

WEST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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The Parish Council meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the village hall. Members of the public are very welcome to attend meetings and they may address the Council at the start of the meeting during the public session.



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I hope everyone is continuing to remain well now that the Covid19 restrictions have been fully lifted and can begin to return to a more 'normal' life.

Due to the Council recess in August, my report is much shorter than usual this quarter and I will concentrate on updating residents on the projects and issues currently ongoing in West Hanningfield.

As I reported in our July newsletter, the Parish Council is now working closely with various agencies - Essex Highways, Essex Police, Essex & Suffolk Water and Chelmsford City Council (along with South Hanningfield Parish Council, who have similar problems along Hawkswood Road) - to find a way to bring about a resolution to both the speeding and the problems with anti social behaviour in Middlemead, and that meaningful progress was at long last being made in this area. We have now had a number of meetings and discussions have centred around finding solutions to the long standing problems. There are various initiatives currently being looked at and I hope to be able to report in more detail very soon.



We are still awaiting decisions on the three solar farm applications. The delay has been due to Chelmsford City Council receiving further amendments to one of the applications - Land East And West Of A130, North And South Of Canon Barns Road (21/00394/FUL). The Parish Council was invited to make further comments on these amendments and these can be found on the City Council's website. The Parish Council still remains opposed to this planning application.



The Parish Council has very recently discussed bringing the CCTV/ ANPR project back to the table. However, it was decided that in light of the ongoing village hall rebuilding project, which the Parish Council fully supports, we would delay the decision to progress this project for at least one year.

Finally, the Parish Council has been asked by Essex Police and the Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) to promote their 'Essex Eyes' initiative. Lucy's report gives more detail about this and information can also be found on our Facebook page or at: <https://saferessexroads.org/extraeyes/extra-eyes-what-next/>

That's all for now

*Sending my very best regards to all.
Cllr. Karen Jones, Chairman*



Clerk's Report – Lucy White

If you read my article in the Annual Report, you will remember that I started working for the Parish Council in May. I have loved every minute working for the Council and I am very impressed by the hard work and dedication 'my' councillors put into their role. You may often hear that they are all volunteers, but I disagree. Councillors are elected members of the community who dedicate their time to serving the community without pay. So my message in this first paragraph is to thank Councillors for being so supportive. So now onto what has been going on...



Safer Essex Roads Partnership

We have been asked by Essex Police and the Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) to promote their 'Essex Eyes' initiative. This scheme encourages members of the public, in an effort to reduce collisions and casualties and make Essex Roads even safer, report instances of poor and dangerous driving to Essex Police.

Due to the increasing availability of mobile cameras means that more irresponsible, dangerous and illegal road behaviour is being recorded in video form. Through the 'Extra Eyes' initiative, the footage taken on these cameras can be sent to Essex Police for review by an investigator within their Road Policing Unit, and in relevant cases, Essex Police will take positive action against offenders, using the evidence that has been supplied. More SERP on page ten.

Equality & Diversity

Following our meeting on the 8th September 2021, the council reviewed their Equality & Diversity Policy and resolved to accept some changes. These changes have been put in place to enable councillors with 'protected characteristics' as defined in the Equality Act 2010, to attend meetings remotely. As a result of this, the great news for residents is that anyone who would like to attend meetings, can choose to do so from the comfort of their homes (or wherever they may be) via Zoom. This will make Parish Council meetings even more accessible to all, although we do love to see you in person too!

Planning

Up until now Chelmsford City Council have been notifying neighbours of new planning applications by sending out letters in the post. This method of notification has become out of date following significant advances in technology and relies heavily on the postal service. Many people receive letters that they are simply not interested in and some people, who may be interested in a development but live further away, would not receive letters.

So Chelmsford City Council has resolved to no longer send letters in the post to the people that live next to an application site. Instead, yellow site notices will be displayed close to application sites to inform local residents, and residents who want to be notified automatically will be encouraged to use the Council's Public Access system to sign up for email notifications about applications they may be interested in. This allows people to set their own criteria for applications they wish to be notified about using the saved search function.

Guidance on how to save searches and receive email notification is on the Chelmsford City Council website.

And Finally...

I would love to hear about your memories and experiences in West Hanningfield and publish them in the next newsletter. If you don't have email, I can come and pick up your hand written (or typed) pieces. Whether you're five or fifty or 100 years old, I'd love to hear from you.

That's all for now. I wish you all the best until the next newsletter when Christmas will be upon us!

Lucy White—Parish Clerk

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FINANCE

2021

Unity Trust Bank Reconciliation 1st April 2021—1st September 2021

Opening Balance:	£21,472
Less Debits:	£8,390
Plus Credits:	£14,601
Closing Balance:	£27,683

Expenditure

How have we spent £8,389.73?

Running Costs:	(Staff / Stationary / Expenses)	£3,481
Maintenance:	(General Village / Grass Cutting)	£2,124
Training:		£235
Insurance:		£1,011
Publications:		£529
Professional Services:	(Audit / IT Support)	£714
VAT:	(To be reclaimed)	£296

Income

Where did £14,601 come from?

