

WEST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Merry Christmas,
A Safe
& Happy New Year
from all at
West Hanningfield
Parish Council





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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—Cllr Karen Jones

It was with very great sadness that West Hanningfield Parish Council heard the news that the Mayor of Chelmsford, Cllr John Galley, had died after a short illness. This was especially sad as he was the father of one of our parish councillors, Paul Galley.

Cllr John Galley was a dedicated public servant who worked incredibly hard for the people of Chelmsford. He was regarded with huge fondness in Boreham where he served as a Parish Councillor for more than 30 years and was first elected to represent this area as a Borough Councillor back in 2000.

Cllr Galley knew the whole city extremely well, serving as the Council's Cabinet Member for Finance and Deputy Leader for 16 years. He became Mayor of Chelmsford in May this year, recently leading the city through a period of mourning for Her Majesty The Queen and Chelmsford's proclamation for the new King.

Cllr Galley specialised in finance, working in this sector in London for 28 years with National Westminster Bank and then Coutts, the bankers to the Royal Family. He also served as a Non-Executive Director for the then Chelmsford Primary Care Trust for seven years. It was noted by Cllr Roy Whitehead, the Council's Leader between 2003 and 2019, that Cllr Galley's contribution to the city of Chelmsford cannot be underestimated.

During Cllr Galley's time as a Borough and City Councillor his impressive list of responsibilities also included chairing both the Treasury Management and Property subcommittee and the Overview and Scrutiny committee. He also served on the Audit and Risk and Policy Board subcommittees and the Leisure working group and was an integral part of the team to help Chelmsford gain its City Status. Chelmsford City Council's Leader, Cllr Stephen Robinson, says Cllr Galley was admired by members of every political party.

As a mark of respect, there was a floral tribute laid outside the Civic Centre by the now Mayor of Chelmsford, Cllr Sue Dobson.

The Council's flag was hoisted and then lowered to half-mast during the period of mourning and a book of condolence was made available in the Civic Centre for anyone to leave a personal message.

Following Cllr Galley's passing a Civic Memorial Service was held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Tuesday 8th November, followed by a Funeral Service and Burial at St Andrew's Church Boreham.

During Cllr Galley's term as Mayor, he had been fundraising for two charities that were very close to his heart - and ones that he cared a great deal about - Farleigh Hospice and Parkinson's UK Chelmsford. If you would like to make a donation in memory of Cllr Galley, you can make a pledge to: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mayorofchelmsford>

Cllr Paul Galley has asked me to pass on his and his family's thanks for all the kind words, tributes, love and support they have received and said that it gave them great comfort during this difficult time. Paul has told me that he feels truly blessed and both he, and his family, are extremely proud of the legacy that his Dad has left behind.

*It now just leaves me to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.
Cllr. Karen Jones, Chairman*

Clerk's Report – Lucy White

It's getting Christmassy out there; I know that because I am so cold! The cost of living crisis is making things difficult for people of all ages, but please contact me if you are in need to help and I will point you in the direction for where you may be able to get help. If you are entitled, please make sure you have claimed your cost of living payment; further details can be found following this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payment>



Councillor Vacancies

I am pleased to report that there are no longer any vacancies and the Council now has a full complement of Councillors. Cllr Peter Scanes and Cllr Tina Markham were co-opted in October and November respectively and have proved to be an asset to the council having made excellent contributions at meetings. Congratulations to you both!

20's Plenty



What is '20's Plenty' I hear you ask... Well, it is a new campaign gathering momentum in Essex to reduce speed limits in villages such as West Hanningfield to 20mph. Parish

Councils can pass motions supporting 20mph where people live, work and play. Among urban and village improvement options, 20mph ranks the top for cost effectiveness. Over a wide area, 20mph benefits all road users and the whole community. Casualties fall around 20% and noise almost halves. It's early days yet for West Hanningfield Parish Council, but it is on the agenda to discuss. Let me know your thoughts either way.

Children's Play Equipment

It has been mooted that some of the play equipment behind the Village Hall is becoming a little tired and dated. I have approached three companies to see what they can offer by way of replacement / spruce up. I would like to hear your views (or the views of the children in the village) for what you would like to see replaced and with what. If the project goes ahead, the majority of the funding would be from grants, with minimal pressure on the public purse.



That's all for now, except to say have a happy and safe Christmas!

Lucy White—Parish Clerk





ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL—COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY

DECEMBER 2022



Good news from Essex Police. They now have 3686 Officers and by next April they will have a further 64 making a grand total of 3750 Officers - the highest ever! Let's hope we see the benefit in rural policing and traffic issues.

