



# CLAVERING NEWSLETTER

## CLAVERING PARISH COUNCIL

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**WELCOME:** Thank you to all who took part in the Clavering Village Spring Clean: Part 2; a further 31 bags of rubbish were collected from the roadside verges - bringing the total this Spring to 43 bags.

Don't forget the Easter Arts and Crafts Show at the Village Hall - it's the 50<sup>th</sup> year of such event!

**Please note the new correspondence address for the Council - See contact listing below**

### Parish Council Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> April

Four parishioners attended with District Cllr Oliver attending in part, leaving to attend Langley PC meeting, and ECC Cllr Gooding being present for some items of the agenda.

The Chair advised that she is asking village organisations if they wish to make reports at the Annual Meeting of the Parish on 20<sup>th</sup> May. There is an uncontested election for Clavering Parish (see later).

A young parishioner spoke on behalf of his father on the planning for Robin Hill. Two parishioners informed the meeting that they would be speaking at the UDC Planning Committee Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> April re. the land behind the school and hoped the PC would do so to; HoC is to carry out a silent protest at the Council Offices. The PC were advised that revised documents had been submitted for the planning applications at Sidestream and HoC's concerns were summarised.

A parishioner thanked the Councillors for standing for election again. Having declared an interest, a councillor spoke on the planning application at White Lodge.

**District Councillor's Report** - Cllr Oliver stated there have been no district council meetings since his last report. Nothing further has been advised on the Local Plan examination. Cllr Oliver was asked if the delays in planning application processing was due to the Local Plan being written and Stansted Airport: he responded that, yes, these take officer time, plus staff have been lost, staff have been recruited, & it must be borne in mind that UDC is not a large council so may not offer the salary seen at, say, a London Council.

**County Councillor Report** - Cllr Gooding advised that ECC now require a SUDs Scheme for development sites of more than 20 houses (and when adjoining sites are aggregated) to prove run-off is no greater than that from a Greenfield site. He advised that some SpeedWatch Teams are receiving abuse and threats from drivers and if this happens with Clavering's to-be-formed team, may he be updated. He advised he believed that UDC are supplying grabbers and jackets and gloves for litter picks.

**UDC Planning Committee Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> April** - Agreed that Cllr Gill would speak at this regarding the proposed development of 31 houses behind the school, and also comment on the inaccuracies of the Officer's Report submitted, plus the deficiencies re. Health, Social and Wellbeing in the proposal.

**Speedwatch & VAS at Shop** - No updates on either.

**Great British Spring Clean Litter Pick 7<sup>th</sup> April** - weather fine for the morning (phew!) and 14 volunteers took part. More litter grabbers are needed, as are Hi- Viz jackets to fit the 'more muscular men'.

**Tree on Registered Village Green at Butts Green** - Tree surgeons instructed to look at tree's health and quote for works needed.

**Damage on Lower Hill Green** - Acknowledgement of PC's complaint by Cadent, Trioo and agents. Remedial works offered but PC determined to see how site recovers first, reverting if necessary.

**Pond Cottage** - Meeting arranged.

**Logs on Upper Hill Green** - Removed, but were replaced by person(s) unknown again. Removed again.

**Risk Assessment** - Reported dumped fridge in River Stort removed by Environment Agency. Parish Noticeboard posts to be inspected and stabilised.

**Financial Ombudsman** - Letter received advising unable to uphold first claim as phone records not held by other party; advice regarding further actions being considered by the PC.

**Land Ownership at Starlings Green** - Further Letter from ECC, confirming that CPC are the registered owners of the Village Green at Starlings Green and that ECC Highways have only certain stated rights over the land, received and noted.

**Jubilee Field Committee report** - Two trustees have been co-opted to fill those vacant positions. Pending the arrival of a new playground, the trustees will maintain current equipment where economically viable. Trust Deed amendments being finalised.

**Allotments** - Rents handed over: skip request considered.

**Clerks Report** - Received and noted.

**Finance** - Cheques approved; Internal Auditor appointment made; 2018/19 virements agreed.

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

### Planning Received for PC Comment:

**UTT/19/0625/HHF Oakdene Stortford Road** Redevelopment of existing bungalow to include raising of roof to create a first floor. Two storey front and rear extensions including dormer windows and changes to doors and fenestration. **Comments made**

**UTT/19/0581/HHF Custersons Ford End Ford End Road** Rebuilding of detached garage destroyed by fire  
**No Comments**  
**UTT/19/0550/HHF Bennington Hse, Clatterbury Lane** Erection of single storey front extension including open front porch **No Comments**  
**UTT/19/0375/FUL White Lodge Stud Butts Green Valance Road:** Installation of hard standing area for loading and unloading horseboxes. **Comment only to remind UDC of Registered Village Green nearby.**  
**UTT/19/0206/FUL Robin Hill Deers Green Cock Lane** Retrospective application for change of use of annexe to separate dwelling **Comments made**  
**UTT/18/2601/FUL Land rear of Side Stream High Street.** Agreed to comment on revised submitted documents.

