

WEST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER July 2022 *Issue 12*



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(Pictured; Cllr Karen Jones – West Hanningfield Parish Council Chairman and Cllr Sue Dobson, the Deputy Mayor of Chelmsford)



WEST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL



The Parish Council meet on the second Wednesday of each month; agendas are available on the website or notice board or by contacting the clerk three days prior to each meeting. Members of the public are very welcome to attend meetings and may address the Council at the start of the meeting during the public session.



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT—SPRING 2022

Chairman's Annual Report 2022

I would now like to present to you my annual report for 2022 - this report will be available in full in our June newsletter.

It has been largely business as usual for the Parish Council over the past two years. Due to the Covid19 situation, the Government issued Regulations in April 2020 that gave local authorities greater flexibility in the conduct of their meetings, including allowing members to attend remotely, and for the public and press to have access to those meetings. As a result, the Parish Council began holding meetings using the Zoom online platform. This arrangement worked very well - not only did it keep everyone safe and protect vulnerable councillors and others, it also meant that our residents, who had perhaps never been able to attend a face-to-face meeting before, were now able to do so. However, one year later, on 28 April 2021, a judgement in the High Court on holding remote meetings stated that all councils must, from 7 May 2021, return to face-to-face meetings and be open to attendance in person from the public.

However, as these face-to-face meetings still had to be held in line with the restrictions and the public health advice in place at that time, the Parish Council took the view that in order to comply with the Government's Covid restrictions and hold a safe meeting, it would meet outdoors in the Village Hall Car Park until restrictions had been fully lifted. And so our meetings in June and July and again in September 2021 were outdoors, but with the arrival of new Covid variants and the colder weather we went back to meeting on Zoom. However, as virtual meetings were no longer allowed, our resolutions would have been unlawful and could therefore be challenged. We got round this, and stayed safe and legal by holding short extraordinary meetings outdoors following our Zoom gatherings to resolve motions.

Thankfully, there is now a much greater sense of normality following the pandemic and the Parish Council has very recently gone back to full face to face meetings. Our hope is that we will be able to continue doing this into the future.

However, the facility for our residents to join our monthly meetings via Zoom is still possible, subject to the technology being available, even though the Parish Council has now gone back to face to face meetings. So if you do wish to come to a meeting of the Parish Council in this way, then please contact Lucy, our clerk, and she will be able to supply you with the details and the joining information you will need to enable you to do this.

We now keep residents fully up to date with what is going on in our Parish via our quarterly newsletter, which is delivered by hand to every household in the Parish, but I would like to take the opportunity tonight to restate some of the important pieces of work from the past year and also tell you about a couple of new initiatives.

Everyone here tonight will be all too aware that West Hanningfield has been afflicted over many years with problems of speeding and antisocial behaviour in Middlemead and the Parish Council has, and still continues to, work hard to find a way to achieve a resolution to these problems. In our efforts to do this we have engaged extensively with Essex Highways, Essex and Suffolk Water and the Police to assist us in finding a permanent solution to the problems. Unfortunately, over the years the problems in Middlemead appear to have worsened and despite our best efforts, we have, on the whole, seen little improvement.

The Parish Council had always been of the opinion that the best way to find a solution to the problems in Middlemead was to work collaboratively with the various agencies involved - so, Essex Police, Essex Highways, Chelmsford City Council, Essex & Suffolk Water - to try and find a way to bring about a resolution. However last year for the first time, these agencies came together with the Parish Council alongside our city councillor and our county councillor, around a virtual table and formed a partnership group to seriously discuss the issues in Middlemead, with a view to finding a solution. However, progress is still slow.

The Parish Council has recently been thinking about Parish security more generally, and what we might be able to do to improve it for everyone - from the Southend Road right through the village up to Bakers Lane and the

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mobile home parks - and we approached Stephen Appleby of S-Type Security to see if he would be able to help us with this. Some of you may be aware that S-Type Security had achieved some success in dealing with the speeding and antisocial behaviour along Hawkswood Road in South Hanningfield. Mr Appleby agreed to carry out a free trial in our parish, particularly in Middlemead where most of the most problems are, but also covering the other areas, and as I indicated earlier, he has kindly agreed to join us tonight to report to residents on the results of the free trial that did take place very recently.

