WEST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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REMINDER

NEW VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

Have you completed your Parish Council Precept Increase Survey?
Are you in FAVOUR of the West Hanningfield Village Hall Management Committee going ahead with the project to rebuild the Village Hall?

Are you in FAVOUR of West Hanningfield Village Hall Management Committee going ahead with the project to rebuild the Village Hall if it includes a Council Tax Precept increase?

The survey is available online at www.westhanningfield-pc.gov.uk/survey and a paper copy posted to every household with a reply paid envelope.

WEST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meet on the second Monday 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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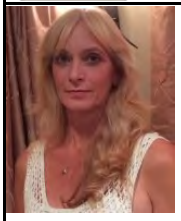
	Miss Lucy White, CiLCA, BA (Hons) Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer clerk@westhanningfield-pc.gov.uk 07873 708275 Articles not written by the Parish Council are not necessarily the opinion of the Parish Council and they accept no responsibility for their content. The Parish Council acknowledges the use of pictures provided by Freepik www.freepik.com

Clerk's Report – Lucy White

Village Hall Project Consultation

Regarding the Council Tax Precept Increase survey, whilst I am very pleased with a response rate of 40% to date, I want more! This is one of the most important decisions you as parishioners have had to make in recent years so you have to make sure your vote is counted.

Please ensure you complete the survey either online (https://www.westhanningfield-pc.gov.uk/survey/) or complete the paper copy posted to each household with a prepaid envelope to facilitate your response. If you require any further information, please contact me on 07873 708275.

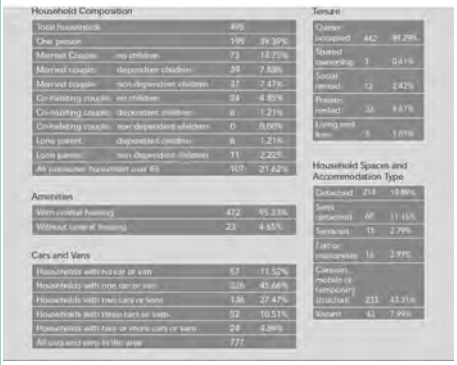
Security

In my report, I always make a point of mentioning security. Please be mindful that S-Type Security is engaged by the Parish Council for your safety, peace of mind and security. You may call anytime, day or night, if you see or hear anything suspicious. As I always say, S-Type do not replace the police; 999 for emergencies or 101 should be your first port of call, but if the guards are in the area, they will come straight away. The number to call is:

01245 931598

Play Area

The play area behind the village hall and the gym equipment in the Recreation Ground are inspected regularly by the handyman but an annual inspection is carried out by the Royal Society of the Prevention of Accidents. Following this year's inspection, it was determined that some equipment had reached the end of its useful life and has been removed. So the Playground Development Working Group are moving forward with their plans to replace this equipment and looking to the future, the Working Group are determined to secure funding to replace it with exciting pieces for children to enjoy.



Demographic of The Parish

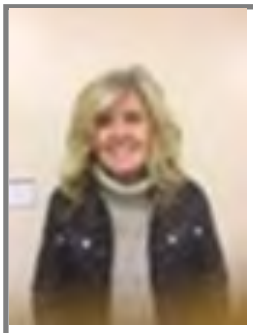
It sometimes surprises me that the Parish is not split into two Wards. Did you know that the Parish extends from Southend Road to Kingdom Way and Bakers Lane (five miles by road) and then as far as Downham Road, Stock Road and Foxborough Chase! I suppose those of you living in those 'outlaying areas' know that, but many people I speak to are often surprised the Parish extends as far as it does. And here are some interesting facts and figures from the 2011 census as published by Chelmsford City Council.

I would particularly like to hear from residents in Bakers Lane, Temple Grove, Templeton Park, Stock Road, Foxborough Chase and the other outlaying areas as in conjunction with the Chairman, Cllr Jones, I am considering setting up a 'pop-up surgery' in various parts of the Parish to ensure the Council is accessible to everyone.

