



CLAVERING NEWSLETTER

CLAVERING PARISH COUNCIL

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WELCOME: With glorious weather for the fete, let's hope that all flowers and produce are as they should be for the Horticultural Show on the 27th July. A gentle reminder - if you are lighting a bonfire, please be courteous to neighbours and check if they have windows open or laundry on the line.

Parish Council Meeting 8th July

Seven parishioners in attendance, ECC Cllr Gooding & District Cllr Oliver in part. The Chairman advised that Item 5 was removed from the agenda as Allan Payne, who had expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Council, was currently not able to put himself forward due to work commitments.

Public Participation – Three parishioners spoke on a planning application to be considered. A parishioner made a statement of how many formal complaints he considered had not been answered by the Council, asked two questions on the Parish Council's legal authority concerning Village Greens (which were verbally answered by the Chair but the Chair also gave direction for the Clerk to give written responses giving the relevant Acts & etc), asked how the Council's Accounts may be examined and who must be contacted for an appointment (the Chair reminded all that this information has been on the Parish Noticeboard and Website since 30th June), and asked that the Council report itself to the External Auditor (the Clerk explained that the Council had no need to do this as CPC and its Internal Auditor consider the previous year's accounting, income and expenditure to be as is legally required and allowed).

A parishioner asked questions about the defibrillator, its access code, its checking and its non-appearance on the East of England Defibrillator listings on-line, and also the scenario if there is a mobile phone failure. The Chair reassured the parishioner that the Ambulance Service is fully aware of the Village Hall Defib., which had been accessed in mid-June on the instructions of a 999 call handler. The Chair advised the meeting that the paramedics had arrived with the patient 8 minutes after the 999 call was placed. The Chair has been in much contact with the East of England Ambulance Service since late January 2019, when it was discovered that at time of installation the Council believed the Ambulance Service had been notified of the defib, but this transpired not to be so. The Chair has also been in recent contact with the East of England Ambulance Service concerning a new defibrillator to be placed at the shop and also paediatric pads, which was covered in the meeting reports. She was also advised that the access code for the shop will be the same as the Village Hall as is common practice for defibs in cases in close proximity.

District Councillor's Report – District Cllr Oliver

advised that UDC Councillors are still finding their feet and there may be a long learning curve. The Inspection of the Local Plan has commenced- it was not rejected on Day 1. He asked the PC to advise him if it wishes him to call in any Planning Applications for comment that evening. He also expressed his surprise and concern that UDC Planning Committee had refused the re-application for the build next to Oxleys Close which had already been granted at appeal in 2015 and given that the site is in the Draft Local Plan.

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

County Councillor's Report – Cllr Gooding spoke on Apprenticeships. He stated that such are only viable if companies agree to support them, so increasing the number of apprentices via Further Education is successful only if there is employment for them.

In response to a question, he confirmed that ECC does itself employ and support apprentices.

Resident's Request for lowered Speed Limit on Oxleys Close – Clerk to book venue after Cllr Gooding has confirmed when he will be free to attend as putting this to the Local Highways Panel will need his support. He will also investigate alternative speed control measures for the road concerned.

Council Policies adopted by Resolutions–

Resolved to adopt Document Retention Policy. Financial Risk Assessment to be considered next month, Employment Policies in December, all other for revision as noted in meeting documents.

VAS at Shop – ECC putting forward a new VAS policy and so the PC must wait on this.

Request for reduction in Speed Limit on B1036 towards Starlings Green to Hertfordshire County Boundary - See note below

New Defibrillator in southwest part of the village- Research presented in meeting documents. The shop had expressed its support and allocated a point for the power supply. Determined to purchase a defib. through Community Heartbeat Trust, which also offers training and support; paediatric pads to be purchased as will be sited near school, preschool and nursery. Electrician to be employed to carry out installation. Chair advised the warranty of current defib possibly expires in 2 years while current cabinet has four more years.

Renting the Village Hall for PC Meetings – Hall to be asked about concession for up-front payments and also alternative venue to be investigated.

Allotments – Skip hire agreed.

Uttlesford Passenger Transport Meeting 26th June

– Cllr Gill had submitted a written report of the meeting held in Great Dunmow that she attended.

Village Green and Parish Land Policy Working Party – next meeting 26th July

Uttlesford District Council Planning Forum 1st July

– Cllrs Stanford & Gill had submitted a written report.

Village Sign Working Party 2nd July – a written report of the Meeting had been submitted; a coloured, draft design was shown to Council as an illustration.

Risk assessment – Defibrillator accessed 13th June, but not utilised as paramedics arrived. Ambulance Service replaced the unit in the Cabinet. Unit and Rescue Pack checked after this and also on 4th July after the Councillor who carries out checks was made aware that the cabinet had been further opened (nothing utilised) but not under 999 advice.

EALC Training – Agreed Cllr Gill enrol on Employment Training Course. Agreed Clerk enrol on CiCa course. Finance Training not currently scheduled by EALC. Chair reminded Councillors of NALC publication on Finance and Transparency. Cllr Cook to attend Essex Police's 'Hate Incident Reporting Training' on 9th July.

Parking on Village Greens arising from functions held by Village Groups – Agreed a letter to be sent reminding Groups of their responsibility to effect remedial works if damage caused.

