



Marks Tey Parish Council Newsletter

February 2018

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2018. As you will see the Parish Councillors and the Parish staff have again been very busy trying to help the community and make our and your views known on the future of our community, and to support volunteering and social activities.

On the Local Plan and proposed Garden Community we have continued to press what you have told us are important to you, to increase the cohesiveness of the communities, reduce traffic, and protect green spaces and views. Our approach is still that any change should improve Marks Tey Parish and our community and we talk to a wide range of authorities to get this message across. We have attended and spoken at the Local Plan Inspection in Public and argued against the specific West Tey proposals. A planned follow up public meeting in January was not supported by our invitees but we will keep trying. We have invited RF Wests (hoping to develop to the south of the A12) to attend our March Council meeting and Gateway120 (hoping to develop to the north of the A12) to our April meeting to update us on their proposals and how they think it will improve Marks Tey parish. These are public meetings – come along. We continue to contribute to the debates on the improvement of the A12 and A120.

On finances, sound control of expenditure by the Premises Committee means that we are projecting a smaller drain on reserves in the year to 31 March 2018 than anticipated. As a result, we have been able to restrict the increase in the precept you pay through your Council Tax for the year starting 1 April to 10%; an average based on a Band D property of £3.80 per annum. Our major costs remain the Parish Hall which whilst extensively used is partially subsidised by the precept and we are always looking at ways to increase hire income.

Allan Walker - Chairman, Marks Tey Parish Council

The Marks Tey Neighbourhood Watch Scheme



The Marks Tey Neighbourhood Watch scheme currently has almost 400 members. If you live in Marks Tey and would like to join then please do look up the group on Facebook. Just search for The Marks Tey Estate NWS. We are working together to keep Marks Tey safe, secure and limit crime as much as possible. The NWS encourages all members to look out for their neighbours, be vigilant and report all crime or suspicious activities to the police.

Jo - NWS Coordinator for Marks Tey. Tel no 01206 210512

Link for the NWS Group www.facebook.com/groups/857828674263023

Local Plan

The Consultation for the Garden Communities recently closed and during this there were many people confused about the difference between the local plan/ neighbourhood plan and numbers of houses etc. In the hopes of clarifying we have produced a very simplified version of the Plans that are being proposed. Two private Development companies will be making a presentation of how they would like to develop the area to the parish council You are invited to attend the following presentations by developers at Marks Tey Parish Council meetings - Marks Tey Parish Hall starting 6.30 for approx 30 mins

- **Monday 12th March** RF West
- **Monday 9th April** Gateway120

All details in the following table are presented in full on both Colchester BC and Braintree DC websites



Plan Name	What Details	Where Timing	When and what are planned to happen
<p>Local Plan</p> <p>Produced by Colchester Borough Council (CBC)</p> 	<p>Produced by CBC.</p> <p>In 2 sections</p> <p>Section 1 : where the plans for 3 Garden Communities including at Marks Tey are identified.</p> <p>Section 2 is the plan for the whole of the borough up to 2033</p>	<p>Section 1 At the Government Inspector assessment stage. Report due in late Summer/Autumn this year</p>	<p>Section 2 2017-2033</p> <p>(2500 New homes Joint Braintree District Council and Colchester Borough Council agreement)</p> <p>Inspection due April 2018. Finalised September 2018 following additional consultation</p>
<p>Development Plan</p> <p>Produced By CBC and Braintree DC</p> <p>A new Local Delivery Vehicle (LDV), already formed, manages the development to prevent "developer led" development</p>	<p>Development Plan showing CBC detail of Garden Community ideas as set out in the Local Plan.</p>	<p>The Local Development Plan (LDP) consultation closed 2 Feb 2018</p>	<p>Initially 2500 homes by 2033</p> <p>BDC and CBC border arrangement.</p> <p>Total Not agreed possibly 20000 - 26000 in the next 30 years</p>
<p>West Tey</p> <p>Iceni/ Gateway 120/ Cirrus Land / L & Q group</p> <p>Known as West Tey</p> <p>Developers / landowners proposals</p>	<p>A developer/ landowner proposal following Call for Sites</p> <p>In their first phase, the 2500+ proposed houses could be built with no improvement of A120. (apart from junction modifications)</p>	<p>Jan 2018 Submitted direct to Inspectors for the independent hearing to change the Local Plan.</p> <p>Marks Tey Parish Council sent in a response to the Inspectors arguing that Iceni's submission be dismissed</p>	<p>2500 homes by 2033</p> <p>Total 16000 – 20000 homes</p>
<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Produced by the residents of Marks Tey Parish with the Parish Council.</p> 	<p>Local homes built in line with Garden Community principles. Has to conform to CBC Local Plan and can't stop development.</p> <p>Aims to increase village cohesion; lower traffic; protect green spaces and views.</p>	<p>Draft planning stage combining Urban Planning Consultants with local community feedback via consultations and questionnaires</p>	<p>Infrastructure First</p> <p>Possibly up to 2500 homes as proposed by CBC</p> <p>Plan due to be submitted to CBC possibly autumn 2018.</p> <p>As agreed by local referendum.</p>

