christian Centre

10.30am until 11am

23<sup>rd</sup> February 16<sup>th</sup> March

Clavering Horticultural Society

### Jumble Sale

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2pm Clavering Village Hall

We have bric-a-brac, gardening items, toys, books, jumble, cakes and produce, etc.

Raffle and teas Fun for all the family

If you have any items to donate, please leave them at the village hall on the morning of the sale.

For further details, please phone Gerald or speak to a committee member.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm at the Clavering Village Hall.**

**All welcome.**

### DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE VILLAGE HALL

If you have to make a 999 call, the call handler may decide that the defibrillator is required.

You will be asked if you are able to go to the village hall to get the defibrillator, but this would usually only happen if someone else is able to stay with the person in need, as phone contact with the emergency service must be maintained at all times.

The call handler will give you the code to open the yellow metal box beside the village hall entrance doors.

The defibrillator is the small carry case – like a child's play-doctor kit – that is kept in the metal box.

Take the 'Ready Kit' (transparent pouch) and the carry case.

When you are back with the patient, open the carry case: you will then hear an automated voice giving instructions.

The call handler will also talk you through all that you must do and when the paramedics arrive they will take over from you.

### REMEMBER

**The defibrillator can go to the patient  
No special training is required  
The Emergency Services will guide you  
through everything**

### Village Green Waste Service at Clavering Place Farm

**This will start again in April 2019**

In the winter months, Green Waste can be taken to the UDC Recycling Site on the Thaxted Road in Saffron Walden.

Villagers who subscribe to the Kerbside Green Waste collection provided by UDC are asked to leave their bins out the same week as the UDC Recycled Waste (Green Lids) collections for 2019.

### Clavering Cricket Club.

**Annual Cricket Dinner: Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Please contact Ben Gill if you would like to join us for the dinner, once again kindly catered for the club by Trevor Oliver.

## Clavering Village Spring Clean Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March & Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Two days have been allocated, with the 7<sup>th</sup> April being part of the *Great British Spring Clean* which is focusing this year on the awareness of plastic waste in our environment. However, we wish to collect up **all** the litter that finds its way into Clavering.



If you wish to take part, please gather at the Village Hall at 10.30am for a short Health & Safety briefing (for PC insurance purposes!) and to be allocated an area.

Grabbers & Bags & Hi -Viz Jackets are provided  
Please bring suitable gloves and wear sturdy footwear

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult and please note we do not allocate areas alongside roads/watercourses to children

\*\*\* **SAVE THE DATE** \*\*\*

**Clavering Friends of St Clare Hospice**

**Spring Fayre : Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

Accepting donations for this sale now!

Contact Jean or Andrea

## Clavering Landscape History Group

Spring Lecture given by Peter Walker  
**Essex on the Map, 1576 to 1805**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 8 pm  
Clavering Christian Centre

Peter Walker is a retired accountant from Saffron Walden, who has been collecting and studying maps of Essex for the last 13 years.

His talk covers the maps created of Essex from the first in 1576 to the first Ordnance Survey map in 1805, showing how and why they were created, their strengths and weaknesses.

In addition there will be some examples of the maps to see first-hand. He will also have copies of his book – *Printed Maps of Essex from 1576* – which is a catalogue of all the printed maps of Essex at the Essex Record Office :all proceeds to the ERO.

If you have any antique maps of Essex that you need identifying, or indeed of other counties, please do bring them along: he will try to match them with his files of Essex map prints.

**Upcoming Event:**

**10<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm-** History Group AGM & talk on Manor Court Rolls. Clavering Christian Centre

## Clavering Speedwatch

If you are interested in being part of this initiative please do contact Nigel Cook as soon as possible on [clavering.speedwatch@gmail.com](mailto:clavering.speedwatch@gmail.com)

He has been informed that the names & addresses collected some time ago cannot be used now (per new GDPR advice).

# CLAVERING MAPS EXHIBITION



For the first time the whole range of beautiful maps of Clavering will be on display together - from medieval to modern times, including maps of Langley & elsewhere.

*SPECIAL FEATURES: Domesday Essex; map (conjectured) 14<sup>th</sup> century open fields of Clavering; 1600 southern Clavering area; 1783 Clavering parish; 1876 1<sup>st</sup> Edition Ordnance Survey 25 inches; 1921 series of 25" maps; Essex*

*antique maps; London 18<sup>th</sup> century map; estate sale map 1935 Clavering Court, etc; historical analysis of Clavering farms 1980s etc.*

## **A UNIQUE ONE-OFF OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HOW CLAVERING HAS CHANGED OVER THE CENTURIES from Domesday - Today**

Come & research your house history – also printouts of CENSUS surveys 1841-1911 + 1939 wartime population survey of Clavering (newly released & little known)

Further information: [mrsjacquelinecooper@gmail.com](mailto:mrsjacquelinecooper@gmail.com)

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 11 am - 5 pm**  
**CLAVERING VILLAGE HALL**

Entry FREE – donations to Clavering Adventure Playground Appeal  
Refreshments on sale all day **ALL WELCOME!**

## CHEESE TASTING EVENING WITH WINE

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7.30pm

Clavering Christian Centre

Tickets £10 (includes 1<sup>st</sup> glass of wine)

available from Janet Hosford

Raising Funds for the Parochial Parish Church

**Clavering Cricket Club.** You may have read in the Local Press that cricket clubs are struggling for players. We found last year that we, too, were having to scabble around for players and indeed cancelled a few games. A fixture card is planned for 2019 and it is the fervent wish of our older members to keep the club going for the younger players who commit themselves to this village group.

If you could help us out this season by donning your cricket kit, contact Rob



***Are you interested in representing your community?***

***Do you think you could help make a difference?***

***Have you ever thought about standing to be a councillor?***

***Could you be the one to help Clavering Parish Council achieve its aims?***

***Do you feel that you can serve your local community in this respect?***

**The Elections for District and Parish Councillors in Uttlesford take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

When available, further information will be posted on the PC website concerning eligibility and advice for candidates, plus the Election timetables.

Nomination Forms for the Parish Council may be obtained via the Clerk, Jessica Ashbridge.

Please note Parish Council candidates must be eligible to stand for the position, namely be aged 18 years or over, be a qualifying British, Commonwealth or European citizen, and

1. Be on the electoral role in the parish; Or
2. During the whole of the twelve months before he/she was nominated as a candidate, occupied land or other premises as owner or tenant in the parish; Or
3. During the same period, resided in that area or within three miles thereof; Or
4. During the same period, has his/her principal or only place of work in that area.

You cannot stand for election if you

- are subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order.
- have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine.
- you work for the council for which you wish to be a nominated candidate.

**Further information about being a local councillor is available from the Local Government Association via <https://beacouncillor.co.uk/>. Guidance is also available from the Electoral Commission on what a candidate needs to do and how the election process works – visit [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk).**

The term of office for both Parish and District Councillors is four years.

Essex County Council is considering devolving to Town and Parish Councils many of the services previously provided by Essex County Council. Central Government funding to District Councils is being withdrawn. Hence, the role and expected task loads of such councillors may be altered in the coming years. However, if you would like more information as to what a PC position actually currently involves, do contact the Clerk (07986 914991) or the Chair, Stephanie Gill so we may answer any questions you may have.

## 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 Jess Ashbridge: 07986 914991 ***Email:*** [clerk@claveringvillage.org.uk](mailto:clerk@claveringvillage.org.uk)

***Parish Council Address:*** Clavering Clerk. PO Box 1376, CAMBRIDGE, CB1 0GS

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