

MAYLAND PARISH COUNCIL

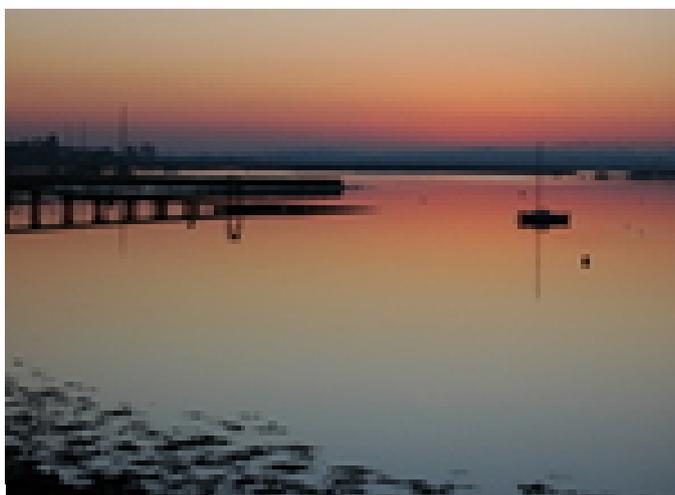
Representing the villages of Mayland & Maylandsea



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Happy to help at the community tree planting day



Competition winning photo of Maylandsea Bay

Lawling Park Committee

The Lawling Park Committee (LPC) covers maintenance and upkeep of existing facilities as well as working to a longer term improvement plan to provide further park facilities for all users.

This year the emphasis is on the provision of permanent changing room and public WC facilities. The new brick built extension to Lawling Park Hall will house two 16 place shower/changing rooms, one 3 place officials shower/changing room, a disabled WC complete with access ramp, a ladies WC and a gents WC. The toilet facilities will be open to the public during matches or organised games/events. Phase one, now under construction, will see a lockable building shell.. Phase two will be the fitting out and commissioning once funding is in place. The existing Portakabin facilities will be removed and the two steel lockup containers relocated adjacent to Maylandsea Community Primary School western boundary.

Essex Probation Community Payback has completed the undergrowth clearance to Bakersfield southern wood, which is being dedicated "John Thrumble Wood" in honour of our village's fallen Afghan hero. The east/west ditch is being cleared of undergrowth and dead trees by a community payback team in readiness for replanting next year.

This will leave a clear view for the installation of a CCTV mast and equipment. It is sad that we have to divert funds to this cause, but the costs of vandalism over the last five years now equate to the CCTV costs. Improved lighting to Katonia Car Park will follow in future plans.

Our tree programme continued this year with 150 trees, 200 conservation hedge mix and 200 variety hedge whips planted this February. If allowed to mature it will form a wind break to the park perimeters. I say "if", as over 200 of the 500 planted last year have since been uprooted.

Football continues to be the major field user and team managers are looking for more youngsters to join their teams, details from the Clerk Jenny Rackham. A cricket set is available for hire, see our groundsman Dennis Hawkes.

The tennis courts are also available for hire by the hour, one of which has a marked netball pitch. Sadly we report Mayland Tennis Club is closing this April because of dwindling membership and rising costs.

The BMX course continues to be used, with most of the skills being practised on the Skate Park, which will benefit from some surface/ramp interface levels being addressed this year in a maintenance programme.

Mayland Carpet Bowls Club has a strong following and meets twice weekly in the Lawling Park hall, details from Dennis Hawkes.

Councillor Peter Spires
Chairman, Lawling Park Committee

Police Liaison Report

Once again the Council regrets having to report that our lovely village is continuing to be blighted by the anti-social behaviour and petty criminal activities of a small number of youths. This is a shame, because we have so many great young people in our village. We have been working closely with the Police and the Youth Service, and some improvements have been seen recently.

However, the risk is that the perfectly pleasant and law abiding majority of young people may start to be tarred by the same tainted brush presently deserved by a particular group responsible for many of the problems our village is currently experiencing. This group is made up of about 5 or 6 local boys and girls in their early teens, and both the Police and the Council know their names and addresses. The members of the group display no respect for authority or their community generally, and many Councillors and parishioners have witnessed first hand their foul and abusive language and confrontational and intimidating behaviour towards adults and any form of authority. Indeed, the group has even succeeded in alienated many other young people in the village.

Unfortunately, the law prohibits self help, and when faced with incidents one can only report the matter to the Police. The even greater shame is that when the Police come to deal with an incident and seek the support of the parents concerned, support is often not forthcoming. Without parental support, one has to wonder what chance the youths in question have of correcting their ways.

The Council reminds parishioners that all incidents of anti-social behaviour and criminal activity should be immediately reported to the Police, and to encourages all parents in the village to take steps and measures to ensure that their children stay away from trouble, and the troublesome youths in question.

Councillor Alan Massenhove
Police Liaison Officer

Lawling Park Hall

To book the Lawling Park Hall please contact the Parish Clerk on 01621 773557 or e-mail maylandpc@btinternet.com

Chairman's Annual Report

This has been my first year as Chairman of the Parish Council, and I would like to thank my fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their hard work and dedication. We have recently welcomed two new Councillors, Sue White and Steve Houghton, and we have a full complement of nine Councillors.

