WEST HANNINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY19th MAY 2023
WEST HANNINGFIELD VILLAGE HALL
DOORS OPEN 7pm - MEETING 7.30pm

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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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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT—Cllr Karen Jones

Lucy has done a sterling job in her report on bringing residents up to date with the news and activities of the Parish Council this quarter, so I don't have much more to tell residents - with the exception of the following.

Council Tax Precept Increase Consultation
Following the meeting on 6th February, the Parish Council noted the strength of feeling of those present, so at the next full meeting on 17th April a proposal will be put forward to conduct a Council Tax Precept Increase Consultation to determine whether residents are 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. If this is agreed, the Consultation will enable all residents in the Parish to have their say on this emotive subject.

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 it was agreed that a working party be formed, which would include members of the public, to ensure residents were made fully aware of the proposal and to produce a detailed document objecting to the proposal. This document was sent to Clarke Telecom on 27 March 2023 and if you wish to read this, it can be found at:
https://www.westhanningfield-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Letter-of-Objection-Radio-Base-Installation.pdf
On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to extend my thanks to the residents who generously gave their time to assist in delivering flyers and compiling the document that was sent to Clarke Telecom. We now await the outcome of the proposal.

Defibrillators
The Parish Council has recently been informed the defibrillator located at the school is now outdated and so will need to be replaced. Lucy contacted The Community Heartbeat Trust, who kindly agreed to guide the Parish Council through the process of purchasing an appropriate defibrillator and following a training session with them on Zoom in March, it became apparent that in order to provide adequate coverage for the entire Parish, a minimum of two defibrillators will be required. The Parish Council will now look to making grant applications to cover the cost of these vital pieces of equipment.

Coronation Gift
The Coronation of His Majesty The King takes place on 6 May 2023 and to commemorate this historic occasion the Parish Council has decided to purchase 'plug plants' and bulbs to be planted in the wildlife area of the recreation ground. As King Charles is a fan of wild meadow flowers, the Parish Council felt that it would be an apt choice to do something that reflects one of his enduring passions. The Parish Council is also planning to the seek involvement from the school children in the planting of these very special plants and flowers.

Lucy is now a 'proper' Clerk!
Finally I would like to share some good news with you all. Lucy, our Parish Clerk has recently passed her Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA). CiLCA is a professional qualification which tests whether an officer of the council has a broad knowledge of all the aspects of a clerk's work; the roles and responsibilities, the law, procedures, finance planning and community involvement. Lucy's qualification enables the Parish Council to continue to have the 'General Power of Competence', which in simple terms gives West Hanningfield Parish Council the power to do anything an individual can do provided it is not prohibited by other legislation.
Many congratulations Lucy...!

Best wishes to all
Karen Jones, Chairman

Clerk's Report – Lucy White

I am truly saddened to report that on 4th May, we say goodbye to Cllr Richard Poulter, our Chelmsford City Council Councillor. After 17 years, Richard has decided not to stand for re-election in May, although I know many are trying to persuade him otherwise. Richard is a hive of information and always happy to help. I know he has helped a great many of parishioners. Although Richard has not been obliged to attend Parish Council Meetings, he has made a point of being present unless other more pressing issues have demanded his attention.

Grants

On the subject of grants; although not a huge amount is available, the Council has the power to award grants and all deserving applications will receive serious consideration. Naturally, applications must meet certain criteria; the Parish Council must be convinced an award is in the best interests of, and will bring direct benefit to the parish or any part of it or all or some of its residents. Additionally, a grant cannot be made to individuals or commercial enterprises. For more information, follow the link to the grant policy and accompanying application form:

https://www.westhanningfield-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Grant-Awarding-Policy-May-2022-Copy.pdf

CCTV

The Parish Council is re-visiting a project to instal CCTV in the Parish. The aim is to effectively drive down crime and anti-social behaviour and the Council welcomes your views. The Council is looking into using 4G connectivity and with appropriate permission, possibly taking power from street lamps at five locations being the major roads into the main village, plus Bakers Lane.

Security

The security company 'S-Type' has been doing a marvellous job in the parish, but do remember, it is a service the Council provides for you, so do use them in appropriate circumstances of course. You may call anytime, day or night, if you see or hear anything suspicious. 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

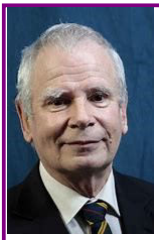
Annual Parish Meeting

Note the date—19th May 2023. The Annual Parish Meeting is your chance to offer your opinions and hear guest speakers (assuming I can secure their services!). Please get in touch and let me know any topics which are important to you for clarification or discussion.

Elections

There won't be a Parish Council election in West Hanningfield this year; all current councillors have been re-elected unopposed. However, you must ensure you get out to elect your City Councillor! Polling cards should have dropped through your door by now and for a full list of candidates, visit the City Council website: https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/voting-and-elections/upcoming-elections/

That's all for now—Take care
Lucy White—Parish Clerk



CHELMSFORD CITY COUNCIL—COUNCILLOR RICHARD POULTER

SPRING 2022

I have just received a pre-consultation letter from Clarke Telecom. The purpose of the letter is to give prior notification of the intention to construct a radio base station in Church Road close to its junction with Middlemead. The mast will be 20 metres tall and have six dishes. It will be designed to provide access to the latest 4G and 5G technologies. It is close to, but on the opposite side of the road to the school. It will be very prominent in the village. The consultation period ends on 31st March which I anticipate will have ended by the time this column is published. The Parish Council is aware of the proposal and is strongly opposed to it, as am I.

