WEST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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WEST HANNINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL AGM & MEMORY LANE EVENT

MONDAY 23RD APRIL 2020

DOORS OPEN 5.30PM

ALL WELCOME

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

WEST HANNINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 22ND MAY 2020

DOORS OPEN 7PM MEETING COMMENCES AT 8PM GUEST SPEAKERS:

THE RT. HON. JOHN WHITTINGDALE, MP

CLLR. IAN GRUNDY, ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

CLLR. RICHARD POULTER & CLLR. SUE DOBSON , CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL, JW'S ORGANISATION

STANDS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR TEA, COFFE, AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHAT TO COUNCILLORS/CLERK

Love where you Live

SPRING LITTER PICK

SUNDAY 3RD MAY 2020

10AM – MIDDAY

MEET AT WEST HANNINGFIELD VILAGE HALL

The Parish Council meet the second Wednesday of the Month at the West Hanningfield Village Hall. You are very welcome to come along as we have a public session at the beginning of the meeting, where residents can address the Council. Cllr. Jones & Cllr. Tatum are our Planning Representatives.

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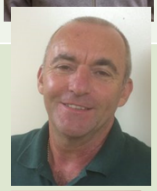
Councillor	Cllr. J. Sims		01245 401437 email: Jim.sims@whpc.org.uk
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COUNCILLOR PROFILE—KAREN JONES, CHAIRMAN

I have lived in West Hanningfield for nearly 22 years.
I became a Parish Councillor in July 2015 and its Chairman in November 2017.

As a civil servant for all of my career, I have always had a deep sense of public service and I saw joining the Parish Council as an opportunity to make a difference in this lovely community.

I feel very fortunate to live in West Hanningfield; it is a great place to be and is such a beautiful village. There is a great sense of community in West Hanningfield and I hope that by being a Parish Councillor I can help maintain and preserve the uniqueness of our wonderful village.

I feel very strongly about the proper use of public money and that the Parish Council should be transparent, vigorous and pro-active. I see councillors as being representative of all parishioners, acting responsibly and being responsible. Although we have limited powers in comparison to the City Council, the Parish Council can still fulfil vital local functions and we should be active in seeking to use those.

We will be repeating this Councillor profile in further editions of the Newsletter.

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

CLERK'S REPORT—KAREN KUDEROVITCH

Footpath at Pandan

We have been let down repeatedly by Hastoe, but after a complaint was made we have been again promised that the much needed works will be completed very soon.

Lease on Parish Council Land

We are near to having a first draft of the new proposed lease and we hope to progress this with our legal advisers.

West Hanningfield Village Hall

We are arranging a meeting for the end of March with the WH Working Group and JW's to discuss how they can offer assistance in regard to the proposed rebuild of the West Hanningfield Village Hall.

Anti-social behaviour Middlemead

We received an update from Essex & Suffolk Water that any assistance has been delayed and they will update us in time for the April 2020 Meeting.

Please remember to call in any incidents, the details of how to do this are listed further on.

Pathways/Kerbs

We have asked Cllr. Ian Grundy to assist us in attempting to get the kerbstones at Middlemead repaired, and the pathway between Middlemead/Middlemead Close as well. Cllr. Grundy has requested they be inspected again.

Local Highways Panel/Highways Issues

We are awaiting feedback from Essex County Council about the various possibilities to attempt to reduce speeding in Middlemead. We also have requested a speed survey in Lower Stock Road & Ship Road. The dangerous bend in Church Road and the pothole issue is also something Cllr. Grundy is looking into for us.

Annual Parish Meeting—Friday 22nd May 2020

We have secured Rt. Hon. John Whittingdale, MP, Cllr. Ian Grundy (ECC) & Cllrs. Richard Poulter & Sue Dobson (CCC) as our guest speakers again this year.

We hope to see a big show of residents as this is your opportunity to share your views and find out what is happening in your village. If you cannot attend but have a questions please send it to me.

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. Please let us know if you welcome this project.

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.

Health & Well Being

There is a huge push for Parish Councils to be more involved in looking after our residents. Our Clerk is attending a conference in April and will report back so that the Council can consider how we can get involved.

