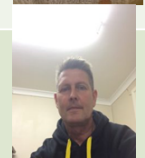
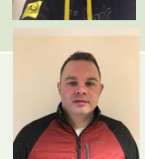


The Parish Council meet the second Wednesday of the Month (via Zoom at present) . You are very welcome to come join as we have a public session at the beginning of the meeting, where residents can address the Council. Cllr. Jones Cllr. Tatum & Cllr. Brand are our Planning Representatives.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020



It has been a very strange and difficult time for all of us due to the Coronavirus pandemic and I write this as the restrictions on our movements have begun to ease. I hope everyone has remained well during this time and will continue to be so as we very slowly begin to resume a more normal life.

I want to begin by saying a very big thank you to those residents who volunteered to help the vulnerable, isolated and those 'at risk' in our community. This band of volunteers have been carrying out essential tasks such as shopping for food, collecting prescriptions and running urgent errands. They have kept things going during these tough and unprecedented times. We supplied our volunteers with face masks, gloves and they adhered to the social distancing rule of two metres (where possible). Our thanks also goes to the EALC for a grant of £500 to help with the COVID-19 PPE equipment we supplied to volunteers, and other associated costs.

Whilst on the subject of thanking people, I would like to, on behalf of my fellow councillors, place on record our thanks to our Clerk – Karen Kuderovitch - Karen works diligently for, and on behalf of, all residents and provides guidance and up to date information for Councillors. She has over the years gained a considerable amount of funding via various grants for the benefit of the residents of West Hanningfield. Very recently Karen worked closely with the EALC on the Health and Wellbeing plan for Essex and was author of the COVID-19 Community Response Plan, which is available to view on our website.

For the Parish Council more generally it is now business as usual as we held our first virtual meeting via Zoom on 13th May. I am pleased to report that this meeting went well and so we are doing it all again! Our next virtual meeting is scheduled to take place on 10th June. Residents are still able to attend our virtual meetings and if you wish to do this, then please contact our clerk, who will be able to supply you with the details and the joining information you need.

I thought that I should dedicate the rest of my report this time to something that I'm sure will be on the mind of many of you - the perpetual problem with speeding and antisocial behaviour in Middlemead and, alongside this, the more recent problem of antisocial behaviour in our Village Hall car park and recreation field. As we are all too aware the problems in Middlemead have become much worse of late and have recently resulted in some residents taking action to try and stop the behaviour. There was a degree of success as a result of the action, and the Police have increased patrols along Middlemead, moving on those individuals who are congregating there, but the fact remains that we do still need a more permanent solution to these issues.

The Parish Council has worked hard over many years to try and alleviate the problems in Middlemead and we have engaged extensively with the relevant organisations - Essex and Suffolk Water, Essex Highways and the Police - to help us try and resolve the problems. However, these problems still remain. The recent escalation of the activities in Middlemead has refocused minds and we would very much welcome the opportunity to work with residents to reinvigorate our efforts to resolve these longstanding issues. If you think you are able to help and are interested in forming a working group to take this forward, then please contact our Clerk.

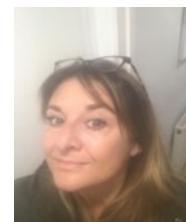
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We are always looking at measures to make the Parish safer for our residents and to reduce crime more generally. You may recall that at our annual parish meeting last year we mooted the possibility of having a CCTV system in the Parish. Since then we have been working to try and make this a reality and hope to be able to make a decision on this in the near future. We are also giving consideration to mobile security patrols around the Parish in an effort to reduce antisocial behaviour and deter any unwanted visitors and also make our residents feel safer. The thinking is in very early stages, but we will update you as we have more information.

We are still looking for someone to volunteer to train as a Community Special Constable – please give this some thought as a presence like this in our Parish may well be a deterrent to some of the unpleasant activity that we have been experiencing lately. It is important to reiterate that if there is any incident that causes you concern then please telephone the Police on 101. It is widely acknowledged that replies on that number are not always forthcoming and so, if that is the case, then please go online and report it at pfcc@essex.pnn.police.uk. Alternatively, please report the incident to our clerk or to a Parish Councillor and they will ensure this is passed onto our named police contact. It is really important that we all do this to give the Police an accurate picture of our issues and the extent of these issues.

We are always open to new ideas to make our community a safer and a more pleasant place to live and so if anyone has any suggestions that they think might help then please get in touch with our clerk or come along to one of our virtual meetings.

Sending best wishes to you all



CLERK'S REPORT—KAREN KUDEROVITCH

I hope this report finds our residents well in the current very difficult circumstances. Our thanks go to all those people who are assisting our more vulnerable residents, a true community spirit is present.

Appointment of Chairman/Vice Chairman

My congratulations to Cllr. Karen Jones on being reappointed as Chair and Cllr. Steve Tatum as Vice-Chair and to all the other Councillors who all give their time freely for the benefit of West Hanningfield. We still have a vacancy if anyone is interested in joining us. We have a great team and we do have fun as well!

Footpath at Pandan

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 works are on hold., but we hope to see the works completed soon.

