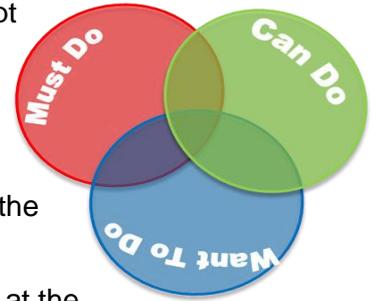


# Marks Tey Parish Council Newsletter

October 2017

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter. Up until now this hard copy newsletter has been one way we can get what is happening into everybody's home. It is volunteer delivered and aids people who don't use computers. However, we will soon be having to consider our budget for the coming year, and unlike previous years we no longer have reserves to offset the cost of the Parish Council and this will prompt serious debate about what the Parish Council should be doing and what we and you can afford. We are looking at ways to cheaply increase communications, to get messages out and we have started a Facebook page. Please let us know your views on this and about what you think the Parish Council should be doing/not doing for you and the Parish by e-mail, phone a Councillor, write to the Parish Office or have your say at a meeting.



What have we done since last time - we have publicised the activities happening at the Parish Hall, we have run a series of successful community picnics over the summer holidays and we will be doing this again and looking at other areas of the community that we could help. Our twice yearly litter picks have continued. We have also been interacting over the new Local Plan and the A120 Maintenance and an update follows

## A120 Maintenance

The A120 maintenance has been a pain and an inconvenience to us all, but now that it is almost finished the Parish looks better for it, and we have had more work done than anywhere else between here and Braintree. The Parish Council has helped individual residents that have incurred problems and have put pressure on Highways England and we have reported a series of outstanding defects on the works. We have also written to our MP, Priti Patel to suggest that questions should be asked about how the contract overran so much and of its ultimate cost.

## Our Approach to the Local Plan

On the Local Plan, we are aware of residents views that the Parish Council appears to be in favour of the expansion, we have also heard comments about the Councils approach being pragmatic. The Parish Councils has to look after the interests of its residents in all eventualities. Absolute opposition to the proposals is being adequately effected by a local campaign group. The Parish Council cannot legally, nor should it align itself to this. Just like anywhere in Colchester, some development cannot be avoided.

The Parish Council's approach therefore has been that we will work with the proposals as long as every phase of the works is a betterment to Marks Tey Parish and its residents. We have therefore been pressing those issues that you have said are important about Marks Tey and trying to get addressed those issues that you have said are bad like the A120 and the separation that the A120 and the A12 cause to our community.

**Allan Walker**, [chairman@marksteyparish.org.uk](mailto:chairman@marksteyparish.org.uk).

## Mobile Library Services

Essex County Council mobile libraries carry a wide range of books and other items, but if you can't find a particular title you can reserve a copy. All mobile libraries are wheelchair-accessible

**The mobile library visits St Andrews School from 13.20 -14.20 and Godmans Lane estate entrance (Leyfield) from 16.40 -17.15 on Thursdays fortnightly.** For more details or help please phone The Answers

People on 0845 603 7628.



**There is currently a consultation on Essex mobile libraries, to find out more and to have your say on the future of this service go to**

<http://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/mobile-library-service-consultation/>

## Local Plan

The new Local Plan will be inspected by Government Planning inspectors in the New Year. The Parish Council submitted a response to the August consultation to be considered as part of this examination - available on our website.