Recess

During August, Councillors have been enjoying a well earned break while I have been busy getting things ready for the forthcoming months' business: setting the precept in November / December, checking the Asset Register and getting old minute books ready to go to archive—no rest for the wicked!

That's all for now, *Lucy White*—Parish Clerk



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT—Cllr Karen Jones

This report covers the work of West Hanningfield Parish Council for 2022/2023. This year has been a busy year, full of unique events; some have been happy, some sad and below is a recap of the main highlights.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

In June 2022, we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the Parish Council hosted a small celebration and planted an Indian Bean Tree in the Recreation Field to commemorate this momentous event. This tree now stands proudly in her memory. Just three months later the whole country mourned the sad passing of Her Majesty and many residents signed our book of condolence, reliving their own memories and thoughts of a much loved monarch. This was quickly followed by the Proclamation of King Charles III and in May this year, the Parish celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III with a successful event hosted by the Village Hall Committee.

Coronation Gift

The Coronation of His Majesty The King took place on 6 May 2023 and to commemorate this historic occasion the Parish Council will be planting bluebells next spring in the recreation field alongside the areas that have been left wild - King Charles is a fan of wild meadow flowers and the Parish Council feels that this would be an apt choice to do something that reflects one of King Charles' passions.

Radio Base Station Installation at Church Road

An extraordinary meeting was called on the 22nd March to discuss the proposal by Clarke Telecom to install a radio base station at Church Road. The Parish Council resolved to object strongly to this and a working party, formed from both councillors and members of the public, produced a detailed document objecting to the proposal. In spite of this, Clarke Telecom went on to seek prior approval for the installation from Chelmsford City Council, which I am very glad to say was recently refused.

Solar Farms

There have been three separate solar farm planning applications in the last couple of years. As a result a working party was formed to deal with these, with the sole aim of providing comments to Chelmsford City Council to support the strong opposition from the Parish Council to the proposed developments.

The outcomes were:

- *the application on Land East of A130 South of Canon Barns Road East Hanningfield, was granted permission on 31 January 2022.*
- *the application on Land West of Hill Farm, Pan Lane East Hanningfield was granted permission by Chelmsford City Council in July 2022.*
- *the application on 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. However, this decision was subsequently appealed by the developers in September 2022. This was allowed and permission granted in February 2023.*

Council Tax Precept Survey

As residents are aware, the Parish Council is supportive of the project to build a new village hall and has the power to borrow monies from the Public Works Loan Board and grant this to the Village Hall to fund the building of a new hall.

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However, a borrowing approval is required from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC) and this must be in place before the Parish Council can make a loan application.

If the Parish Council intends to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of repaying a Public Works Loan then it must first show evidence of support from residents in order to get the loan approved by the DLUHC. This evidence can only come from a council tax precept increase survey, which must be carried out by the Parish Council.

A proposal was put forward at April's meeting to conduct a Council Tax Precept Increase Consultation to determine whether residents were in favour of a Council Tax increase for the purpose of annual loan repayments for a £1.2 million Public Works Loan to fund the rebuilding of West Hanningfield Village Hall. This Survey is currently ongoing and so if you haven't yet voted then please do so - it is vitally important that every council tax payer in West Hanningfield has their say!

<u>General information</u>
We have seen several changes of councillors within the past year - Cllr Steve Tatum and Cllr David Myers both sadly resigned and I would like to take this opportunity to place on record our thanks to them both for their work and commitment to the Parish Council. A personal thanks goes to Steve; as Vice Chair he had been a great support to me. We also welcomed two new councillors to the Council - Cllr Peter Scanes and Cllr Tina Markham.

We currently have two vacancies for Parish Councillors and so if you, or anybody you know, would be interested in joining the Parish Council then please contact Lucy. The role offers a chance to contribute to your local community and the opportunity to bring your own unique experiences or knowledge to the team.