At our Parish Council meeting in March last year, it was formally agreed to form a solar farm working party to deal with the trio of solar farm planning applications in our local area, with the sole aim of providing comments to Chelmsford City Council to support the strong opposition from the Parish Council to the proposed West and East Hanningfield Solar Farm developments. The Parish Council was extremely fortunate to have the assistance of Mr John Duntun in this matter. John is a resident of West Hanningfield and is a specialist in this field, and because of his valuable support and knowledge, he helped us understand the essential and practical details around solar farms. John was instrumental in putting together the reports opposing the three applications, which were submitted to Chelmsford City Council just a little over a year ago.

The outcomes were:

- the application that would have had the most impact on our village, so the Land East And West of the A130 and North And South of Canon Barns Road, was refused permission by Chelmsford City Council in December 2021.
- the application on Land East of A130 South of Canon Barns Road East Hanningfield, which was the smallest of the three applications, was granted permission on 31 January 2022.

The application covering West of Hill Farm, Pan Lane East Hanningfield is a revised application as Chelmsford City Council have recently received amended plans and a decision on this is now expected in early July.

As I am sure you are all aware, a brand new hall for our Village is being planned, and I am very pleased that Lee Davies, the Chairman of the Village Hall Trustees and Derek Paxman, Chairman of the Village Hall Working Group are both here tonight to give residents a progress report and an update on their work.

The Parish Council is committed to being prudent with public funds. We raise our funds through the precept, an additional annual charge that appears on your Council Tax bill, that comes through your letterboxes in March.

This precept enables money to be spent on matters that are important to, and benefit, our local community; for example we are able to consider grants to local organisations like the Brownies or the Village Hall, as well as to organisations such as the East of England Air Ambulance.

Until recently, the Parish Council regularly awarded a grant to our lovely church to help towards the maintenance of the grounds - specifically for cutting the grass! However, the Council was made aware that we are in fact prevented from giving money to places of worship – the suggestion being that Section 8(1)(i) of the Local Government Act of 1894 prohibits such financial support and that – unlike other aspects of that Act – there is currently no subsequent legislation that overrides the prohibition.

It would, of course, be possible for Parliament to clarify the point with a specific provision in new legislation, however, the Government's current view on the legal issues is that there is no need for any further legislation as they believe the 1894 Act restrictions do not override the provisions in later Acts of Parliament.

Others take a different view of the legal position; for instance, the Church of England argues that parish councils already have the necessary powers to make such payments under the powers in Section 137 (1) or (3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

However, there have been a few cases in which an auditor has told a parish council that, under the 1894 Act, it cannot give money to a local church despite the express wish of the council to do so.

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It seems that currently, we have a situation where giving a grant to the Church for grass cutting depends on which statutory provision you believe takes precedence. However, what we do know is that the 1894 Act is clear and still applies until it is formally altered.

And because there is no consensus on this issue, if we consider making a payment in these circumstances we would need to consider whether it is prudent to take a course of action that we cannot be certain is legally valid.

However, as this Parish Council is proactive rather than reactive we are not going to leave it at that and so we will be thinking about other ways we can support our church and will consider asking John Whittingdale, our local MP, if he would take up this issue with the appropriate Government Department.

The Parish Council's website is currently undergoing a complete rebuild to make it a modern, mobile-device friendly, full-width and responsive website, which is easy-to-use. We are also changing to a .gov website, as some auditors are now making it very clear that they want councils to use .gov sites and, as it's only a matter of time before it becomes compulsory, we want to be ahead of the game! Look out for this as it will be coming online soon!

Last year we bid farewell to our clerk Karen Kuderovitch. The Parish Council was extremely fortunate to secure the services of our new hard working clerk, Lucy White, who began working for us in May last year. Since then, Lucy has done a great job in getting up to speed with what goes on in West Hanningfield and has hit the ground running with all the things that need to be done to ensure we have a professional and well-run parish council, which as you can probably gather from my report, for the size of our Parish, we do have a fair amount of work and responsibility. It is at the annual meeting when her work can be acknowledged by us all - and so Lucy from me, my fellow councillors and I'm sure everyone here - thank you very much...

The Parish Council is marking Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee by the planting of an Indian Bean Tree in the recreation field on Saturday 4 June at 12 noon. The Parish Council is delighted that the tree will be planted by the Deputy Mayor of Chelmsford, our very own, Cllr Sue Dobson!