Clerks Report – Received and noted.

Finance – Cheques approved. NatWest have compensated the Council for NatWest errors made in the opening of the Clerk's Expense Account, and also reimbursed an amount in relation to the time, phone calls, & etc required of a councillor in bringing this to a conclusion. All funds have been received for account of Clavering Parish Council and not the individual concerned. Quarterly accounts presented- no questions raised by councillors.

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

Planning Received for PC Comment:

UTT/19/1467/HHF Custersons Ford End, Ford End Road Rebuilding of detached garage destroyed by fire. **No Comments**

UTT/19/1542/HHF 5 Eldridge Close Erection of single storey rear extension. **No Comments**

UTT/19/1381/FUL Ashcroft, Wicken Road Erection of 3no. detached dwellings with associated landscaping, cartlodge parking and new vehicular access. **Comments made**

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

27th July

24th August : 21st September

19th October : 16th November

UTT/19/1275/FUL Land at Stickling Green

Erection of 1 dwelling with associated access.

Comments made

UTT/19/1537/FUL M & M Supermarket Stortford

Road Form a comparted 2nd floor within the existing loft area above the 1st Floor. To form 2no self-contained apartments accessed by extending the existing protected stair within the building which leads directly to the open air via an existing escape door. Addition of roof lights to the west elevation.

No comments

UTT/19/1619/HHF 1 Pelham Rd Replacement roof and alterations to allow rooms in loft space. Extension and alterations to garage. **No comments**

Planning Decisions made by UDC:

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

Approved

UTT/19/0890/HHF 5 Eldridge Close Erection of single storey rear extension. **Refused**

UTT/18/3369/FUL Land South of Oxleys Close, Stortford Road. Erection of 13no. dwellings and associated development (amendment to prev approved UTT/15/2606/DFO) **Refused**

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

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.

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 12th August 2019 at 7.30pm at the Clavering Village Hall.

All welcome.

SPEED WATCH TRAINING

7.30pm Thursday 18th July

Clavering Christian Centre

If you have volunteered to be part of this initiative you must receive this training.

Contact Tracy on clavering.speedwatch@gmail.com to confirm your attendance or wish to volunteer.

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library makes only one stop in Clavering on a Saturday.
Clavering Christian Centre
10.30am until 11am
20th July, 10th & 31st August, 21st September

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

Essex County Council Bus Passes:

Did you know that three types of concessionary passes are provided by ECC?

- Age related and renewed every 5 years
- For those with disabilities – of which there are seven categories
- For those with severe disabilities needing companion in order to travel. This pass allows a companion (not named) to travel free with the main user.

These passes may be used on the Demand Transport Service as well as all ECC scheduled buses,

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 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 Contacts: Margaret Nathan (Chair): 550619
Lee Woods: 550916

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

Clavering Horticultural Show Saturday 27th 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: 01279 777411

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

Email 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 Cricket Club....With injuries abounding and the holiday season starting early, Clavering had to cancel its first two games. We would really welcome some more players who would care to join us! Games start at 2pm

July: 21st Hare St and Hormeads at home

28th Little Hadham away

Aug: 4th Woodcutters at home

11th Hatfield Heath at home

For more information contact our captain, Rob on 551242

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 on 07484 236507 or gsl@claveringscouts.org.uk

Clavering Landscape History Group 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: My Family at War

If you have memories, photographs, documents or objects relating to the Home Front in the UK that you are willing to share, please get in touch.

Telephone 01799 550462

or email mrsjacquelinecooper@gmail.com

Clavering Rainfall – April, May and June

April was a very dry month with only 7.4mm (0.29ins) of rain, which was less than 20% of what I would normally expect. May was not much better with only 60% of the rain that was expected. Although June was a little wetter than normal it did not make up for the earlier shortfall.

Taking the year as a whole we have received approximately 90mm (3.50ins) less than in an average year.

Brian Barrow

Request to Essex Highways for a reduction in the Speed Limit on the B1038 from Starlings Green to the County Boundary:

Further to concerns raised by parishioners, speed counters were placed around the village and using the evidence gained the PC sent a request, in August 2018, for a speed limit reduction. The PC also enquired about new advisory signage on bends as are placed in other Essex villages.

A response has now been received stating *...to introduce a 40mph limit on the B1038 ...is not a measure which would comply with the Essex Speed Management Strategy. (...) there would need to be more development on the approach to the existing 30mph whereas there are actually few properties fronting onto the road to then fit the profile. It is imperative when introducing speed limits that they fit with the environment so as to encourage road users to adhere to them. If drivers do not understand the rationale behind a speed limit, this is more likely to lead to a lack of compliance.*

The request to introduce an advisory 20mph sub plate to the existing bend warning signage could possibly be considered and (is) awaiting the conclusion of the formal validation under the Local Highways Panel Scheme.

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: 550212 **Vice Chair:** Robert Clayton: 551242

Councillors: Brian Barrow: 550527 Richard Carter: 550364 Nigel Cook: 550947

Ron Couchman: 550006 Mike Patmore: 550450 Martina Ryan: Rebecca Stanford: 550668

Clerk: Mrs Jess Ashbridge: 07986 914991 **Email:** clerk@claveringvillage.org.uk

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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.