I wish to thank my fellow councillors for their continued efforts and support and for the work they carry out to make sure your council runs smoothly and well. Councillors don't just turn up once a month for a Parish Council meeting but undertake a lot of background work such as attending working group meetings, studying planning applications and carrying out various tasks around the parish.

My thanks also go to fellow City and County Councillors for their help, support and advice throughout the year.

Lastly, special thanks goes to our Clerk, Lucy White, for continuing to run the Council's affairs with great professionalism, care and diligence. This has ensured the smooth running of parish business and has been key to the success of the Parish Council – Lucy really goes over and above and is totally committed to her job and the Community of West Hanningfield.

The Parish Council is always open to suggestions and new ideas to make our community a safer and more pleasant place to live and so if anyone has anything that they think might help with this, we would be pleased to meet you during our monthly Parish Council Meetings to hear about them; these are held on the second Monday of every month (except August). Alternatively, please get in touch with Lucy.

Finally, please be assured that this Parish Council continues to act at all times in the best interests of all our residents.

Sending my very best wishes.
Cllr. Karen Jones -Chairman

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL—COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY

Over half of the Council's budget is spent on Adult Social Care which includes a multitude of different activities. One that is possibly not publicised enough is what we could and should be doing as individuals. I recently attended a briefing emphasising the importance of Health Improvement and no surprise, it reminded us of all the importance of Weight Management and Diet, Smoking and Social Isolation. No surprise again but a small improvement could make considerable difference to our health and the problems Adult Social Care face.

I was also to hear we are going to give greater recognition and support to unpaid carers and volunteers. Nobody knows exactly the numbers involved but it exceeds 150K around Essex. Without them goodness knows where our society would be!

An increasing problem for Essex and Chelmsford is Housing. We are seeing a huge increase in the demands for temporary accommodation such that placements sometimes go outside the county. There has always been a problems of people leaving London for whatever reason and of course we have Stansted as an entry point to the UK!

We have had some lovely weather and I hope everyone has had the opportunity to enjoy and to let you know I continue to harass Highways on potholes.

Cllr Ian Grundy

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FINANCE

1st April 2023 to date

Expenditure	
Staffing Costs	£3,163.79
WFH Allowance	£160.00
Grass Cutting	£2,879.00
General Maintenance	£264.50
Annual Inspection	£290.50
Hall Hire	£201.00
Insurance	£1,284.84
Audit	£430.00
Affiliation Fees	£415.88
Training	£395.00
Cllrs Expenses	£0.00
Administration	£491.20
Newsletters	£400.00
Payroll	£80.00
Website Hosting	£180.00
Security	£1,855.00
Village Hall Project	£1,000.90

Income	
Chelmsford City Council Precept	£15,237.00
EALC (Training Bursary)	£315.00

Project Budgets	
Unplanned / Emergency Works	£700.00
Quiet Lane Classification	£4,000.00
CCTV	£1,000.00
Children's Play Equipment	£3,000.00
Events (eg Coronation)	£1,058.71
Community Grant Fund	£400.00
Community Improvements	£1,100.00
Village Hall Project	£15,321.10

Lucy White—Responsible Financial Officer

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECENTLY CONSIDERED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

Two storey side extension and part two storey, part single storey rear extension. Part demolition of existing two storey front section of building and new front extension. Relocation of entrance door and addition of porch. Alterations to fenestration and associated works including wall and gate.
Farrows Farm Stock Road Stock Ingatestone Essex CM4 9QX
Ref. No: 23/00283/FUL—*NO COMMENT*

Proposed Single Storey Side Extension and partial Loft Conversion consisting of first floor extension.
Lone Farm Cottage Blind Lane West Hanningfield Chelmsford CM2 8UF
Ref. No: 23/00270/FUL—*NO COMMENT*

Demolition of existing dwelling and buildings. Construction of 3 buildings to accommodate 45 x over 55s specialist residential units (use class C3), pavilion building and associated infrastructure. Relocation of existing greenhouse. Landscaping including new ponds. Formation of new access.
Apps Farm Mill Road Stock Ingatestone CM4 9RU
Ref. No: 22/01377/FUL—*NO COMMENT*

