



# CLAVERING NEWSLETTER

## CLAVERING PARISH COUNCIL

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**WELCOME:** We cannot deny that the recent rains were much wanted for our gardens, trees, flowers and crops and we are thankful that Clavering was not subjected to flood waters, as was the case in some UK areas.....but let's keep fingers crossed that the weather is fine for the Village Fete on the 22nd.....

### Annual Meeting of Electors 20<sup>th</sup> May

Twelve parishioners, two guest speakers, District Cllr Oliver, ECC Cllr Gooding, seven parish councillors and the Clerk were in attendance. Cllr Oliver gave a brief report on the newly elected council, Cllr Gooding gave over his report (detailed below), and representatives spoke on eight village organisations (see May 2019 Newsletter insert). Questions raised by electors at the meeting were either responded to if the Clerk/Council had the information 'in their heads', and/or were to be investigated further, or it was asked that a written submission clarifying the question be made.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman & Councillors for their work was given by all parishioners present.

### Parish Council Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> June

Four parishioners and District Cllr Oliver in attendance. ECC Cllr Gooding sent apologies. The Chairman advised that Tracy Williams who had expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Council was no longer able to put herself forward due to work commitments, but she has agreed to be the Coordinator of the (re-vitalised) SpeedWatch Team.

**Public Participation** – A parishioner spoke on a planning application to be considered; a parishioner spoke on a boundary issue re. Parish Land.

**District Councillor's Report** – District Cllr Oliver advised that, following the first meeting of the newly elected district council, new committees had been formed. He is now the Chairman of the Governance, Audit and Performance Committee, a member of the Standards Committee, and a reserve member of the Planning Committee and also such of the Licensing and Environmental Health Committee. He acknowledged that training must be undertaken by District Cllrs who are Committee Members, and there are many new Cllrs to do this! As the Draft Local Plan moves forward, Cllr Oliver advises that the updates on the UDC website should be referred to, as information changes daily.

<https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/article/6006/Examination-latest-news-and-updates>

### Council Policies adopted by Resolutions–

Financial Risk Assessment and other Council Policies: for review June/ July 2019

**VAS at Shop** – No update

**New Defibrillator in southwest part of the village-** Research had been carried out into providers and also advice noted from East of England Ambulance concerning optimum siting. Cllr Gill authorised to

research costings further and it was noted that the PC preferred that a unit suitable for all-age use should be provided. Cllr Oliver stated that he would have some grant funding for community benefit available if needed

**Financial Ombudsman** – no update

**Jubilee Field Committee report** - Extraordinary Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> July to amend the Trust Deed.

**Allotments** – rents handed over. Skip request noted.

**Risk assessment** – Debris from accident at Starlings Green bend to be cleared, tree listing at Starlings Green to be inspected for clearance/making safe. It was noted that Essex Highways had inspected the culvert at the Horse Pond which needs clearing.

**EALC Training** – Councillors were reminded of training available to them, for which the Council budgets, and that the Clerk wishes to enrol for CiCa training.

**Salt Bag Partnership** – Agreed to sign up for this

**Insurance** – Quotes considered and resolved to continue for three years with current insurer.

**Resident's Request for lowered Speed Limit on Oxleys Close** – Agreed that the Parish Council will facilitate a public meeting on this, as any requests to Essex County Council for lowered speed limits must be progressed via the UDC Local Highways Panel by a Parish Council, with support from the relating District and Council Councillors. Agenda may also cover other speed matters, such as Speedwatch & outstanding requests re B1038. Meeting date to be determined, hire costs from Community Budget.

**Clerks Report** – Received and noted.

**Finance** – Cheques approved; update on account problems/complaints with NatWest, date of Elector's Examination of Council's Accounts agreed to be for 1<sup>st</sup> July to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August & per common practice information for making appointments to be advertised on website and PC Noticeboard.

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

### Planning Received for PC Comment:

**UTT/19/0744/HHF Sheepcote Green Farm, Sheepcote Green (resubmission)** Single storey rear extension & two storey side extension and alterations.