**Planning Decisions made by UDC:**

**UTT/18/3104/FUL. M And M Supermarket Stortford Road Clavering** 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 : **Refused**  
**UTT/18/3326/PIP Land West Of Stortford Road** Application for permission in principle for the erection of min. 6 dwellings and max. 8 dwellings : **Refused.**  
**(UDC have advised that this is being appealed)**

**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 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm at the Clavering Village Hall. All welcome.**

**Jubilee Field Grand Easter Draw**

Prizes include *English Spirit* Gin & Vodka Hamper, *Life of Riley* Leather Watch Box, *Boden* Voucher £50, *Saffron Hall* tickets, *Saffron Screen* Tickets, *Cook* Vouchers, *Gammas Hall* Cream Tea, *Bill's* Goodie Bag, *Angela Reed* Voucher, *Harts Books* Vouchers, *Shaw Restaurant & Oyster Bar* Friday Lunch Voucher, *Singleton Malt Whisky*, *Jamie Oliver* Cookery Book.  
**Tickets on Sale now & at the Art and Craft Show Draw to take place at 3pm on Easter Monday at the Village Hall.**  
**Thank you for your support.**

**Village Green Waste Service at Clavering Place Farm, Stickling Green**  
This service is available for Clavering and Langley residents only: it is paid for via their parish precepts  
**10.30am - 11.30am**  
**4<sup>th</sup> May : 1<sup>st</sup> June : 29<sup>th</sup> June**  
**27<sup>th</sup> July : 24<sup>th</sup> August : 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
**19<sup>th</sup> October : 16<sup>th</sup> November**

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.

**Mobile Library**

**The Mobile Library makes only one stop in Clavering on a Saturday. Clavering Christian Centre**  
**10.30am until 11am**  
**27<sup>th</sup> April, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June**

**CLAVERING FRIENDS OF ST CLARE HOSPICE**

**Spring Fayre**

**11am – 3pm Saturday 13th April**

Stalls to include:

Bric-a-Brac, Jewellery, Plants, Clothes, Books, Linen & Cakes. Entrance Fee 50p  
Tea, Coffee & Homemade cakes available

**Information from Essex Police given over at the last UDC Parish Forum (Clerks and Chairmen)**

In February 2018 the Community Policing Team at Saffron Walden had 2 Constables and 3 PSCOs. Now it comprises 1 Sergeant, 6 Constables, 4 PSCOs and there are 2 funded PSCO vacancies. This is a 120% increase of 'boots on the ground'.

**Uttlesford Drinks with Community Links**

If you have any concerns, issues or ideas for policing and safety in your community, pop along and have a chat with community officers over a tea or coffee.

**25 April, 8.30-10.30am at Waitrose Cafe, Saffron Walden**

Also in Saffron Walden: **Coffee with Cops**

**16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April & 4<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May** – look out locally for more details where these will be.

You can sign up for free to receive accurate and up-to-date information, crime prevention advice and notifications from Essex Police and other key partners, such as Neighbourhood Watch via the following link <http://www.essex.police.uk/ecm>

**CLAVERING ART SHOW & CRAFT FAYRE**

**20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the Village Hall**

**11am – 5pm every day**

Art & Craft to suit every pocket Children's Art Exhibition  
Kitchen open all day serving homemade food

## **CLAVERING BOWLS CLUB – gearing up for the coming season!**

Work continues to prepare the Green and Clubhouse for the Opening of the Green on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April.

If weather and the condition of the green permits, members will have a roll up from 5 pm followed by informal wine and cheese. This is when subscriptions are paid (a modest £40) and Club competitions entered for the coming season.

The regular Monday evening practice nights will start again from Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April from 6.00 pm.

(Again, subject to the condition of the green and weather permitting). For all who are interested to try bowling, only flat sandals or plimsolls are needed. Refreshments available.

### **Open Day Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May from 11 am – 4 pm**

The Club will have Taster Sessions throughout the day to enable people to try bowling. All the family can come too – any children over 11 can try bowling

Free refreshments including home made cakes.

