

WEST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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QUEEN ELIZABETH II

1926 - 2022



September 8 2022

Charles III is King of the United Kingdom
and 14 other Commonwealth realms.



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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

Tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1926 - 2022

It was with great shock that West Hanningfield Parish Council learnt of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September 2022. I am sure that I speak for my fellow councillors, and for all the residents of West Hanningfield, when I say how profoundly saddened we all are on hearing of her passing. Her late Majesty was a dedicated and loyal servant to this country and to the Commonwealth for 70 years.

Throughout her reign Her Majesty has served the Country selflessly, representing its people both at home and overseas. She has seen many Prime Ministers come and go; she joined the military and helped with the war effort. She, with her husband Prince Philip at her side, has been steadfast through many turbulent times and has often unified the Country. Her annual speeches on Christmas Day always struck the right tone and were watched by millions. She will be remembered as an historic figure who always considered her role as her duty.

Whilst she is celebrated on the global stage for her unwavering commitment to public service; our longest reigning monarch also maintained a strong connection with local people around the country, where she is deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

As our monarch and focal point of our national life, her decades of charity work and appearances at countless events gave her a direct connection to people from all walks of life and will no doubt leave warm personal memories with everyone who met her. Her Late Majesty was a Monarch of significant stature and dignity. However, this Platinum era of Elizabeth has now concluded and Her passing is a time of historic sadness for us all.

West Hanningfield Parish Council joins with the rest of the nation in expressing our great sorrow at her death. Her Majesty will be greatly missed and the impact that her reign has had will not be forgotten.

We now look forward to the 'Carolean era' under our new sovereign, His Majesty King Charles III, and we send our condolences to him and to all the Royal Family.

Thank you Your Majesty and God bless you...

May "...flights of Angels sing thee to thy rest."

*Thank you
Karen Jones—Chairman*

Clerk's Report – Lucy White

Moving towards Autumn as we are now, we are wrapping up warm, although with the energy crisis looming large, some may find it a struggle to cope. Please do not suffer in silence; if I can point anyone in the right direction for help in these difficult times, please contact me.



Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

Back in the Summer, I was writing in the newsletter all about the Jubilee Celebrations, but now sadly, the country mourns the death of our Queen.

Queen Elizabeth was, until now, the only Monarch I have ever known, and so I, like others I'm sure, find it particularly heart-breaking that she is no longer with us. The wonderful things parishioners wrote in the Book of Condolence also reflect the parish's sadness.

I am pleased to say the lovely portrait of Her Majesty that accompanied the Book of Condolence has pride of place with Rose in The Three Compasses.

Councillor Vacancies

I am delighted to say that one application has been received and the Council will make a decision whether or not to co-opt the applicant in October... I'm sure they will, but it's a process that councils have to go through. As regards the other vacancy, anyone who can spare a small amount of time will be a valuable asset to the community. Please contact me for further details.

I am currently studying to gain the Certificate in Local Council Administration and following on from the paragraph above, the following is an extract from one of the Learning Objectives: Responsibilities of a Councillor include:

- Attending meetings when summoned.
- Prepare for meetings having read and understood any documents issued relevant to agenda items.
- Have respect for the decisions of the Council.
- Submit apologies for absence when unable to attend a meeting.

Two Statutory Duties of a Councillor

- Undertake in writing to abide by the Code of Conduct within two months of co-option or election.
- Make a Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Now that's not too onerous is it? Go on—apply and make a difference!

What Do You Want?



Your Parish Council is here to serve you and deliver the services you want. In this regard, I would love to hear from you. What do you want to see in West Hanningfield? Let me know and I'll tell you whether the Parish Council has the power to deliver.

That's all for now! - Take Care.

Lucy White—Parish Clerk



ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL—COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY

AUTUMN 2022



Writing this from Italy with the terribly sad news of our Queen is for me very sad. As a former holder of the Royal Warrant for my Company it has a special meaning, we used to have regular contacts with the Royal Family, and I have tremendous respect and admiration for all they do. Over here the flags are flying at half-mast and people are expressing their sympathy to us which is very touching.

It was only a few weeks ago we acknowledged Ukraine Independence Day, and this provided an opportunity to reflect over the past few months. Our team at Essex continue to do a great job in handling the different situations with tact, sympathy, and hope. We currently have 1166 sponsors and 2643 guests in the county and that includes several families in Stock and surrounding villages.

You may have seen the news that Essex has been appointed in the role of Commissioner and Best Value Inspector for Thurrock Council which has run into financial difficulties. This appointment by the Secretary of State recognises the expertise of Essex County Council in how it runs its services and finances. We have been promised extra support to carry out this extra responsibility which will require close working with officers at Thurrock and producing a recovery plan and not a cost to Essex residents.

Keeping fit and Healthy is so important these days and never more so with winter approaching and the cost-of-living challenges that are now facing us all. We are blessed with many public footpaths around our village to encourage us to exercise and if you haven't a Stock Parish Footpaths Map then the Village Shop has copies. Also, the Chelmsford Leisure's Centres are offering a Free Trial of Membership which includes the use of the Gym and Fitness Studios, the Swimming Pools and support advice from Fitness Professionals. Full details can be seen on the Chelmsford City website.