**Nov 2017 Local Plan Options Report to be considered by CBC's Local Plan Committee.**



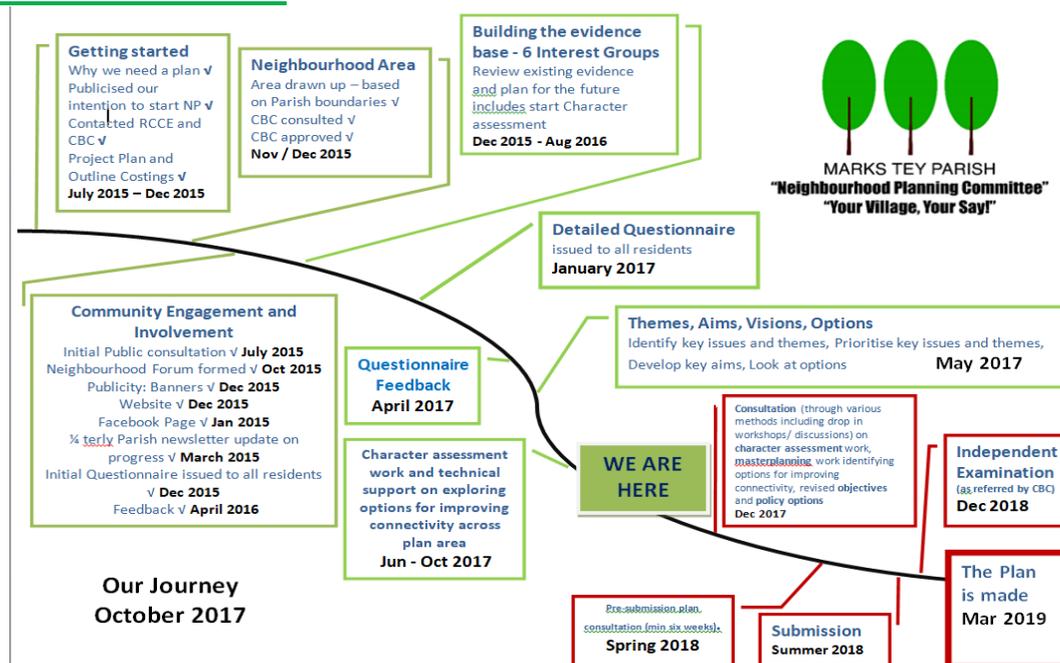
Colchester Borough Council (CBC) Ideas

- New centre of the Garden Community based around the existing A12 and railway line between Marks Tey and Kelvedon.
- The first phase of the Garden Community will be 2500 houses over the next 15 years shared between BDC and CBC.
- No major development can be undertaken without improvement of the A120 road infrastructure.
- Possible relief road from the existing A120 to a new junction on the existing A12 providing traffic relief for Marks Tey and access to construct new housing.

**The Parish Council has been arguing for this initial phase to leave the Parish residential areas much as they are for the next 15 years whilst easing traffic and creating a new park.**

- Highways England announced it's choice of the chosen route to widen the A12 will now be delayed until early in the New Year so that additional route selections can be considered but that this will not delay the start of construction.
- Essex County Council will present their chosen route or routes for the dualling of the A120 for decision by County Councillors at the end of November for a route to be recommended to Government.

## Neighbourhood Plan



The Parish Council has been continuing with its own consideration of the future Marks Tey through the Neighbourhood Plan with the help your questionnaire returns and of planning consultants and it is hoped that these ideas can be shared at a public meeting in December.

We meet every 2 weeks and now with the help of consultants Modicum Planning (Rachael Hogger - Neighbourhood Plan Specialist) and Out Design (Paul Dodd - Urban designer specialist). We are able to constructively use your ideas around possible development that could enhance the village over the next planning period. Not developer led development which we have all seen rapidly appear in neighbouring villages. Patricia Beech has been invaluable, spending many hours putting together the Character assessment, which will inform the NP, showing how Marks Tey looks at the moment and how it has developed over the last few centuries. A fascinating read on how existing developments were formed.

Watch out for the Consultation and referendum on your Marks Tey Neighbourhood Plan.

## Facebook

To meet the changing needs of the parish we have launched a Facebook page in an effort to improve and increase communications/awareness of the parish council and its activities. The page ([www.facebook.com/marksteyparishcouncil](http://www.facebook.com/marksteyparishcouncil)) is for sharing information and ideas, on local news that impacts Marks Tey Parish, Parish activities, council meeting times etc. please check out our page 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.