An Indian Bean Tree was chosen for its links to the Commonwealth and being a purple species is regal in colour. After the ceremony the Parish Council will be hosting a small celebration to mark the event and we are inviting all our residents along so we can all raise a glass to toast Her Majesty. Look out for your invitation to the event as this will be delivered to households in the next few days - we would love to see you all there!

The Parish Council is always open to new ideas to make our community a safer and more pleasant place to live and so if anyone has any suggestions that they think might help with this then please get in touch with Lucy or come along, either in person or virtually, to one of our monthly meetings.

We currently have a vacancy for a parish councillor, so if any of you here are interested, or know someone who might be interested, in making a contribution that will benefit our community, then please contact Lucy for further information.

Despite the turmoil we have experienced with Covid19 and the troubling times we find the world in currently, I am sure we are all proud to be part of this special place and, as a community, continue to support and help each other. A huge thank you goes to everyone who has helped their fellow residents over the past couple of years. I am sure that our strong community spirit will enable us to bounce back ever greater and more resilient. Finally, I would also like to extend my thanks to my fellow councillors for all their work over the last two years, for their support and in trusting me in the role of Chairman; it is an honour to represent this lovely village of ours...

Thank you
Karen Jones—Chairman

Clerk's Report – Lucy White

At last summer has arrived; well hopefully it will still be with us by the time you read this).



Jubilee Celebrations



Although windy, the sun came out for us just in time for the tree planting ceremony! It was a lovely occasion and the Parish Council were delighted Cllr Sue Dobson, Deputy Mayor of Chelmsford, was able to come along and unveil the very special boulder. You will no doubt have read on your invitation that it came all the way from Germany fifty years ago, a nod to Her Majesty's German roots.

Councillor Vacancies

For anyone who doesn't know, co-option is the process by which a member of the public can become a councillor. Following the recent resignation of Cllr Sims who will be greatly missed, two spaces are on the Council at the moment and if you can spare a small amount of time you will be invaluable to the community. The Council meet on the second Wednesday of each month (except in August) for no more than two hours. For further details, see page seven.



**"Your Parish
Council Needs
YOU"**



Roadside Hedges

This is a very important topic. I have asked Highways to cut back hedgerows that are growing over the footpaths / pavements, but they are not responsible for all of them. Could residents please ensure their hedges / gardens are not encroaching onto pavements; it is so dangerous for pedestrians. Church Road seems to be particularly bad, so if residents there can check their vegetation and cut it back if

it is causing an obstruction.

S-Type Security

I'm delighted to report that at the Council's June meeting, it was resolved to use the services of S-Type Security to combat some of the anti-social behaviour brought to the Parish. For more information, see page fifteen.

Annual Parish Meeting

It was a delight to hold an Annual Parish Meeting again since Covid restrictions have prevented us doing so for the last couple of years. All the presentations were very interesting and informative and there were representations from:

Cllr Ian Grundy	Essex County Council
Cllr Sue Dobson	Chelmsford City Council
Spencer Clarke	Middlemead Partnership Group
Steve Appleby	S-Type Security
Lee Davies & Derek Paxman	The Village Hall Working Party
Ann Usher	St Mary's & St Edward's Church
Simon Usher	The Friends of St Mary's & St Edward's Church
Ann Usher	The Brownies
Andrew & Des Gorrido	The Jehovah's Witnesses

For more details / minutes, please see page fourteen.

That's all for now! - Take Care.

Lucy White—Parish Clerk

Have you ever considered becoming a Parish Councillor?



Are you interested in local affairs?

Want to know more?

Here is the small print:

To be a co-opted as member of the Parish Council you must meet certain criteria as follows:

- You must be over 18 years of age
- You must be a British subject or citizen of the Irish Republic, a commonwealth country, a UK dependent territory, or another country in the European community.
- You must be either an elector for West Hanningfield, or have either owned property, lived or worked in the area or within 4.8kms of the boundary of West Hanningfield twelve months before being Co-Opted.
- You must not work for the Parish Council.
- You must not have been declared bankrupt within the last 5 years
- You must have not been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 3 months or more (including a suspended sentence) without the option of a fine, during the last 5 years.
- You must not hold a politically restricted post for another authority, and you must not have not been disqualified under any legislation relating to corrupt or illegal practices.