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

Ian Grundy



CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL—COUNCILLOR RICHARD POULTER

AUTUMN 2022



The death of our Queen brings to an end a reign of great significance. She was a wonderful lady and monarch. Suggestions that she should be remembered as Elizabeth the Great are spot on. My own personal memories are dominated by the occasion when I was a guest at a Buckingham Palace garden party. This is something I will never forget.

In May 2020 the city council adopted a new local plan covering the period to 2036. This is due to be reviewed every five years, making the first review due in 2025. This will include the provision for an additional 7,966 new homes for the period to 2041. The city council have issued a public consultation document containing five different approaches for identifying sites, four of these allocate homes to existing settlements. None of these directly affect West Hanningfield because it is in the green belt but East Hanningfield could be affected. The fifth site is entirely new and proposes a large new settlement at Hammonds Farm east of the A12 and north of the A414 i.e. close to the Park and Ride site but on the Danbury side of the A12. The consultation documents are available to view at www.chelmsford.gov.uk/planningpolicyconsult. The consultation period has been extended and now lasts until 20th October.

It was a big disappointment that the planning committee on a majority vote approved the solar farm on land at Hill Farm East Hanningfield. This will impact on local residents. The Parish Council did consider whether there were grounds for a Judicial Review but having taken legal advice decided not to take the matter further.

A much larger proposed solar farm on green belt land was refused by the city planning department but this has now been appealed. It will be the subject of a Public Inquiry to be held at the civic centre in Chelmsford starting on 6th December. The location of the site is land East and West of the A130, North and South of Canons Barns Road East Hanningfield. The planning reference is 21/00394/FUL. The appeal reference is APP/W1525/W/22/3300222. The appeal is open to the public, so residents can attend and speak. Interestingly the site is designed to produce 49.9MW of electricity. A site of 50MW or more is a major infrastructure requiring determination by a government minister rather than by a local planning department, so could not have been determined at Chelmsford. If any resident wants further information then please contact me direct

I am always available to visit residents and local businesses. Just send me an email or give me a ring to make arrangements.

Richard Poulter

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

22/05097/TPO—**SORRPORTED**

Gay Bowers Farm, Bakers Lane, West Hanningfield.

W1 - remove understorey trees including holly and elder (ref. G40 and g41 on site plan) to facilitate installation of boundary fence. W1 trees - refer to accompanying site plan for location within proximity to fence installation - handing digging within root protection areas, method set out in accompanying arboricultural method statement to minimise impact to trees.

22/01028/FUL—**NO COMMENT**

Rectory Cottage, Church Road, West Hanningfield, CM2 8UJ.

Construction of a cart lodge and storage building. Closure of existing vehicle access. New formation of access.

22/01158/FUL—**NO COMMENT**

Hoxton Farm, Foxborough Chase, Stock, CM4 9RA.

Garage Conversion.

22/01193/FUL—**NO COMMENT**

Wheel Gates, West Hanningfield Road, West Hanningfield, CM2 8UE.

Demolition of the existing dwelling. Proposed replacement dwelling.

22/00831/FUL—**NO COMMENT**

7 Foxborough Chase, West Hanningfield, CM4 9RA.

Single storey side extension.

The following applications are due to be considered:

22/01531/FUL

Site At Former Ashridge Stock Road West Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex

Addition of a new car parking area to accommodate 7 spaces.

22/01511/LBC

The Ship Inn Stock Road West Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex CM2 8LB

Retrospective application for external works to include the redecoration of the exterior of the existing building. Installation of new attached fencing and gates and other external works.

22/1510/FUL

The Ship Inn Stock Road West Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex CM2 8LB

Retrospective application for external works to include the redecoration of the exterior of the existing building. Installation of new fencing and gates and works to alter the existing hardstanding areas and provide new paved and gravel hardstanding areas.

Ref. No: 22/01536/FUL

3 Agricultural Cottages Church Road West Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex CM2 8UN

Demolish the existing detached garage and porch. Construction of first floor side extension, part single storey part two storey rear extension and pitched roof porch to front.

22/01524/FUL

1 Bakers Lane West Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex CM2 8LE

Demolition of existing extensions. Proposed two storey side extension and single storey front porch extension. Single storey rear extension with a parapet roof and skylight. Proposed internal re-configuration.

22/01613/FUL

Lenada Ship Road West Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex CM2 8UZ

Demolition of rear conservatory; construction of rear extension, first floor roof extension, dormers to front and single dormer to rear, new entrance to side with canopy and ground floor side window; addition of two first floor windows to the side elevations.

22/01655/FUL

4 Foxborough Chase West Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex CM4 9RA

Roof extension to provide first floor to garage, with front dormer window.

FINANCE

2022-2023

Unity Trust Bank Reconciliation 1st April 2022—29th September 2022

Opening Balance:	£32,568
Less Debits:	£17,714
Plus Credits:	£15,261
Closing Balance:	£30,114

Expenditure

How have we spent £17,714?

Running Costs:	(Staff / Stationary / Expenses / IT)	£5,453
Maintenance:	(General Village / Grass Cutting)	£4,477
Training:		£582
Insurance:		£1,230
Publications:		£920
Professional Services:	(Audit / Subscriptions / Inspection)	£794
Projects:		£3,717
VAT:	(To be reclaimed)	£541

Income

Where did £15,261 come from?

50% Precept:	£13,203
VAT Refund	£2,013
Hall Hire Deposit Refund	£45

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