For a leaflet about bowling and the terms used, ring Sue Hollingworth

## **Clavering Landscape History Group**

Upcoming Events

**Tuesday 14th May 2 pm – Hill Green Conservation Area tour with Bruce Tice.**

Meet at Village Hall Car Park, refreshments in Cricket Pavilion afterwards.

**Wednesday 18th September evening – ‘Essex during the Battle of Britain 1940’**

Autumn Lecture by Neil Wiffen – more details later



## **Clavering Rainfall – January, February and March**

The rainfall in January was 26.2mm (1.03ins) and in February it was 21.1mm (0.83ins) both much less than is normal for those months, in fact less than 50% of what I would expect. March is usually our driest month but this year it was just a little wetter than normal with 42.9mm (1.68ins). All of the March rain fell during the first 17 days of the month, there being no rain at all during the last 14 days.

So far this year we have had approximately 50mm or 2 ins less rain than is normal for this time of year

We had 1cm (0.39ins) of snow overnight on the 29th January and another 1cm overnight on the 31st and on both occasions it quickly melted.

*Brian Barrow*

**The Multi-Agency Roadshow** organised by Uttlesford District Council visited Skeins Way in March.

It appeared to be well attended, with volunteers taking out information packs to other areas of the village.

It was brought to my attention that there is a UDC Tenant Forum, which works with UDC as a focus group. They would like to have a representative from Clavering in their group. If you are interested, please contact me and I will pass you details of their Chairperson.

**Cllr Stephanie Gill**

## **Clavering Countryside Group.**

We are a very small number who meet (irregularly!) as we are interested in the Countryside of Clavering.

The group grew out of the Parish Plan about eight years ago. We help maintain the Dick Ball Meadow for the Parish Council, one member carries out the annual survey to record the numbers of the rare Scarlet Malachite and helps the Jubilee Field in matters of Simon's Wood. We survey the Wildflower Areas, try to arrange talks on local flora/fauna, (we have had a Moths Evening in a member's garden!) and keep an eye on planning applications that could bring damage to the delicate balance of the countryside.

The Group would welcome new members especially as this year we would like to commence an ecology survey/register for areas in Clavering which is based on local knowledge.

If you would like to join our activities, please email Jacky Cooper

## **Clavering Horticultural Society Outing to Houghton Hall Gardens Norfolk Thursday June 20th.**

**Departs Village Hall 9am Return 6pm**

Cost: £25 - (members of the RHS or HHA, £15)

Includes: Coach journey, Gardens, Park, Toy Soldier Museum and Stables. (House £6 on day) Bring a picnic or there is a licensed Cafe.

Houghton Hall, owned by descendants of Robert Walpole, is an early 18th century Palladian Mansion with award-winning 5 acre Walled Gardens, and even a rustic temple and fountains. Contemporary sculpture, including a Henry Moore Exhibition- *Nature & Inspiration*, is displayed throughout the gardens and park.

To book your place contact: jenny milledge

## CLAVERING ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

**A meeting for the Electors of the Parish to discuss Parish Affairs.**

**To be held in Clavering Village Hall,**

**On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 8pm**

**(Please feel welcome to arrive early**

**Tea and Coffee will available from 7.45pm)**

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Welcome by Chairman & introduction of recently elected Parish Councillors and the new Clerk.
3. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Clavering Annual Meeting of the Parish held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018.
4. Chairman's Annual Meeting of the Parish Report.
5. Essex County Councillor Ray Gooding invited to speak.
6. Uttlesford District Councillor Edward Oliver invited to speak.
7. Representative of the Jubilee Field Committee invited to speak on their upcoming Extraordinary General Meeting re. updating the Trust Deed and projects in hand.
8. Representative of the Village Hall Council of Management invited to speak on the work of the charity over the past year and future projects.
9. Village Organisations invited to make a short presentation.
10. Questions and comments from Electors.

*Stephanie M. Gill*

Chairman Clavering Parish Council

12<sup>th</sup> April 2019



**The 2019 Parish Election for Clavering was uncontested.**

**It was announced that the following are therefore elected to serve :**

**Brian Barrow, Richard Carter, Rob Clayton, Nigel Cook, Ron Couchman, Stephanie Gill, Martina Ryan and Rebecca Stanford.**

**Their Term of Office is from 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 until May 2023**

This means that there are three vacant seats on the Council.

After an election, elected Councillors have the ability to co-opt parishioners, who fulfil the criteria for being a candidate, to join the Parish Council.

If you would like more information about this, please contact the Clerk (07986 914991) or the current Chair, Stephanie Gill so we may answer any questions you may have and detail the process required.

### **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:

**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.*