Although we do what we can with our proportion of the Council Tax, grant money received in the last year has helped us to make a big difference. We created the missing link at the end of the footpath behind Bakersfield with a Community Initiatives Fund grant of £2,500; so far we have received £26,080 from Maldon District Council's Parish Project Fund for the access ramp at the Lawling Park Hall and the first phase of the extension to the hall; and the Parish Plan Group has received £2,080 towards producing and circulating a parish questionnaire. A further £16,745 has been awarded for the Lawling Park Hall extension. See Councillor Spires' report for more on this exciting project.

Working with partners

We have good working relationships with Maldon District Council and Essex County Council, and we are happy to welcome our District Councillors to our meetings. The two way contact helps us to gain advice from others, and to lobby for action on behalf of our parishioners.

We have also been working closely with Essex Police over the last few months, particularly concerning the behaviour of some of our younger residents. Thanks also to the Essex Youth Service, who have been visiting the village regularly with the Youth Bus and arranging evening football sessions which have proved very popular.

Village environment

Last summer we ran a photographic competition, attracting a number of excellent photos capturing parish scenes. Congratulations to the winner Mrs Angela Tickner - all the photos are on the Parish Council Website.

A successful tree planting day was held in February where trees donated by Andrew Haining founder of eforests.co.uk and TWIG were planted by Parish Councillors, villagers, and members of TWIG and the

Greenlight Trust. We received a donation of more than 200 trees and hedging plants.

Parish Council representatives have been involved at early stages of consultation on the Essex Shoreline Management Plan, being developed by the Environment Agency (EA). The plan shows how the EA will deal with predicted changes in sea level, and where it will protect areas of sea wall to prevent any future flooding.

Traffic & Parking

Following many representations from parishioners, the Parish Council met the Essex Highway Authority to discuss speeding and poor parking in residential streets. As a result, the new speed tables in The Drive and double yellow lines in some key areas have been completed. Although these measures might make the village feel more urban, they were felt necessary to overcome safety concerns of residents.

Planning applications

The Parish Council is consulted by Maldon District Council on planning applications and submits comments which Maldon District Council considers before making its decisions. These applications include those within the parish, such as extensions and the occasional new house, and also larger proposals such as the wind farms. The Parish Council also commented on the Government's consultation on the suitability of the former Bradwell airfield to house a new nuclear power station. Planning applications are easy to find on Maldon District Council's website, and everyone can have their say—www.maldon.gov.uk

Budget

In this year's budget we have included new provision for installing CCTV for the Lawling Park Hall, repairs to the skate park, and for running the Lawling Park Hall itself, although hire fees contribute a large proportion towards those costs.

Further information

For any further information please contact the Clerk Jenny Rackham (contact details overleaf), or visit our website where minutes of Parish Council meetings can be found: www.essexinfo.net/mayland-parish-council

Councillor Jenny Robinson
Chairman, Mayland Parish Council

Dates for your Diary
Venue to be advised at a later date

Parish Council Meetings	Lawling Park Committee
April 13th	April 20th
May 11th (AGM)	May 18th
June 8th	June 15th
July 13th	July 20th
August 10th	August 17th
September TBA	TBA
October 12th	October 19th
November 9th	November 16th
December 14th	No meeting
2011	
January 11th	January 18th
February 8th	February 15th
March 8th	March 15th

Mayland Parish Council Income and Expenditure Accounts for Year Ended 31st March 2010

Please note these accounts are DRAFT only

INCOME

Precept	67800.00
Interest on Investments	30.32
Lawling Park various fees	2534.64
Donations	4761.50
Administration	520.00
New Projects	27535.00
Lawling Park Hall income	2461.00

TOTAL INCOME **105642.46**

EXPENDITURE

Administration	7104.97
Wages, Tax & NI Exp	21731.37
S137 Payments	917.76
Lawling Park	20612.88
Electricity	2184.56
Legal & Professional Fees	5085.47
New Projects	37535.00
Lawling Park Hall	2797.05
Donations	2500.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE **100469.06**

GENERAL FUND

Balance at 31st March 2009	59684.82
Add Total Income	<u>105642.46</u>
	165327.28

Deduct

Total Expenditure	100469.06
	64858.22

Tfr from Earmarked funds **41578.25**
Tfr to Earmarked funds **(45160.00)**

Balance at 31st March 2010 **61276.47**

How to contact your Council

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Emergency Plan

The villages of Mayland and Maylandsea are in an area that is considered to be at risk from flooding. The Parish Council, working together with Maldon District Council, is in the process of developing a localised emergency plan which will link into the wider emergency strategy covering the whole district.

During my first year as a parish councillor, I have been tasked with the responsibility of working with you locally to develop and co ordinate a plan to meet the specific needs of our area.

I am looking for volunteers to work with me to begin this piece of work. Your local knowledge and your help will certainly make a difference in how the village responds to and copes with any serious emergencies should they happen.

Councillor Jane Evans

Website

All the Parish Council agendas and minutes are published on our website at www.essexinfo.net/mayland-parish-council

If you have an event that you would like us to publicise please contact the Parish Clerk, details above and on the website.