## Litter Pick

Our 4<sup>th</sup> community litter pick took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, it was a lovely sunny day and everyone who came really got in to the spirit of it and we collected over 40 bags of rubbish from various areas of Marks Tey. These have become a great tradition in the village and we have already booked our spring litter pick for the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018, between then and now we hope to look at other community improvements we could make by coming together.



## Volunteers Meeting

In May we held a successful Volunteers Forum to say thank you to all the people who voluntarily give their time to the Marks Tey community, and discussed what was already happening in Marks Tey, and where we thought there may be gaps. It was really interesting to meet people who volunteer, and hear about what's happening.

We said that we would meet again in about 6 months, so if you volunteer in Marks Tey, or would like to volunteer, or have good ideas about what the community needs, please come along to the **Small Hall at the Parish Hall on Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> from 9.30-12.30**



### **Over 65 and living in Marks Tey or Little Tey?**

#### **Join us at a Community Drop In**

*Come and have a tea or coffee, and meet friends old and new.*

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at the Parish Hall, Old London Road, Marks Tey, 2.00 – 4.00.**

*Let us know if you are coming, and whether you will need any help to get there.*

All very welcome!

**Volunteers of any age who would like to help also very welcome**

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One of the suggestions that came out of the last Volunteer Forum was to setting up a Community Drop In group once a month for people over 65 who live in Marks Tey or Little Tey, so the first meeting is going to be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2.00 - 4.00.

## Community Picnic

After the success of the summer community picnics we arranged to hold another over the autumn half term. We hope many of you came and joined us on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October in the recreational hall from 12- 3. This event is run by the parish council but wouldn't be possible without the volunteers or the

kind donations so thank you to everyone, it's been wonderful seeing everyone having fun and we hope to continue this event and others.

## Premises and Parish Improvement Projects

We are always looking at ways to improve and help the parish, after feedback we have started projects to place picnic benches in Ley field, and the feasibility of obtaining a public Defibrillator for Marks Tey, both these items take huge amounts of planning and funding applications which are long term projects. After seeing the success of the litter picks and community picnics we thought about forming some community working groups to tackle smaller improvement projects in and around the parish and its amenities. We have

already started looking at the benefit of upgrading the kitchen and hall equipment, refurbishment and decorating the Parish hall in order to make our premises more useable for Marks Tey groups and events, but we would love to hear from you to volunteer, to tell us ideas on this and any other areas/ projects in the village where you think we could make a difference by giving our/your time and efforts.

## Save the date

- **Community Drop In for the over 65s - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2.00 - 4.00 Parish Hall**
- **Volunteers Meeting - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 9.30 - 12.30 Parish Hall**
- **Litter pick - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 10.0 - 12.00 Parish Hall**



## Considerate Community

The Parish Council is often approached to resolve issues of access on local pathways and roads. The Parish Council has few powers to control this, but it can ask all of us to ensure that we are considerate to others. We have compiled a considerate community guide (full details are posted on our website and Facebook page as well as our village noticeboards). If there are persistent problems or you don't get responses from the authorities the Parish Council may be able to exert pressure but you will have to have taken action to resolve the matter first.

**Considerate Parking** - Please leave the access to premises clear. Also beware of leaving visibility problems around corners or at junctions. NEPP have parking wardens who can be contacted on 01206 282316 about obstructions or aggressive/persistent parking and they can issue tickets.

**Considerate Footpaths Use**- Parking and cycling on the footway is illegal. Parking damages the footway and can be difficult for prams and pushchair to get round. Police say that they would be unlikely to prosecute cycling on the footpath along the A120 (as it is so busy and dangerous on the road) but if you do cycle on the footpath please stop and give way to pedestrians – they have right of way.

## 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.

**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) Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am and 1 pm only please but it is always advisable to call first on 01206 213250 ensure that stock is available. This is under constant review in view of the additional costs to the parish involved.**

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