**No Comments**

**UTT/19/1068/FUL Bank View, Hill Green**

**Clatterbury Lane.** Change of use of part of garage to physiotherapy facility. **No Comments**

**UTT/19/1176/PAQ3 Grain Store At Hill Green Clatterbury Lane** Clavering. Prior Notification of change of use of agricultural building to 4 no. dwellings. **Comments made**, especially noting that the access track crosses a Registered Village Green.  
**UTT/19/1307/LB Black Lodge, Mill End** Replacement Outbuildings **No Comments**  
**UTT/19/1249/HHF The Old Garage House, Stortford Road,** Single storey front extension and single storey side extension. **No Comments**

**Planning Decisions made by UDC:**

**UTT/19/0755/HHF Home Farm House, High Street** Erection of Single storey Garden Lodge. **Approved**  
**UTT/19/0625/HHF Oakdene, Stortford Road** Redevelopment of existing bungalow to include raising of roof to create a first floor. Single storey front and rear extensions including dormer windows and changes to doors and fenestration. **Approved**  
**UTT/19/0581/HHF Custersons Ford End, Ford End Road** Rebuilding of detached garage destroyed by fire. **Refused**  
**UTT/19/1097/TPO Hill Green Farmhouse, Hill Green, Clatterbury Lane** . Reduce 1 no. Chestnut. **Allowed**  
**UTT/19/1120/TCA Hill Green Farmhouse, Hill Green, Clatterbury Lane** Fell and remove stump of 1no. Field Maple and 1 no. Yew. Top 2no. Yew to 4m and 1 no. Chestnut to 3m. Fell to ground level 1 no. Holly and 1 no. Ash. Crown lift to 2.5m 1 no. Chestnut and 3no. Ash. Remove dead stem of 1 no. Thuja and reduce 2 no. Ash and 1 no. Birch. **No Objections**  
**UTT/19/1160/TPO The Bury Middle, Street** Beech (T1) - Remove limb over footpath as per tree survey Beech (T5) - Remove tree to near ground level as per tree survey **Allowed**  
**UTT/19/0882/AG Curles Farm, Pelham Road Clavering** Agricultural Storage Barn. **Approved**

**Planning Appeal in process:**

**APP/C1570/W/19/3225444 Land West Of Stortford Road (UTT/18/3326/PIP)** Application for permission in principle for the erection of min. 6 dwellings and max. 8 dwellings

**An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of Clavering Jubilee Field (Registered Charity No: 277011) will take place on Tuesday 23 July 2019 at 8pm in Clavering Village Hall**

All persons registered in the Parish of Clavering are invited to attend this meeting but only those over the age of 18 are entitled to vote.

**AGENDA**

**Resolution to amend the Declaration of Trust dated 2 October 1978.**

**By order of the Chairman C Balaam 7 May 2019**

**Buffy Bus - The Big PlayBus for Little People** - visits Clavering every Wednesday in term time from 11am - 12.30pm, behind the Village Shop, with a range of activities for pre-schoolers. [www.buffybus.com](http://www.buffybus.com)

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 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.30pm at the Clavering Village Hall.**

**All welcome.**

**Mobile Library**

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

Clavering Christian Centre

10.30am until 11am

29<sup>th</sup> June, 20<sup>th</sup> July,

10<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> August, 21<sup>st</sup> September

**Clavering FETE**  
**Sat. 22 June**  
**1pm - 4pm**  
**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!**

**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**

**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**

### Clavering Cricket Club....

Having allowed our youngsters time off for their exams and the more senior members extra time to warm their wintry bones, the season starts with gusto in July. New players welcomed. Spectators always welcome to join us for tea and cakes!

Home games start at Hill Green at 2pm

**July:** 7<sup>th</sup> Little Hadham at home  
14<sup>th</sup> Flycatchers at home  
21<sup>st</sup> Hare St and Hormeads at home  
28<sup>th</sup> Little Hadham away

For more info contact our captain, Rob

### CLAVERING BOWLS CLUB

The regular Monday evening practice nights have started and commence at 6pm, subject to the condition of the green and the weather permitting, If you are interested in joining us, come along to the Jubilee Field and try bowling, only flat sandals or plimsolls are needed. Refreshments available.

*Club Members are supporting the Village Fete.*

*We have Target Bowling with prizes for the top adult and child scores plus a new competition to discover those hidden bowling skills.*

*The popular Fudge Bar will be open!*

Club Contacts: Margaret Nathan (Chair):

Lee Woods:

### 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**

### Clavering Scout Group

#### Your local Scout Group needs you!

Do you have a skill that you could pass on to local children?

Clavering Scout Group provides fun, challenge and adventure for over 50 children from Clavering and the surrounding area.

We are currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers for a number of roles within the group.

No special qualifications or experience required – full training will be provided through the Scout Association.

If you think you can help or to find out more, please contact Matt Elliston  
or [gsl@claveringscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@claveringscouts.org.uk)

### Clavering Horticultural Show

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July - at the Village Hall

#### Vegetables

There are classes for most vegetables and salad items. There is a specific class for novices that only needs 3 kinds of vegetable and general class with 4 kinds of vegetable. This isn't a show that's about showing the biggest or longest items- anyone can enter with a good chance of winning!

