

**Clerks report -19<sup>th</sup> May 2015**  
**Messing cum Inworth Parish Council**  
**Report for Annual Parish Meeting**

**Things we have done**

**Inworth Solar Farm**

Village walkabout held 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

£600 cheque every five years for each household in Inworth – for a 25 year period.

**Messing War Memorial**

We issued poppy seeds to all residents to help commemorate the start of World War One in August 2014. Donations of over £700 paid for the cleaning of the war memorial in Messing.

**New Litter Bins**

At All Saints Church, Inworth, and Messing Village Hall playground, thanks to Colchester Borough Council.

**Best Kept Village**

In 2014 Messing was awarded by RCCE class V (under 300 residents), we have entered again in 2015.

**Inworth Gateways**

Courtesy of Essex County Council. Perrywood Nursery are sponsoring planters to enhance the gateways.

**Newsletter**

The first, of hopefully many, newsletters was delivered to all residents in the spring of 2015.

**Things we are doing**

**Flood Alleviation works, Messing Village Hall**

Funding has been obtained from Essex County Council flood management team, work to be undertaken when planning permission is received. Parish council, village hall committee and borough councillor Kevin Bentley have been working closely together, and more projects have been identified if funding can be obtained.

**Oil Syndicate**

Parish councillor Jon Longman continues to run the successful oil syndicate to obtain low prices for all residents.

**Messing Village School development project**

The parish council have supported a project to provide car parking for the school, install allotments, and to build two affordable homes for local residents to rent, all to be financed by the sale of an open market house.

**Heart of Messing – Community Defibrillator project.**

In November we launched this project, and in February we were lucky enough to be donated the defibrillator itself by the Ambulance Service. On 25<sup>th</sup> April Messing Spring Market successfully raised over £770, which together with donations of £600, means we can now order the secure cabinet and other necessary equipment. This will be installed at Messing village hall when planning permission is granted. Look out for further updates and the appearance of the box!

## **Future projects**

### **New playground equipment in Messing villahe hall playground.**

We have had to remove the swings due to safety issues, we are launching a new project to install new swings when funding is received, hopefully spring 2016.

### **Quality council**

We aim to become a quality council by March 2016, as part of this we are setting up a new parish council website, and we have financed our clerk in completing her Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) qualification.

### **The Red House, Messing**

We are currently negotiating with Essex County Council for a Community Asset Transfer of a piece of land that is currently part of the (now closed) Red House in Messing, we hope to able to setup a community orchard on this land.

## **Financials**

### **y/e 31/3/2014**

The Parish council are pleased to report we passed our External Audit in September 2014, when our accounts for the year were audited by PKF Littlejohn.

Actual v forecast expenditure and income and expenditure statements are available for the period.

### **Y/e 31/3/2015**

We have passed our internal audit. Accounts are now available for inspection u-pto and including Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, by prior appointment with the clerk.

Actual v forecast and income and expenditure statements for the period are available.

Overspend this year include clerks mileage- wrong rate was being charged. Budget adjusted for 2015/16. Training overspend of £644.00, but bursaries of £545 available to offset this when clerk is CiLCA qualified. Village Hall Notice board expenditure £680 - monies received during 2013/14, but not spent until 2014/15. We currently have high levels of reserves, but £1500 is set aside for new playground equipment, £1000 for legal fees relating to the allotments, and £7253 for the flood alleviation works.

Under the new transparency laws this information will be published on our new website from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015.

Dawn Marriott

Parish Clerk

And Responsible Financial Officer

Messing cum Inworth Parish Council