WE ASK RESIDENTS TO HELP US BUILD OUR CASE, SO IF ANYONE EXPERIENCES ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR OR SPEEDING PLEASE REPORT IT STRAIGHT AWAY TO

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OR IF YOU CANNOT GET THROUGH WHICH IS OFTEN THE CASE REPORT IT ON LINE AT:

www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online/

Neighbour Notification for Planning Applications—from Chelmsford City Council

Background

At present the Council sends notification letters to neighbouring and nearby properties to a planning application site when an application is received. Approximately 12,400 letters are sent every year. The Council also display at least one site notice for each planning application.

The sending of individual neighbour notification letters for planning applications through the post is now, following the advent of IT systems and email, somewhat old-fashioned. Letter sending is inefficient and often does not capture the right audience or those interested in the planning application. The ongoing digital transformation has therefore prompted a review of our current procedures to look at where a better, more bespoke self-service can be utilised.

Issues

The Planning and Development Management service receive many complaints every year in relation to neighbour notification letters. Common complaints are that notification letters were not received and that some residents were not sent notification letters despite their neighbour receiving one. Consistency is an issue because it is often difficult for officers to know where to draw the line for which residents will be sent a letter.

Residents do not always read the letter; instead thinking it is 'junk' mail, or not appreciating what the letter is about. This is despite the letter arriving in an envelope that says "Notification of Planning Application" and referencing Chelmsford City Council.

Neighbour letters can only be addressed to 'The Occupier'. This may contribute to dismissal of the letter by local residents. Furthermore, the occupier may not be interested in the application but the owner of the property (i.e. where the property is rented) may not be made aware of the application.

There is confusion about the fact that the Council send neighbour letters and put up a site notice. Some residents feel they should be sent a letter even though they are aware of the development from the site notice.

The postage budget for Development Management sits at £9,700 per year. Postage of neighbour notification letters is a significant expenditure. There are further costs for stationery of around £300 per year for paper and envelopes.

Analysis

The practice of sending individual letters was introduced long before IT systems were developed. The ongoing digital transformation now allows for more online transactions and self-service through the Council's website. This is seen in other services such as Council Tax and Parking. The Planning service can therefore utilise this advancement in technology to offer a better notification service to customers, which is more bespoke to the applications they are interested in. Further, there is an added benefit that the use of IT and self service is a cheaper alternative to sending individual letters.

The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015 says that, for planning applications, the Local Planning Authority is required to put up a site notice or send notification letters to adjoining owners and occupiers.

Currently the Council do both of the requirements set out in legislation, which involves significant additional expenditure for relatively little additional benefit. Site notices are already used and are identifiable to local residents as they are yellow notices headed with 'PLANNING'. Site notices are an effective way of getting people's attention. They are easily recognisable and residents expect to see them. Furthermore, site notices can be seen by anyone near the site; they reach a much wider audience - including people that work near to a site but do not necessarily live there and those who use the sites surroundings for leisure purposes (i.e. walking and cycling). Site notices do not only notify those living next to or close to the application site.

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

WEST HANNINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Easter Walk and Egg Hunt Sunday 5th April Free Event – Meet at the Village Hall at 11.00 am for tea, coffee and bacon rolls which will be on sale prior to the Walk which will be starting at 11.30 am for about an hour to an hour and a half. A shorter Egg Course will be arranged for the smaller children not taking part in the walk.

Annual General Meeting 23rd April Free Event - including a repeat of our Memory Lane Event, doors open at 5.30 pm with teas, coffees and snacks on sale. The AGM will begin at 7.30 pm featuring early design ideas on the new Hall proposals.

Quiz Night 25th April – Due to a clash of dates and the Coronavirus threat we have cancelled this event until a later date.

Dog Show – 14th June commencing at 1.00 pm, further details will be published soon

SPRING LITTER PICK

SUNDAY 3RD MAY 2020

10AM – MIDDAY

MEET AT WEST HANNINGFIELD VILAGE HALL

ALL WELCOME – CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

LITTER PICKERS & GLOVES PROVIDED

PLEASE JOINUS AFTER AT THE VILLAGE HALL FOR TEA/ COFFEE & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

PLASTICS RECYCLING

IMPORTANT NOTICE

from Chelmsford City Council

You can no longer pick up **EXTRA** rolls of recycling bags for plastics from local outlets e.g. Libraries and Parish Councils

This is to cut down on single-use plastics and to stop recycling bags being misused

- Please maximise the space in each recycling bag
- Squash plastics bottles and put the lids back on
- Only put your bags out for collection when full

If you have any recycling related questions please email:
recycling@chelmsford.gov.uk

Love Your Chelmsford

Chelmsford City Council

From Chelmsford City Council:

Dear Parish Council,

In response to our Climate and Ecological Emergency declaration in July 2019 we have looked at areas where we can reduce and or eliminate single-use plastics altogether. Rolls of plastic bags will no longer be available at outlets such as Parish Councils and libraries, however we will continue to deliver one roll of plastic sacks (52 bags on each roll) to each household in Chelmsford once a year.