If you think this could be for you, please email the Clerk for more information:

clerk@whpc.org.uk



Jubilee Celebrations

It was lovely to see many residents at the Tree Planting Ceremony on the 4th June marking Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

As you may already know, the Parish Council chose to plant an Indian Bean Tree to mark the Jubilee; a purple species, so fitting the regal occasion.

The boulder bearing the name of Cllr Sue Dobson, Deputy Mayor of Chelmsford, who performed the ceremony, was brought to the UK by John Cousins all the way from Germany when he was a soldier serving in the British Army some 50 years ago. The Council felt this 'gave a nod' to Her Majesty's German heritage.

After the ceremony, those present enjoyed a nice glass of sparkly to keep the celebrations going!

Councillors are taking it in turns to water the tree until it is well established, but if any member of the public would like to amble over to the tree, perhaps while walking a dog or just out for exercise, feel free to take a bottle of water with you!



ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN

ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS FOR 2021-2022

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2021 £	31 March 2022 £	
1. Balances brought forward	15,994	21,472	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	26,828	26,825	Total amount of precept (or for (DBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	2,144	3,731	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	10,670	7,790	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employer's pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	129,254	11,471	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	21,472	32,568	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	21,472	32,568	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	77,825	77,825	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	Yes	No	N/A
			N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

WEST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL UNITY ACCOUNT BANK RECONCILIATION @ 31/03/22

Cash Book Balance	£	32,567.50
Statement Balance	£	32,567.50
Cash Book Debits		
Cash Book Credits	£	-
Statement Debits	£	-
Statement Credits	£	-
	£	32,567.50
Difference:	£	0.00

West Hanningfield Village Hall

News From the Village Hall

It been so great to see the Hall alive with so many booking for parties, groups and activities, both those that have been with us for many years like the Brownies and Badminton, and our newer hires in the Theatre Group and the Yoga. We still have a little availability so if you are looking for somewhere then look no further. It really encourages us that the work people are doing mainly behind the scenes to provide West Hanningfield with a New Hall for the purpose is all worth it.



It's been a busy few weeks for the Hall Social and Events group. Our first event was on May 21st when Brian Carline organised yet again an amazing Plant and Garden Sale. We can't thank him enough for his time and dedication to making it the success it was. There were some beautiful plants - both ornamental and edible - which had all been donated by some very generous people and many gardens will be benefiting from their beautify this year. On the day the kitchen was busy serving hot drinks, plus bacon and sausage rolls. We were delighted that our efforts and with the generosity of the residents we were able to raise in excess of £700 towards the hall funds.



The second event we put on was in association with the Church in celebration of the Platinum Jubilee. We decided to go down the "bring your own Picnic" route, so it would be a truly community event. We had some games and a craft table for the children to decorate Crowns and Flags and their was a lot of glitter used ! All with no charge. The only charges we made were minimal to cover costs for hot drinks and ice creams, squash for the children was also free.

Our next event will be the major event of the year - the Fun Dog Show on September 18th - please pop it in your diary.



We will be offering refreshments and ice creams on the last day of the school term for those who come along and finish the school year with friends in the play park. Please pass the word to parents in the school who don't live in the village.

We wish all the residents a great summer and look forward to seeing you all in the autumn.

As always if anyone wants to join our "happy band" or just help out for an hour or so please do contact us.

On behalf of the Trustees

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ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL—COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY

SUMMER 2022



Essex County Council

The County Council I am pleased to report is now returning to some sort of normality, public meetings are now face to face and even our own group meetings as well. It has been an incredibly challenging time, but we now move on and tackle the issues of the day and revisit many of our strategies following Covid. High on the list is methods of working and what to with the many properties we own including County Hall which is a huge complex.

The Covid pandemic has given us a few positives, one being our libraries which has signed on an extra 18k new members. I am also pleased to report the police are at full strength and at their highest establishment level ever. They continue to tackle the drug gangs, anti-social behaviour, and all the other issues we expect them to. I am now having quarterly meetings with the Chief Inspector at Chelmsford so if you have any particular issues, please let me know.

The Ride London event seems to have gone off well despite earlier fears. I know we were not directly involved around here but it is important to follow the thinking on this in case they change the route next year. No decision on the event will be made until later in the year but I will be surprised if it is not held.