Lease on Parish Council Land—Play Areas

We are making progress with Essex & Suffolk Water to renew the lease.

Dangerous pot holes—Church Road

Cllr. Ian Grundy took this issue up for us and we are pleased to report the works have been completed. We are aware of other issues in the village and are also trying to get these looked at.

Anti-social behaviour Middlemead

We are very aware of the recent issues and urge residents to continue to report all incidents. When the Parish Council next meet we will discuss at length what actions we are able to take. The Parish Council have been offered to meet with the Cabinet Member at Essex County Council (see further report) to discuss this and as soon as we are able we will be arranging this.

Pathways/Kerbs at Middlemead

We have asked Cllr. Ian Grundy for an update on this.

Annual Parish Meeting—2020

Due to Covid-19 no meeting will take place this year, but we hope to have a bigger & better one in 2021.

VE Memorial Bench –Middlemead

We hope that residents have noticed the new installation which we think you will agree, looks wonderful.

CCTV

We have been exploring installing CCTV at various locations around the village for some time now and despite facing many hurdles, we hope to be able to make a decision very soon. Chelmsford City Council have offered to link into our system, so that in the case of an incident footage can be reviewed.

Community Special Constable

If you are interested in applying for his role please contact the Clerk for further details. Should a neighbouring Parish Council be successful we may be able to share the time and finally see a police presence returned to West Hanningfield.

Thanks

Our thanks to Cllr Sue Dobson (CCC) for attending our meetings and offering assistance on any local issues

Community Herb Garden

Please let us know if you think this would be a good project for the village. Here is an example of what it would look like:



FINANCE REPORT 19/20

West Hanningfield Parish Council continue to scrutinise expenditure in detail , review our running costs regularly and balance this against providing improvements for the Parishioners to enjoy.

In the financial year 19/20 we received £3,583.62 from Community Infrastructure Levy from Chelmsford City Council which assisted us to make the many local improvements which included play equipment, flower tubs, village gateway flowers & refurbishment of notice board, . We supported the local church with a grant of £200. We had not budgeted for the necessary works to the West Hanningfield Village Sign which came to a hefty £1,950, which was the main contributing fact to the £776.54 overspend.

The Internal Audit has been sent for review & then we will submit the External Audit for further review before the end of July.

In the Financial Year 20/21 we hope to be able to spend our project funds on CCTV/Security & Traffic Calming Measures. A full finance report is on the web site.

RUNNING COSTS SUMMARY	BUDGET	ACTUAL SPEND	BALANCE
	16,750.00	19,527.38	-2,777.38
COMMUNITY PROJECTS SUMMARY	6,550.00	4,549.16	2,000.84
TOTAL		24,076.54	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FROM PRECEPT & EARMARKED RESERVES 19-20	-776.54		

WEST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL BANK RECONCILIATION 1.4.19 - 31.3.20

UNITY TRUST BANK ACCOUNT NO 20367435

OPENING BALANCE AS AT 1.4.19	11,571.60
LESS DEBITS	24,798.31
ADD CREDITS	29,220.50
LESS ANY UNPRESENTED CHEQUES	0.00
	29,220.50
BALANCE AS AT 31.3.20	15,993.79

WEST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL 31.3.20 – EARMARKED RESERVES/PROJECTS

£6,651 PARISH
COUNCIL RESERVES
(3/6 MONTHS
RUNNING COSTS)



£0 COMMUNITY GRANT
FUND

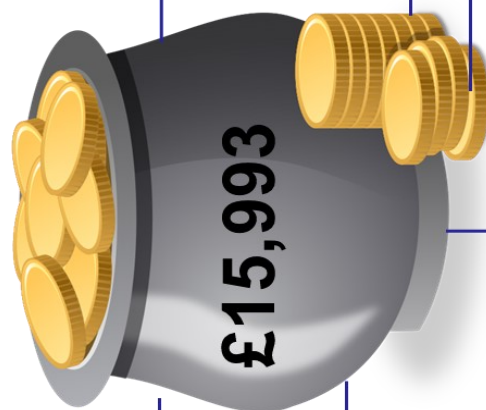
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CALMING



£146 COMMUNITY
IMPROVEMENTS



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£343 DEFIBRILLATOR
MAINTENANCE/PARTS



£1,000 ESSEX POLICE
COMMUNITY SPECIAL
CONSTABLES



£1000 CCTV/ANPR



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ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR/SPEEDING -MIDDLEMEAD

BELOW IS AN E-MAIL RECEIVED FROM ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL. THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL REQUEST THE MEETING OFFERED WITH THE CABINET MEMBER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE ALSO REQUEST INFORMATION FROM ESSEX POLICE ABOUT POSSIBLY FUNDING ADDITIONAL PATROLS.

I have the findings from the LHP scheme validation to consider traffic management improvements on Middlemead, West Hanningfield.

Under the Essex Functional Route Hierarchy the Essex Highway Network is divided into both County and Local Routes. The County Routes provide the main traffic distribution function within an area and must give priority to motorised road users.