Installation of new driveway gates and adjoining pedestrian gate.
The Orchard House Church Lane West Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex CM2 8XD
Ref. No: 23/00383/FUL—*NO COMMENT*

W1 Area- Oak- To lift the canopy up to max of 5m. Reason: To maintain safety; Cherry & sampling Holly trees- Fell. Reason: Have self colonised; Ivy- clear. Reason: Prevent damage to trees.
Temple Wood Estate Stock Road West Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex CM2 8LA
Ref. No: 23/05063/TPO—*SUPPORTED*

Variation of Condition 1 to approved planning application 20/02005/FUL (Retrospective application for construction of replacement dwelling with detached garage) to Alter location of detached garage.
Tarlings Pynnings Farm Lane West Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex CM2 8UU
Ref. No: 20/02005/S73—*NO COMMENT*

T15 Hornbeam (Carpinus betulus)- Located in garden of No. 61- Crown reduce by up to 3.5 metres in height and 2.5 metres laterally. Reason for Works: General, cyclical maintenance.
61 Temple Grove Park Bakers Lane West Hanningfield Chelmsford CM2 8LH
Ref. No: 23/05069/TPO—*NO COMMENT*

Certificate of lawfulness to regularise the use of the site as an Interior Design Studio & Showroom (Class E(g))
Tinsley Farm, Blind Lane, West Hanningfield, Chelmsford CM2 8UF
Ref. No: 23/00780/CLEUD—*NO COMMENT*

Divert overhead lines crossing arable fields to the east of Southend Road, East Hanningfield to support the development of solar arrays that consent was granted for under planning reference 21/00555/FUL. The diversion works involve moving the overhead lines from the middle of the arable fields to follow the field boundaries.
Land North-East Of Hanningfield Telephone Exchange West Hanningfield, Road, East Hanningfield, Chelmsford
Ref. No: 23/00821/EB—*NO COMMENT*

Replacement Dwelling with double garage and widening of access.
Applegate House, Church Lane, West Hanningfield.
Ref. No: 23/00831/FUL—*After a considerable debate, it was resolved not to support this application on the grounds of the balcony overlooking other properties.*

Proposed raising of roof. New dormers. Two storey side extension. Part two storey, part single storey rear extension. Front porch and canopy. Alterations to fenestration.
Brick House Farm Lower Stock Road West Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex CM2 8UY
Ref. No: 23/00956/FUL—*SUPPORTED*

The installation of 15m high slim-line monopole, supporting 6 no. antennas, 2 no. equipment cabinets, 1 no. electric meter cabinet and ancillary development thereto.
Telecommunications Apparatus Church Road West Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex
Ref. No: 23/01016/TEL56—*NOT SUPPORTED—A full report was submitted appended to the minutes .*

CALLING COMMUNITY HEROES!

Could you be a Councillor?

There are currently three spaces on the Parish Council. Would you consider being co-opted?

Are you interested in local affairs?

Want to know more?

Here is the small print:

As a Parish Councillor, you would become a voice for West Hanningfield. Councillors are the heroes of their community investing time in local projects and resolving issues to the benefit of residents and the environment.

What's Involved?

Local councillors' responsibilities fall into three main categories:

◊ Monitoring budgets

◊ Taking part in decision making

◊ Getting involved locally

To be a member of West Hanningfield Parish Council you need to:

◊ Register your interests

◊ Adhere to a Code of Conduct

◊ Undertake training

◊ Have time

To be come a Member of West Hanningfield Parish Council , you must meet certain criteria:

- You must be over 18 years of age.
- You must be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union.
- 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.
- 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 be subject to the notification requirement of Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003.
- 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 interested, please call the Clerk on 07873 708275 or email clerk@westhanningfield-pc.gov.uk or download the co-option policy and application form: Co-option-Policy-May-2022-Copy.pdf (westhanningfield-pc.gov.uk)