We have recently launched the Essex Community Initiative Fund. Some £350k is available with grants up to £10k to help support projects that benefit the community. These projects may include new amenities, equipment, services etc. The deadline for applications is the 19 August and I would strongly recommend local groups and voluntary organisations apply if they have planned projects. You can apply online at : funding@ealc.gov.uk.

If I can help on any issue, please let me know.

Ian Grundy

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CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL—COUNCILLOR SUE DOBSON

SUMMER 2022



I hope everyone is enjoying the sunny weather!

Last month I was pleased to attend the Annual Parish Meeting and it was good to see some of you there. One of the speakers at the meeting was Spencer Clarke, who is the Public Protection Manager at Chelmsford City Council, and he detailed the work he has been doing on the perennial Middlemead issues. I, the parish council along with Spencer and other officers, continue to work with Essex & Suffolk Water, the Police and CCC. The current thinking is to install average speed cameras along Middlemead, along with CCTV at known congregating points which is linked to CCC's main control room. Spencer is still in discussions with the Police regarding the cameras and we expect to be meeting shortly. Funding will be an issue, as will a power supply along Middlemead for the cameras but at least the issue isn't being swept under the carpet as in previous years. There is progress even though it seems to have gone quiet! We are also looking at the feasibility of closing off the concrete apron in front of the fisherman's carpark to deter loitering along with CCTV in that area.

Solar farms update – the large one this side of the A130 was refused on 9th December 2021 and the applicant had until 9th June to put in an appeal; as far as I am aware none has been submitted. The smaller one on Essex & Suffolk Water's land was approved. The large one at East Hanningfield/Pan Lane has been under discussion with Planning, and the applicants have submitted new drawings showing changes where the panels are proposed – they are removed from the area around the properties in Pan

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Lane with further planting proposed. I understand that this application will be determined at the Planning Committee on 5th July 2022. My colleague, Cllr Richard Poulter, will be speaking as Ward Councillor at that meeting, supporting both East and West Hanningfield Parish Councils.

Many of you will already know that I was honoured to be elected as Deputy Mayor of Chelmsford for this year, the Mayor being Cllr John Galley, and despite only being 'in post' for a month we have been to several engagements and were kept especially busy over the Jubilee weekend. One of my highlights of this weekend was being invited to plant the parish's Jubilee tree – a purple Indian Bean tree – on Saturday 4th June which was a very enjoyable occasion. My thanks go to the Parish Council, especially Lucy, who organised this event - I shall look forward to checking on it as much as possible to see that it is growing well!

Another engagement was to visit the Church where I was very pleased to see the result of the refurbished bells and bell tower, and to hear them ring after so many years! Looking at the work that needed doing in the tower it's unsurprising that the project took so long. Well done to the project team.

Despite the fact that my Deputy Mayoral duties will keep me very busy this year, I am still able to work on your behalf, so if there are any issues anyone has for which Chelmsford City Council is responsible, do let me know. I can't promise to solve them myself, but I will certainly put you in touch with someone who can.

News from St Mary and St Edward's Church

This spring has been exceptionally busy at the church. In the last 3 months we have had two funerals (one with burial), two interments of ashes and very happily two baptisms and a wedding. These services are available to all residents of the village, not just regular church-goers.

The process for appointing a new priest for the church is making progress, albeit slowly. We will become part of a group of 5 churches to include West Hanningfield, Stock, South Hanningfield, Downham and Ramsden Bellhouse. In the meantime we continue to hold a service at 9.30am every Sunday, second Sunday in the month being a family service, which is going from strength to strength. Everyone is welcome to come along at any time.

Details of our services and events can be found on A Church Near You <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/6669/>

In May we were delighted to hold our open day to mark the end of our huge bell tower, bell frame and bells restoration project. The bells are now being rung more often on Sunday mornings and our new team of ringers practise on Friday evenings.

On 8th July we have the Village Barbecue at The 3 Compasses at 6.30pm. Any offers of help are very welcome, particularly for serving food for an hour. Contact Ann (see below) or Lynn Rowney 07754 407706.

Our next big project, which starts in September, is to re-render the exterior west wall where the old render is pulling away from the wall. The wonderful Friends of the Church are funding this project.

Coffee mornings run by our small group of volunteers continue throughout the summer when other events often take a break. The next ones are on 11th July and 1st August at 10.30am.