I recently attended the Essex Climate Conference at County Hall and was impressed at all the initiatives ongoing to help reduce carbon emissions. The event was attended by representatives from environmental groups, businesses, local government, and various charities and was particularly relevant following the COP27 conference in Egypt.

Among the many initiatives ongoing include a huge amount of work to make our schools energy efficient and a good example of this is the new school St Luke's in Runwell which has just opened. We are committed to planting 375k trees over the next five years and at last zero waste to landfill by 2030. The benefits of LED lighting can be seen everywhere, and this programme continues - out of 130k replacements we have completed 50k. Priority on this has and will continue to be where the greatest saving can be made.

Transport of course remains a big talking point and the number of cars on the road. There are currently some 814k cars registered in Essex of which just over 14k are electric but this changing all the time as the supply situation improves.

Our Climate Change team received a nice Christmas present recently having been awarded an 'A' rating by the Carbon Disclosure Project (now known as CDP). Essex is the only County Council in the UK to be awarded this rating in the current year. This is GLOBAL recognition and highlights the commitment the Council is making to tackle Climate Change.

My best wishes to you all at this festive time.

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CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL—COUNCILLOR RICHARD POULTER

WINTER 2022



Following the tragic death of the Mayor, Councillor John Galley, the Deputy Mayor, our own councillor Sue Dobson has been elected Mayor of the City of Chelmsford. Congratulations Sue. This will mean however that Sue will have less time to concentrate on her ward responsibilities. I will do all I can to cover for her and to ensure that no resident is disadvantaged by her absence.

One of the first acts of our new King Charles was to knight our MP who becomes the Rt. Hon. Sir John Whittingdale O.B.E. M.P. Many congratulations Sir John.

The recent death of Awaab Ishak due to severe respiratory failure as a result of prolonged exposure to damp and mould, at the age of just two years is a national disgrace. Chelmsford is not immune from sub standard housing or housing in a poor state of repair including property belonging to housing associations. Housing Associations monitor themselves and there is inadequate provision for enforcement. Tenants can complain to their housing association, but if no action is taken their only remedy is to escalate the complaint to the ombudsman. This is a totally unacceptable state of affairs. Our residents and tenants deserve better.

Chelmsford City Council has no inspection or enforcement powers. All they can do is monitor whether tenants are being placed in suitable accommodation. The council cannot monitor the standards of housing associations. There is no complaint system for poor housing. All the city council can do is refer complaints to the Public Health department.

I would like to think I can help. If any tenant or resident has a problem with damp or mould please let me know. I will come and inspect and photograph. I can make representations to our MP and involve the press. I can also involve Public Health. The photos I have seen of damp and mould in local housing association paint an appalling picture. This situation must be remedied. Access to basic housing is a fundamental human right.

My wife and I wish all residents a Very Happy Christmas and a healthy 2023. I am very happy to call on residents and local businesses to discuss any council related problem. Just send me an email or give me a call to make arrangements.

Richard Poulter

Email: Richard.poulter@chelmsford.gov.uk Tel: 01245 223743



FINANCE

2022-2023

Unity Trust Bank Reconciliation 1st April 2022—16th December 2022

Opening Balance:	£32,568
Less Debits:	£22,286
Plus Credits:	£28,418
Closing Balance:	£38,700

Expenditure

How have we spent £22,286? (Gross)

Running Costs:	(Staff / Stationary / Expenses / IT)	£11,340
Maintenance:	(General Village / Grass Cutting)	£4,605
Training:		£720
Insurance:		£1,372
Publications:		£1,328
Professional Services:	(Audit / Subscriptions / Inspection)	£2920

Income

Where did £28,418 come from?

Precept:	£26,406
VAT Refund	£2,013

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

22/01531/FUL—NO COMMENT

Site At Former Ashridge Stock Road West Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex

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

22/01511/LBC—NO COMMENT

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—NO COMMENT

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—NO COMMENT

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 - NO COMMENT

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—NO COMMENT

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—NO COMMENT

4 Foxborough Chase West Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex CM4 9RA

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

22/01377/FUL—OBJECTION—OVERDEVELOPMENT ON GREEN BELT LAND

Apps Farm Mill Road Stock Ingatestone CM4 9RU

Demolition of existing dwellings and buildings. Construction of 3 buildings to accommodate 47 residential apartments (Use Class C3) with associated infrastructure, pavillion building, tennis courts and landscaping. Formation of access.

22/00594/FUL—NO COMMENT

Fircroft Church Road West Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex CM2 8UL

Retrospective application for a single storey rear extension.

22/01734/FUL—NO COMMENT

Farrows Farm Stock Road Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9QX

Two storey side extension, part single part two storey front extension, single storey rear extension, balcony, alterations to the fenestration, additional windows, cart lodge, wall and gate.