50% Precept:		£13,313
Chelmsford City Council:	(Community Infrastructure Levy)	£1,288



We have all been affected by the news coming out of Afghanistan and Essex I am pleased to say are doing all they can to support families seeking refuge in this country. In Chelmsford we have ten families that are being looked after and the City Council is working very closely with ECC to help and support those families. This not only includes housing needs but also medical requirements, setting up education plans, advising on employment and generally engaging with the community.

Our Corporate Parenting team at Essex I am sure will also be involved. This team rarely hits the headlines but does a wonderful job looking after those children who have fallen on difficult times and need support and care. We currently look after 1096 children of all ages including a small number of babies and some 113 Asylum seekers.

Once again residents are going to be given the opportunity to sign up to the Essex Energy Switch scheme and the opportunity to save money on their gas and electricity bills. This was first launched in 2014 and since then some 21k residents across the county have joined and saved on their energy bills. You first of all have to register and then the energy companies will bid at an auction to see which provider can offer the lowest tariff. Following that you will receive an offer to switch.

Registering can be done online @ essex.gov.uk/energyswitch or by calling Big Community Switch registration line on 0800 048 8439.

If I can help on any issue please contact me.

Ian Grundy

Halloween Pumpkin Soup (Using Carving Leftovers)

INGREDIENTS

- 1 medium carving pumpkin
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 onions, roughly chopped
- 2 carrots, roughly chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, roughly chopped
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons garam masala
- 1 teaspoon chilli powder
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon dried sage
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup (200 ml) coconut milk
- 5 cups (1.2 litres) stock

METHOD

Cut a disc out of the top of your pumpkin, then scoop out the seeds and stringy/slimy stuff. Using a strong spoon, scrape out as much flesh as you can from the inside of the pumpkin and transfer this to a bowl. It takes a bit of work, but you're aiming to get the walls down to around 1 cm thick. For a pumpkin weighing between 2-3 kg, you should be able to get somewhere between 700 grams and 1.2 kilograms of flesh.

Next, heat the oil in a large saucepan and add the roughly chopped onion and carrot. Season with salt and pepper and soften on a low/medium heat for 6-8 minutes.

Stir in the chopped garlic and cook for another couple of minutes, followed by the ground cumin, garam masala, chilli powder, smoked paprika, and dried sage. Mix well and cook for a minute or so.

Next, add the coconut milk, stock, and pumpkin. Stir well to combine and bring to a gentle simmer. Once simmering, reduce the heat, cover with a lid, and cook for 15 minutes or until all the veg is tender.

Once the veg is soft, turn off the heat and blitz thoroughly using a hand blender. Adjust with seasoning to taste, then serve as it is or with crème fraîche or homemade cashew cream and thinly sliced spring onions.





Live your other life

**Volunteer as a Community
Special Constable in
West Hanningfield**

*my
Other
life*

Make a real difference in your town by volunteering as a Community Special Constable and play a part in keeping your neighbourhood safe. Find out more at the link below:
www.essex.police.uk/communityspecials



Special Constables are volunteer Police Officers. They have the same police powers, uniforms and equipment as regular Police Officers but sacrifice their free time on a voluntary basis, organising their busy personal lives, day jobs and other commitments around police duties. They do not get paid, but are reimbursed for expenses.

West Hanningfield Village Hall

News from the Village Hall

We are slowly getting back to normal at the Village Hall and we are now available for hire for all events and occasions . We have simplified the booking and payments systems and there will be a flat fee per hour - £15 Monday to Sunday with a special all day charge of just £100. Please think of hiring the hall if you have an event or special occasion to celebrate. Contact details are available on our website www.westhanningfield.com



Our Guided walk and Pant sale and the Fun Dog Show and Family Day - were amazing successes both by bringing our village community together and raising vital funds for the future of our Village Hall. We thank all those who attended to make these such special days and those that contributed with their donations and time.

We have restarted our Afternoon Tea get-togethers, and it was so lovely to see everyone chatting after such an isolating 18months. Our next Tea Clubs will be on 28th September, 26th October and 23rd November with a December Christmas date to be arranged.



Our next Village Hall event will be our Quiz on Saturday 23rd October. Tickets will be available at £6 a head. Please contact me, Lesley Masterson for further details and to reserve a table, maximum of 8 per table, at my contact info below.

We are also planning a Halloween ride through the village on Sunday 31st October so start getting your spooky costumes ready!



We will soon be putting together our Village Calendar for 2022 so please keep taking photos of our beautiful village - we will be asking for your submissions later in the autumn.

Thank you to all those of you who have in any way supported the hall over the last few months, it really is appreciated and if you would like to be more involved we would love to have you on board.