Thank you to all the wonderful people who help and support us in such a great variety of ways to keep the church open for the benefit of everyone.

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



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications have recently been considered by the Parish Council:

22/00253/FUL

The Ship Inn, Stock Road, West Hanningfield, Chelmsford, CM2 8LB.
Construction of a stretch tent within the rear grounds of the existing public house garden.
It was resolved that the Council had no comment to make on this application.

22/00362/FUL

The Ship Inn, Stock Road, West Hanningfield, Chelmsford, CM2 8LB
Retrospective application for the construction of a timber seated area cover and an attached pergola structure.
It was resolved that the Council had no comment to make on this application.

22/00363/LBC

The Ship Inn, Stock Road, West Hanningfield, Chelmsford, CM2 8LB
Retrospective application for the construction of a timber seated area cover and an attached pergola structure.
It was resolved that the Council had no comment to make on this application.

22/00471/FUL

3 Middle Mead Close, West Hanningfield, Chelmsford, CM2 8UR
Loft conversion with rear dormer. Part single storey, part two storey rear extension.
It was resolved that the Council had no comment to make on this application.

21/01623/FUL

Land at Slough House Farm, East of Great Prestons Lane, Stock, Ingatestone.
Retrospective application for change of use of land part of building for storage, processing and retail of imported timber and storage, processing and retail of timber harvested from the farm estate.
It was resolved NOT to Support this application.

22/00603/FUL

Village Hall, Church Road, West Hanningfield, Chelmsford, CM2 8UJ.
Construction of a replacement village hall building. Alterations to car park and external seating area, external landscaping, boundary treatment and associated alterations.
It was resolved to support this application.

20/01851/S73

Shell UK Ltd, Stock Road, West Hanningfield, Chelmsford, CM2 8LA.
Variation of condition 11 of approved planning permission 20/01851/FUL.
It was resolved to support this application.

22/00788/FUL

Brookdene, Blind Lane, West Hanningfield, Chelmsford.
Proposed car port with pitched roof.
It was resolved to support this application.

22/00837/FUL

Elms Farm, West Hanningfield Road, Chelmsford, CM2 8UE.
Construction of an agricultural storage building and extension of the existing field access.
It was resolved to support this application.

21/00555/FUL

Land West Of Hill Farm, Pan Lane, East Hanningfield, Chelmsford
Installation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) park.
It was resolved NOT to support this application.

22/00920/FUL

The Elms, Lower Stock Road, West Hanningfield, Chelmsford, CM2 8UY
Raising of existing roof to create first floor area with front and rear dormer windows.
It was resolved to support this application.

22/01048/FUL

Bungalow Stock Hill Farm Stock Road Ingatestone CM4 9QZ
Retrospective application for the construction of a single storey rear extension with 4 roof windows.
It was resolved that the Council had no comment to make on this application.

22/00961/FUL

Tinsley Farm, Blind Lane, West Hanningfield, Chelmsford, CM2 8UF
Retrospective application for the change of use of an agricultural building to use as a storage unit (Class B8).
It was resolved NOT to support this application

For further information regarding the above applications, please Chelmsford City Council's Planning website:
<https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-or-comment-on-planning-applications/>

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

As I said in my report on page six, it was a delight to hold the Annual Parish Meeting again after the enforced break due to the Covid-19 pandemic and associated restrictions.

After the Chairman, Cllr Jones, delivered her Chairman's report (see pages 3-5), the speakers were invited to present themselves and spoke on various topics as follows:

Cllr Ian Grundy (Essex County Council)

Cllr Grundy spoke on a variety of issues including anti-social behaviour, the inevitable potholes, the Ukraine situation, the Ride London Cycle event, Climate Change and the East Anglia Green Energy Project.

Cllr Sue Dobson (Chelmsford City Council)

Those assembled were delighted to learn that Cllr Dobson had been elected as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year and we certainly wish her all the best in her new role. She will of course continue to be an asset to Chelmsford City Council. Cllr Dobson also spoke on a variety of issues, including anti-social behaviour (especially in Middlemead), the Solar Farm planning applications, the Church bells & the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee.

Spencer Clarke (Chelmsford City Council / Hanningfield & Middlemead Partnership Group)

Spencer delivered a detailed resume on the work on the group speaking about crime prevention and in particular reducing the speeding issues along Middlemead. He spoke about the possibility of installing average speed cameras. CCTV and the Community Safety Partnership and the work he does liaising with the police. A member of the public raised the possibility of installing chicanes.