22/01747/FUL—OBJECTION

Tinsley Farm Blind Lane West Hanningfield Chelmsford CM2 8UF

Retrospective change of use of agricultural buildings to commercial storage (B8).

22/01895/FUL—NO COMMENT

Green Acres West Hanningfield Road West Hanningfield Chelmsford CM2 8UE

Demolition of existing conservatories. Raising of the roof and ridge height over the property, part single part two storey rear extension, two storey front extension, front porch, new dormers., alterations to fenestration and external materials.

PARKINSON'S^{UK} CHANGE ATTITUDES. FIND A CURE. JOIN US.



Helpline:

0808 800 0303

Chelmsford Branch

Our group offers friendship and support locally to people with Parkinson's, their families and carers. For information on Parkinson's, or for emotional support, call the Parkinson's UK helpline Monday to Friday 9am—6pm, Saturday 10am—2pm on 0808 8000303 or email hello@parkinsons.org.uk

Parkinson's is the fastest growing neurological condition in the world. There's currently no cure. But as the largest European charitable funder of Parkinson's research, we're determined to change that. We've invested over £100m in vital research that has delivered ground-breaking discoveries, new medications and better care. And right now, new treatments are within our grasp.

Every breakthrough is powered by people who care about Parkinson's. We unite to fund, shape and take part in research to make the biggest possible impact.

Together we can find new treatments. And one day, a cure.

Everyone's Parkinson's is different. If you think you may have Parkinson's, it's important that you speak to a health professional about your symptoms.

Parkinson's Disease Symptoms



10 Early Symptoms of Parkinson's

1. Problems with sleep
2. Losing your sense of smell
3. Smaller handwriting
4. Problems with your bladder or bowels
5. Experiencing depression
6. Experiencing anxiety
7. Feeling fatigued
8. Noticing tremor or uncontrolled movement
9. Slowness of movement
10. Stiffness, inflexibility and cramps

By supporting our vital work, you can help us be there for every person with Parkinson's. With your help, we can respond to what our community needs right now, fighting for further change and chasing down a cure. To make a donation visit:

<https://www.parkinsons.org.uk/donate>



**West Hanningfield Village Hall
Management Committee
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022
Saturday 26th November 2022 @ 0930am**

Meeting Minutes

Present: D Paxman, P Davies, L Masterson, A Applewhite, B Turner D Crane, P Irvine, L Davies

Apologies: A Usher

1. Welcome and Apologies
Chair welcomed those attending
Apologies from A Usher (Trustee)
2. Minutes from Last Meeting
There was no AGM in 2020 or 2021 due to pandemic restrictions
Minutes for AGM June 2019 were confirmed as accurate record of the meeting
3. Annual Report – Chair (LD)
Management Committee (“MC”) Chair presented his report:
(Full report wording available on the Hall website)

Hall closed March 20 to May 21

Social distancing and reduced numbers impacted numerous potential bookings and several events planned by the committee

Since January 22 increase in bookings

Despite enforced closure, Working Group continued to undertake work on the hall where possible

Committee budget conscious but maintenance necessary to keep hall open Chair thanked the WG for their work and that of the village volunteers Work undertaken includes: Refreshing the kitchen; Fitting new car park gates; Painting the hallway and toilets; Fitting energy saving lights in various places. In addition the WG oversaw: Pollarding of the willow which had caused significant damage to the drains; Border hedges cut back; Roof repairs on numerous occasions; Repair of internal water damage and redecoration

New Hall work undertaken by the WG vital for the future of a hall in the village

Change of status to CIO for the charity also key to the future

Number of excellent events delivered by the committee – Lesley to detail in Events team report

The committee walks a fragile path in seeking to keep the hall open despite further structural issues emerging

Chair again thanked everyone, fellow trustees, WG members, volunteers for helping to get us to where we are today

It was highlighted that with help and engagement from the community the wonderful old hall that has meant so much to the village in years gone by, CAN be replaced with a bright, shiny, modern building that will bring with it many years of enjoyment and service to our village for generations to come.