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Village Hall Working Group Autumn 2021

We have now set the dates of Saturday and Sunday 16th/17th October between 10.00 and 17.00 hours for the official Public Consultation in the Hall at which we will be able to give you the full picture on design and cost and our journey to get us to this point. Your dedicated Project Team will be on hand to talk through any questions you may have.

We met with the Parish Council and presented all the final details at their last meeting and hope some Councillors will join us at the event.

The Architects are now finalising their details to be shown at the Consultation and have confirmed they are pressing ahead with our request for a Pre Application Planning Meeting with Chelmsford City Planners.

Please come along during the above times to enjoy a leisurely walk through the display boards, meet the Team and chat over a complimentary cup of tea or coffee and a pastry.

As reported in the last issue, our solicitor is progressing the necessary enquiries on our lease with Essex & Suffolk Water to obtain the correct licences to carry out the new build and amend the Hall's Charitable status from simple charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which will be necessary for us to enter into contracts for its construction, if you support the need for one.

Please continue signing up to smile. Amazon to enable us to receive the 0.05% donation back on the price of any of your purchases. This costs you nothing except 10 minutes of your time and we will be so grateful for the support.

If you can also donate your skills, fund raising knowledge or just support us, please get in touch with Derek Paxman on 07802 535481.

We hope you will love the design and opportunities that the new Hall could provide and we also hope you will become as excited as we are about the ideas and possibilities!





You can help us reduce collisions and casualties and make roads across Essex roads even safer by reporting instances of poor and dangerous driving.

Most of the people who use the roads across Essex do so responsibly and with care and consideration for others.

However, some road users occasionally behave irresponsibly or inconsiderately, and a smaller number behave like this regularly. These are the people most likely to cause a collision and present the highest risk of harm to themselves and others.

We want your help to identify these people

Essex Police has a range of tools at its disposal, but the help you can provide through your 'Extra Eyes' on the road will be invaluable in helping us identify and deal with offenders.

The increasing availability of mass market 'on the go' cameras means more irresponsible, dangerous and illegal road behaviour is being recorded in video form than ever before. Through 'Extra Eyes', this footage can be sent to us for review by an investigator within Road Policing at Essex Police.

In appropriate cases we will have no hesitation in taking positive action against offenders, using the evidence that you supply, providing it meets the criteria.

Where appropriate, offenders will be offered a driver improvement course at their expense in order to educate them and ultimately improve their attitude towards driving. Where the criteria for one of these courses is not met, a fixed penalty notice or escalation to court proceedings may follow.

It is important that the points below are followed otherwise the matter cannot be progressed:

- You and any other witness must be willing to attend court to give evidence
- Footage must be unedited, clear and in focus
- Vehicles must be identifiable
- Submissions must be made within 48 hours of the event
- Footage must show instances of driving behaviour which amounts to careless driving or leaving a vehicle in a dangerous position
- Where the alleged driving amounts to an offence *and* there is no footage, an independent witness, not within your vehicle, is required.

Neither the Safer Essex Roads Partnership nor Essex Police will support or encourage anyone to proactively seek out examples of poor driving. It is essential to consider your own driving and conduct before making any submission. If you wish to provide information on a driving incident anonymously please contact **Crimestoppers** by calling **0800 555 111** or visiting www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

How to submit a video

The submission of your video is now via a new site hosted by Egress. There is no longer any requirement to go to the Essex Police Website to obtain a unique reference number, your video can be input directly on this site, simply complete the details required and submit.

Essex Police will review your submission in line with current prosecution policies and the decision on how the matter is dealt with is final. Although Essex Police Staff are not able to discuss the outcome from your submission you can view its progress on the SERP website.

If the evidence submitted has been posted on any social media sites or YouTube then unfortunately we will be unable to process your submission as it may undermine the possibility of a fair trial if the case goes to court

News from St Mary and St Edward's Church

Sadly for us after 10 years, Rev'd Stephen will be leaving us to go to a new parish in Bexhill –on-Sea at the end of November. His last service in West Hanningfield will be on Sunday 24th October at 9.30am followed by coffee at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to the service or just the coffee.

Much work has been going on in the bell tower where some of the ancient woodwork supporting the tower has rotted and is being replaced. Once this has been done, the wooden bell frame which has been designated as of national historic and archaeological importance needs to be repaired and strengthened and then our newly restored unique set of 4 Miles Graye III (1676) bells can be rehung and once again we will be able to hear them ring out to celebrate special occasions.

For more details on anything to do with our church contact Ann Usher, Churchwarden 01245 400532 or ann_usher@hotmail.com.

Photos Below Courtesy of John Taylor & Co—The Loughborough Bell Foundry



After structural assessment by John Taylor & Co (The Loughborough Bell Foundry) and Adrian Dempster (specialist structural engineer) it was determined that the bell frame, which is part of the wooden steeple could be strengthened to contain the forces generated by the bells being rung in full circle.

WEST HANNINGFIELD NEW VILLAGE HALL

PUBLIC CONSULTATION



OCTOBER 16th & 17th
10am - 5pm
All Welcome

West Hanningfield Village Hall