In January we launched our Essex wide Plastic Pledge campaign to encourage our residents to reduce the use of plastics, which we provide advice and suggestions about using alternatives to plastic and the benefits to our environment by doing this. To date we have over **2700 pledges** of which **407** are from Chelmsford and are continually promoting the pledge on social media.

Cardboard and Paper sacks will be available to collect from Freighter House along with food waste bins, caddies and green boxes. Any new residents moving to a property will be entitled to all recycling receptacles including plastic bags.

If residents run out of bags, we are also happy to collect recycling in any non-branded bags, as long as they are made of clear plastic. These can be brought from supermarkets or even repurpose any clear plastic bags that come with products you buy.

HM Government

NHS

CORONAVIRUS

Have you been to an affected place in the last 14 days

or

had contact with somebody with Coronavirus,

and

do you have any of these symptoms?

Cough

Fever

Shortness of breath

If yes, to protect yourself and others please go home and search 'nhs coronavirus' for advice and to access the 111 online coronavirus service or call NHS 111.

Do not enter this building

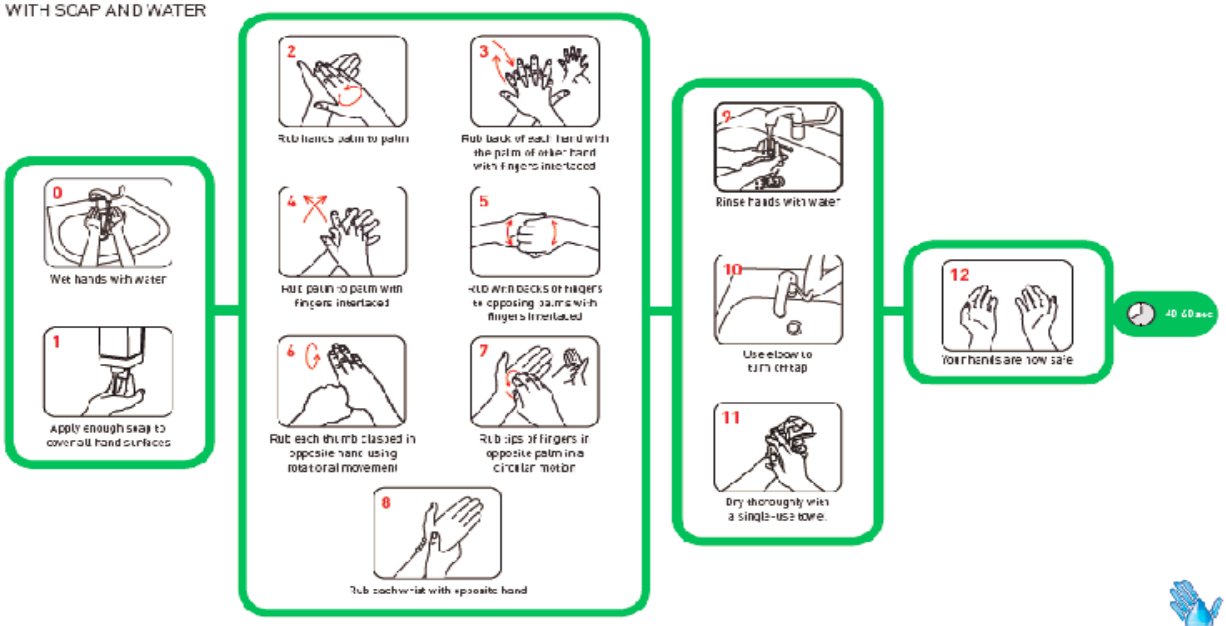
Find out more at nhs.uk/coronavirus

HAND CLEANING **TECHNIQUES**

NHS National Patient Safety Agency

How to handwash?

WITH SOAP AND WATER



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Adapted from World Health Organization Guidelines on Hand Hygiene in Health Care

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