4. Financial Report (DC)
MC Treasurer presented his report:
- Treasurer summarised the Statement of Financial Activities
- Rental income increasing with multiple new hires
- Gift Aid and Amazon Smile added c. £560 to the non-rental income for the year
- Outgoings remained relatively stable although electricity costs are increasing
- Main additional expenditure relates to New Hall costs, including planning fees, architects and QS fees
- Accounts for 21-22 will be verified by an independent source and will then be made public on the website
5. Events Report (LM)
Report on events presented by member of the Events Team:
(Full report wording available on the Hall website)
- Highlighted events organised by the committee
- Plant Sale and Walk in 2021; Plant Sale in 2022
- Dog Show 2021 and 2022
- Santa Sleigh Run 2021 and 2022
- Halloween Spooky Drive Thru 2021
- Monthly Afternoon Tea revived and well attended
- Planned events include a repeat of the successful Community Christmas and Santa returning for another Sleigh Run
6. New Hall Project Update (DP)
New Hall Working Group ("WG") Chair presented his report:
(Full report wording available on the Hall website)
- Lots of work undertaken by volunteers to help keep the hall open
- Some New Hall costs met through obtaining grants
- Work ongoing with architects, Munday and Kramer
- Full planning permission finally obtained in September 2022
- Work now focused on Building Regulation approval
- Funding work always front of mind, delayed until planning permission obtained
- Timing of application for funding key as many are timebound
- Applications have been made – important to understand the high level of competition from charities up and down the country
- Request made to PC for a PWL. If approved, formal process to DLUHC
- Trustees have agreed that a decision will have to be made in the early part of 2023 on whether to close the building if sufficient funding is not forthcoming

Sad if we did have to close, but WG resigned to the current conditions we all face.

7. Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Resolution (LD) Chair proposed change of status for the Hall charity:

Reason for change of charitable status explained

Key reason, to enable the charity to engage in commercial contracts required to build a new hall

Resolution drafted by RCCE was read out. (Copy of the resolution is at the foot of these minutes)

Chair asked if there were any attendees who wished to object to the change. None were forthcoming

The CIO change of charitable status resolution was carried

8. Election of Officers and Members of the Management Committee

A. Usher has resigned as a committee member and Trustee as she has moved away from the village

All existing committee members declared their intention to stand for re-election

Request made for any attendees wishing to become a committee member

None were forthcoming

Attendees asked for any objections to existing committee members being returned

None were forthcoming. Existing committee members were duly re-appointed

9. Q & A and Meeting Close

Chair asked if any general hall related questions from those present. None were raised.

Chair proceeded to close the meeting with the following statement: (Full statement available on the Hall website)

There is a trail of documents and reports detailing deterioration in the condition of the hall

July 2000 a firm of surveyors provided an outline quote to replace the building – the estimate totalled £210,000 excluding demolition and new external works

That was 22 years ago and quoted on a "like for like" replacement basis - unsurprising that to build a new hall today, to modern standards and with modern facilities will cost in excess of £1m.

Now at a critical time for the hall - there has been further structural movement both inside and outside the building

Time is very much ticking on the old hall and a tipping point has been reached. The management committee will have to decide soon if it can justify continuing on the current path or to stop the planned spend on all New Hall related work - clarity on funding is imperative to this decision.

The main hall remains safe for public use, however with the known structural problems clearly continuing, an imposed closure of the hall on safety grounds may not be so far away.

Increasingly difficult to delay the inevitable regarding the current hall.

Imperative we proceed ASAP to a point and understand if a Public Works Loan ("PWL") to fund a new hall, has the support of the village...or not. As Working Group Chair has explained, a request has been made to the PC for a PWL application to be started. Once underway, the application will require a positive public vote to proceed

Chair urged all villagers to respond to this voting opportunity when they receive the documents, having thought long and hard about whether or not they want to retain a village hall.



REGISTER YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE FOR COLLECTION AND RECYCLING

A real Christmas tree makes your home look very festive but what do you do with it in the New Year? Farleigh Hospice can collect and recycle your real tree for you.

Why register your tree?

There are lots of reasons why signing up to Farleigh's Christmas tree recycling service is such a fantastic idea - we will collect your tree from outside your home; you won't have to wait in a long queue at your local rubbish tip; your tree doesn't go to waste and it is put to good use.

It is the seventh year that we have been providing this useful, environmentally-friendly service. Last time, we collected 2,678 trees which were shredded into wood chippings and used as bio mass fuel and on pathways in cemeteries and parks.

Anyone using our 2023 recycling service can make a donation when they register their tree - so you can also support your local hospice. These donations are vital in helping us to continue to provide care and support to those affected by life limiting illness and bereavement both within our Hospice and out in our community across mid Essex.

Where are we collecting trees?

Tree collections will take place across mid Essex including Braintree, Burnham, Chelmsford, Coggeshall, Danbury, Dunmow, Kelvedon, Maldon, Southminster, South Woodham Ferrers, Stock and Witham as well as the surrounding villages and areas.

How to register

You need to sign up by 4 January 2023. Simply register at <https://www.farleighhospice.org/donate/christmas-tree-recycling> and follow the instructions to register your tree.