Parking in Marks Tey

Parking in the village can be an issue, some areas more than others, but it is an issue we are contacted on frequently and yet it is something as a Parish Council we have limited response to. Parking in Marks Tey Parish falls under the remit of the North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP). They are a cross borough run organisation which brings together all street-based parking services in North Essex. The Parish Council has been in contact with NEPP over several points and in an effort to better understand the concerns facing our parish they have agreed to review some questions from us and a representative will attend our council meeting on 9th April to respond. This is an opportunity to submit specific questions to NEPP and gain a response. Given that they cover such a wide area it is impossible for them to guarantee questions raised in the meeting will be answered in full. They have agreed that any questions that cannot be answered, or were not submitted in advance, will be taken away and responded to. We have already submitted a list to NEPP on various issues, parking in Station Road, congestion on London Road etc, but want to hear your specific questions so we can get a response for you.



How do I get my question to you? – you can speak to any councillor directly, e mail

parish.clerk@marksteyparish.org.uk or call (01206 213250) the clerk or contact us via our face book page

www.facebook.com/MarksTeyParishCouncil/ We will be happy to collate the questions for you and put them to

NEPP. As always our council meetings are open to the public so you can also attend in person, however if the question has not been pre-submitted there is no guarantee that they will be able to answer in full.

Following the meeting we will be putting all the questions and answers on our website and will follow it up in the next Newsletter.

The Local Council Award

The Parish Council has won a prestigious award by being highly rated for achieving good practice in governance (managing its affairs), working with and leading the local community, making improvements in its operations and looking for ways to develop even further. PC Chairman Allan Walker & Parish Clerk Steve Marriott will receive the award on the Council's behalf from the Mayor of Colchester, on 21st February at a council meeting .



The Essex Association of Local Councils advise that countrywide there are 159 Councils who hold the Foundation level award and that there are 276 Councils in Essex of which we are one of 30 to have attained the award. The award recognises the hard work of Councillors and the Parish Clerk, as well as of many parishioners, who have helped in enriching our community with such initiatives as community

picnics and activities for children and parents and our elderly parishioners. It also will make us work harder for the local community in the future, and we hope it will attract more parishioners to give us their support.

Useful Contacts

We are at times contacted at the Parish Council with requests for contact details or help reporting matters the the Borough or County Council are responsible for. Both Colchester Borough Council (CBC) and Essex County Council (ECC) have dedicated web pages to report matters online which may prove useful. ECC site (Service Centre) where you can report Lighting and Highways issues and so much more

<http://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads/tell-us/report-all-issues.aspx> or you can call **0345 743**

0430 for general enquiries. CBC has a new site [https://beta.colchester.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling-spa/?action=Report here](https://beta.colchester.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling-spa/?action=Report+here) you can report, missed rubbish collections, Dog Fouling, Blocked drains and more or for general enquiries you can call **01206 282222**.

Facebook

Our Facebook page has been running now for a few months (www.facebook.com/marksteyparishcouncil) it is designed for sharing information and ideas, on local news that impacts Marks Tey Parish, Parish activities, council meeting times etc. We hope over 2018 to refresh our Website and would appreciate any suggestions as to what you would find useful on our webpage and how we can make it work for Marks Tey Parish. Please check out our website and forward us any suggestions likewise like or follow us on Facebook, we hope you find it useful, as always if you have a matter that needs an official council response we would ask that you contact us via the Parish Clerk or one of the councillors directly.

Ley Fields

By now we hope that the 3 picnic benches and 2 benches will have been installed in Ley Fields on the Estate by the school. Hopefully this will make a difference to families this summer. We managed to obtain money from the S106 budget, and Borough Councilors provided some additional funding from the Community fund to make this possible. We will still continue the search for funding to get the play equipment upgraded. If there are any other areas or projects in the village you would like to bring to the Parish Council please get in touch.

Community Events

The Parish Council have been pleased to support the development of community events and volunteering in Marks Tey over the past year. The Parish Hall and grounds are a Parish asset, but in the past had been mainly used by people who were not residents. The Parish Council decided to give free use of the Hall for Parish events so that residents could use it, and councilors have volunteered to run the Community picnics and the Drop in group, which has now been renamed by the group as Over 50s Young at Heart, both of which have been welcomed and well used. Other events we are looking at is the possibility of running a Farmers Market , a Summer Fete and some social and fund raising events this year. Marks Tey residents have continued to give their time to the Community Litter Picks, and to delivering this newsletter to help communication. It is really great to see the community coming together. Let us know if you have any ideas or if you would be happy to volunteer.

Save the date

- Litter pick - Saturday 10th March 10 until 12
 - Community Picnic - Wednesday March 14th 12 until 3
 - Over 50's Young at Heart - Wednesday 21st March 2 until 4
- All at the Parish Hall



Parish Office Opening Times

Visitors are welcome to call at the Marks Tey Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays to view documents and ask questions. Please make an appointment so that we can have the necessary documents available.

With effect from 1st March you can collect green boxes, food caddies, clear plastic recycling bags or gardening sacks, (gardening sacks are now free of charge but you will need a voucher from CBC) on **Thursdays only** between 10am and 1 pm but **it is always advisable to call first on 01206 213250 to ensure that stock is available.**

Parish Councillors

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