Steve Appleby (S-Type Security)

You will read more about S-Type Security on page fifteen, but Steve delivered a presentation describing his company's work. And even before the meeting began, one of Steve's colleagues moved on a known drug dealer from the Village Hall Car Park.

Lee Davies & Derek Paxman (The Village Hall Management Committee & Working Group)

Lee & Derek gave a presentation regarding the progress being made with the new build and answered a few questions pertaining to the Public Works Loan that may be sourced and the planning process pertaining to the new build, which at the time of going to press is being determined by Chelmsford City Council.

Ann Usher (St Mary's & St Edward's Church—Church warden)

Ann gave a very interesting presentation regarding the recent refurbishment of the Church's Bell Tower & Bells. Sadly, Ann will be moving out of the area and as such there is a vacancy for Church Warden. She also spoke about grants (for further details, see the Chairman's report on pages 3-5) and forthcoming events at the Church.

Simon Usher (Friends of West Hanningfield Church)

Simon advised the meeting that the Friends function is to raise money solely for the Church and was delighted to say that their magnificent efforts had raised £80k over the last nine years—an excellent achievement! Simon expressed his thanks to those who have supported the Friends over the years.

Ann Usher (The Brownies)

Ann explained that the local Brownie pack had been going now for 31 years and of those 31 years she has been leading the pack for 25 years! She advised that unfortunately, the Rainbows have/will fold, unless someone comes along to take over the role. This would of course be a terrible shame.

Andrew & Des Gorrido (Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses)

Andrew & Des Gorrido delivered an interesting presentation as regards how the project at Kingdom Way has developed over the years. Various questions were raised by members of the public and Andrew kindly offered residents to have a tour of the premises when they are in a position to do so where he and his colleagues could answer questions more fully. A flavour of the questions raised were as follows: Why have the deer been fenced out of the grounds? [The clerk can advise that the deer fence was erected under planning reference 20/02081/FUL to protect the planting required as a condition of planning application 14/01971/OUT]. What are you able to do for the community? Do you have any security? They will in due course be distributing their own newsletter to answer these questions. Finally, Andrew was able to confirm that they will be making a generous donation when the new village hall is built; a most welcome gesture!

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR!

IMPORTANT—PLEASE READ!



Those of you who were able to attend the Annual Parish Meeting, will have heard directly from Steve Appleby, the instances of S-Type's successes in combatting anti-social behaviour in various local parishes. When those present were asked would they like this service in West Hanningfield, there was a resounding YES!

S-Type Security and Solutions work with various Parish Councils across Essex and, using their most effective service, mobile patrols, have dramatically reduced the crime rate and anti-social issues in many areas.

S-Type has been featured on the BBC for the work they have been doing with councils, so you can guarantee that they have the knowledge and experience to ensure that West Hanningfield will be a safer place to live as they can move on and report the anti-social behaviours that blight the life of many residents' S-Type has been featured on the BBC for the work they have been doing with the councils, so you can guarantee that they have the knowledge and experience to ensure that West Hanningfield will be a safer place to live and can move on and report the anti-social behaviours that blight the life of many residents.

They will be doing a number of patrols through the parish at random times throughout each week and at times the Parish Council specifically request. Another huge bonus of their service is that YOU can call them yourselves directly if you see any suspicious behaviour or feel at risk. If they are in or near the area, they will attend. Of course the Parish Council are not suggesting you don't call the police, but occasionally, S-Type can be on scene faster.

Of course, they don't have the powers the police do, but they file their reports with the police who of course have a duty to act. They also have the power, like us all, to perform a Citizen's Arrest.

The law surrounding a Citizen's Arrest in the UK is set out in Section 24A of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) 1984. It states that a person can legally arrest anyone: 'Who is in the act of committing an indictable offence; or whom the person has reasonable grounds to suspect is committing an indictable offence'.

So, if you see anything suspicious, the number to call them on is:

01245 931598



Friday 8th July from 6.30pm

Village BBQ

and Morris men

At The 3 Compasses

Tickets from:
The 3 Compasses
Ann & Simon 01245 400532

Adult £10
Child £5
Family (up to 2 adults,
3 children) £25

Buy tickets early to avoid disappointment

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