The Traffic Management Strategy further splits County Routes into Priority 1 and Priority 2 routes. On both Priority 1 and Priority 2 routes (PR1 and PR2) it is important to maintain free flowing traffic movement along them due to the function they perform within the network. Middlemead has a classification of Priority 2 Route. Within the Essex Speed Management Strategy consideration can be given to horizontal traffic calming but it cannot be given to vertical traffic calming on PR1 and PR2 Routes. Physical traffic calming measures can lead to displacement of traffic onto other routes and then contribute to speeding/congestion problems along the alternative routes being used.

The following are typical physical traffic calming measures -

Build-outs - can be considered on PR1 and PR2 routes. Build outs can reduce the traffic speed by narrowing the road to a single lane width forcing traffic to give way and lead to priority working. The success of any build-out is based upon opposing traffic to keep speeds low, which would not necessarily occur overnight when the higher speeds have been recorded along Middlemead.

Central refuges – these may be permitted on PR1 and PR2 routes but they would really be most effective in separating traffic streams and preventing overtaking, which would not be the issue with Middlemead.

Speed Humps and Cushions - can be effective in reducing speed but are only permitted on Local Roads and not PR1/PR2 Routes due to the function that the routes perform within the Functional Route Hierarchy.

There would appear to be a speeding problem but only overnight on Middlemead. Principally the prevention of this anti-social behaviour would be down to Essex Police and not necessarily Highways in the first instance.

As a suggestion, it may be possible (in the future) to bring representatives from West Hanningfield Parish Council to a Members Highway Surgery so that they could discuss their concerns directly with the Cabinet Member.



WE STILL HAVE A VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR AND IT WOULD BE GREAT TO
FILL IT!

WHY NOT COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR MEETINGS AND OBSERVE WHAT
WE DO AND MEET THE TEAM.

THERE ARE NO SET AMOUNT OF HOURS YOU HAVE TO DEDCIATE TO THE
ROLE, SO IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN LOCAL
GOVERNMENT AND FEEL YOU CAN MAKE A
CONTRIBUTION PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK FOR FURTHER
DETAILS. THANK YOU



**www.roadworks.org—where you can check on line for planned
roadworks**

CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL
www.chelmsford.gov.uk/environment

- Book a pest control visit
- Dogs
- Pay a fine (FPN)
- Noise and nuisance
- Report a street problem
- Food hygiene and safety
- Contaminated land
- Water and drainage
- Air quality

WEST HANNINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Much has happened since we last published anything by way of an update..

Aside from closing the Hall to comply with Covid-19 controls, we have been active in closing the car park and regularly contacting the Parish Council and Police about the anti-social behaviour taking place in our car park, much of it has been centred on the recreation field which is out of our jurisdiction.

Closure of the Hall has obviously depleted our income but we have managed to obtain a government grant to assist us and also prior to the lockdown had been successful in obtaining a grant from the Community Initiative Fund to repair our roof.

Having received the grant, we were able to remove the solar panels and engaged a roofer to renew three roofs providing a watertight building again for our Users. We will be re-installing the panels shortly to reinstate the income we receive from their power generation.

We have also been progressing the appointment of an architectural practice to enable us to carry out the Feasibility Study we spoke to you about many months ago. This will generate the detail necessary for another consultation with all our Residents on outlining the design, internal layout and a more accurate price for the new Hall if it is to be built to enable full discussion to take place about how it may be possible to fund it.

We have the funds to pay for the Study and are working to include the Parish Council in this process and to bring their Public Consultation to fruition. You will hear more of this in the coming weeks.

We continue to observe Government guidance on Covid-19, so the Hall remains closed to all but identified groups such as Nurseries and the like subject to them being authorised under the guidelines.

We look forward to seeing you at a Public Consultation in the near future.

West Hanningfield Village Hall Committee and Working Group

The last few months have been frightening and challenging for us all and at Essex County Council the priority throughout has been supporting vulnerable residents and Social Care. Staff have been redeployed, our financial reserves put to use, working from home has become the norm and we have all had to learn new technology. The local communities all over the county have been great and you all deserve a big thank you. We have had four thousand volunteers helping delivering food parcels, collecting prescriptions, shopping and countless other tasks.

Now begins the recovery and that will be hard. I hope highway issues are not too bad, we are about a month behind in our programmes but thanks to the good weather we are beginning to catch up. Despite the virus we have kept going as a Council, meetings are ongoing using Zoom and although not the same we are learning fast.

To me one of the most exciting event recently has been the inaugural meeting of the Climate Change Commission. This was announced last year with the objective of advising the council of schemes that will help reduce carbon emissions in our county. The independent committee is headed up by Lord Randall and consists of many specialist advisors covering a whole range of interests including the car industry, marine life, transport, planning, flood defences, botany, waste and others. We all want to see measures to reduce carbon emissions that are practical and sensible. Their first report is due at the end of the year and it will be interesting to see what they identify. I personally have a close interest in their deliberations as an official observer.

Stay safe,

Ian Grundy Email: cllr.ian.grundy@essex.gov.uk



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