#### Flowers & Arrangements

As well as classes for perennials and roses, there are classes with annuals or pot plants, as below:

One vase of mixed annuals (4 varieties from seed)

Six pansies; Six antirrhinums;

Three dahlias (decorative) cactus or pompom;

Three dahlias (single)

Plant in 5"/130mm (max) pot, 2 classes: one for a flowering plant and one for foliage

Plant in 10"/260mm (max) pot: Either flowering or foliage

Planted container not exceeding 14"/360mm

There are also 4 Flower arrangement classes:

Miniature; container; table arrangement; and this

year's exhibit arrangement will be advised shortly.

#### Cookery

As well as items that can be made nearer the time we have classes for preserves, chutneys and pickles, home-made wine and fruit liquors that need to be made in advance. Of course not only does the show benefit from the sight of these lovely provisions, but also your family gets to enjoy them!

Clavering Horticultural Society is happy to provide advice and guidance to all gardeners, especially those who have never entered a show before.

Full details, a schedule listing the classes, or answers to any questions can be obtained from any of the committee members.

Show Secretary: Mrs Jane Turner:

Website <http://www.claveringhorticulturalsociety.club>

Email [claveringhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:claveringhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com)

**Entries to be given to committee members**

**by 7pm Wednesday 24th July.**

**Doors open at 8:30am, exhibits staged by 11am**

**Show opens at 3pm Prize giving & raffle at 4pm**

**Admission 50p, Children & Society members free**

**Home made refreshments available.**



## Clavering Landscape History Group

The Group recently visited Butts Green Farm and Valance with Anne Padfield and Bill Hardy, house history experts, who explained the timber frame construction history of each. Our thanks to Susan Perkins and Anna-Marie Hunt for their hospitality. *We are keen to find out more about the Teale Furnishings business which operated from Valance barns for many years. Please get in touch if you have any information or photos.*

A series of events is planned to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the start of WW2, September 1939. These events are open to everyone and will all be held at the Clavering Christian Centre.

*If you have memories, photographs, documents or objects relating to the Home Front that you are willing to share, do please get in touch as we are hoping to organize an exhibition.*

**Wednesday 18th September 8pm –**

**Autumn Lecture: 'Essex & the Battle of Britain' given by Neil Wiffen.**

In conjunction with the Royal British Legion (Clavering, Newport and District Branch) & raising funds for the RBL Poppy Appeal

**October – date tba - Annual Ludgate Lecture: 'The Home Front in Clavering'**

Free Entry – collection for the RBL Poppy Appeal  
**Remembrance Weekend**

**Saturday 9th November 8pm**

**Saffron Screen Pop up Cinema, Film Title tbc.**

**Sunday 10th November 2pm – 5pm**

**WW2 Memorabilia Exhibition**

Telephone or email [mrsjacquelinecooper@gmail.com](mailto:mrsjacquelinecooper@gmail.com)

## Annual Meeting of Electors : Report of Cllr Gooding, ECC.

Cllr Gooding's report this year mentioned that reductions in Central Government funding means that for ECC this year savings of £59mio must be made in its spending, whilst 2020 will see a £72mio reduction. ECC is still considered to be the 7<sup>th</sup> best Local Authority in the Country. Cllr Gooding then spoke on the Children's Service and his own portfolio of Education. Approx 9 years ago ECC's Children's Services were judged to be inadequate, but improvements made have seen this ranking change to outstanding, with policy now being to take less children away from families and to introduce cost effective support. Much of the Social Care budget is now used towards Adult Social Care, approx. £500mio of which £250mio is required for adults with learning difficulties. Funds are also made available in order to deliver further education to these adults and so allow them to take up work and thus achieve a more independent lifestyle, which increases their own self-worth. A new service has also been set up to look after Young Carers in the County: it provides mentors to these young people who are coping with attending school whilst caring for family members. 90% of Essex schools have been judged 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted. Essex is to provide 3000 new Primary School places and 2000 new Secondary School places, with Colchester being the largest developing area in Essex. In the last 3 years, there has been a 7% increase in the number of children diagnosed with autism and a 22% increase in the number of children with health and education plans. This has meant that 'ordinary' school funding is reducing itself in order to meet these SENDco needs.

Cllr Gooding detailed ECC's concern for children who go "missing in education" and the *County Lines* exploitation.

## 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.



There are still vacancies on the Parish Council and after an election the elected Councillors have the ability to co-opt parishioners, who fulfil the criteria for being a candidate, to join the Parish Council. The Term of Office is until May 2023.

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

## 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.*