The process is that Clarke Telecom will now consider any representations and depending on its view of the representations, will then submit a planning application to Chelmsford City Council. This will be approved automatically unless the city council object. There are only two grounds on which a valid objection can be made, namely siting and appearance. Specifically no objection can be made on the question of 'need'. The City Council will consider any objections from residents, the Parish Council and your local councillors in due course before reaching a decision. Until such time as an application is made to it, the City Council has no application to consider. There is no point therefore in making representations to the planning office at this stage but if an application is made then representations should be made.

I would advise that any objectors should consider whether any alternative site is more suitable. In their proposal Clarke Telecom list alternative sites which they have considered and discarded. East Hanningfield was also recently the subject of a proposal to construct a mast on the Tye but this seems to have been successfully resisted with discussions ongoing over a more suitable site. This application in West Hanningfield is likely to succeed unless grounds for refusal can be based on siting or appearance. The question is where the mast should be, on the proposed site or elsewhere.

I was extremely disappointed with the decision on the appeal to approve a 49.9 megawatt solar farm on green belt land adjoining the old A130 between East and West Hanningfield. Working together, the city council, two Parish Councils, local residents and your two local councillors put up a very strong case against this development. With the other two approved schemes there will be significant visual intrusion and loss of valuable farmland.

There will be a major change to elections both nationally and locally starting with the local and parish elections on 4th May. Electors attending in person will be required to produce photo ID. This can take the form of a passport, driving licence, bus pass or blue badge. There is also the option of obtaining a certificate of entitlement to vote but this has to be obtained in advance and also requires a photo. NO ID NO VOTE. Voting Certificates can be obtained from the city council. Details of how to apply are set out on the council website. This does not affect postal votes which continue as before. I expect some chaos at the voting booths.

I am aware of the problems of alleged unauthorised storage of temporary buildings, building materials, commercial vehicles and containers in a field adjoining Bakers Lane. Fencing has also been constructed which interferes with natural undergrowth and trees. I am very concerned about this and am investigating it with the enforcement team at the city council.

Council tax demands have now landed on residents doormats. The city council has increased its precept by 2.98%, nearly the maximum allowed without a referendum. This is equal to £6.22 per annum at Band D. The Parish Council rise is 2.95% or £1.62 at Band D. The annual precept for the Parish Council at Band D is now £56.52 per year. This compares favourable with other Parishes e.g East Hanningfield at £73.80 or the most expensive of all, Danbury Parish Council at £147.51. By way of comparison the lowest parish precept at Band D is Chignall at £25.56. Mashbury Parish Council manages without raising a precept at all.

I am available to visit local residents and businesses to discuss any council related problem. Just send me an email or give me a ring to make arrangements. My wife and I wish all families and their families a Very Happy Easter. I am not seeking re-election in May. I would like to thank all residents for their support over the last 20 years.

Richard Poulter
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ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL—COUNCILLOR IAN GRUNDY

SPRING 2022

Essex County Council

We have completed Full Council on next year's budget with a 3.5% increase on the ECC part of Council tax. Any increase I know is unwelcome but be reassured that we have one of the lowest rates in the UK. Essex's budget is incredible £2 billion plus, and the priority continues to be Adult and Children Care - looking after the vulnerable in all its aspects takes over 60% of our budget.

Highway issues continue to dominate my mailbox be it flooding, potholes or general repair. I particularly welcome the additional £9m that has been allocated to help address some of these issues. There have been rumours that part night lighting is going to be reduced by two hours a day - I can confirm this will not happen and the current timings will apply, no change.

If you have been to a Recycling Centre recently you may well have been given a letter explaining that a booking system is going to be introduced as from the 13th of March. This applies to all the centres in Essex. You will be able to book your slot using the website or by telephone 0345 743 0430 in normal hours Monday to Friday. There have been problems of queuing and misuse by commercial vans, and it is hoped this will help alleviate these issues.

I have to say I am unhappy at this decision and fear it will lead to other problems, but we will see. It will be reviewed in the autumn so please let me know of your observations and experiences.

As always if I can help on any issue, please let me know.

Ian Grundy Email: cllr.Ian.grundy@essex.gov.uk Tel: 079202 86384

FINANCE

2022-2023

(Unaudited Expenditure)

Staffing	£9,561.36
Clerk's Mileage	£264.08
Grass Cutting	£3,836.00
Litter Collection	£100.00
General Maintenance	£748.39
Annual Safety Inspection	£178.50
Recreation Ground Rent	£267.00
Hall Hire	£351.00
Insurance	£1,230.08
Audit	£200.00
Telephone	£86.26
Affilliation Fees	£415.67
Training	£717.00
Administration	£556.65
Professional Fees	£35.00
Bank Charges	£72.00
Newsletters	£1,750.00
Payroll	£315.00
Website Hosting / IT Support	£1,082.80
Website	£1,910.00
S137	£20.00
Jubilee Event (New)	£508.71
Security	£2,625.00

Lucy White—Responsible Financial Officer

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECENTLY CONSIDERED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

Variation of Condition 2, 7, 9, 10 & 12 to planning permission 20/01402/FUL (Conversion and extension of existing outbuilding to form single dwelling (plot 1); and demolition of cattery buildings, removal of mobile home and attached decking and erection of two dwellings (plots 2 & 3) to alter the site layout and landscaping.
Site At Chase Farm Cattery Stock Road West Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex
Ref. No: 20/01402/S73—

T2 & T18 Sweet Chestnut-Re-pollard to previous pollard points. Reason: Cyclical pollard maintenance to prevent failure of over -extending pollard limbs; T21 - Ash adjacent Plot 81-Crown lift to 4 metres all round. Reason: prevent interference with property and for general maintenance ;T16 - Dead Silver Birch in Garden of No. 92- Fell (exempt)
92 Temple Grove Park Bakers Lane West Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex CM2 8LH
Ref. No: 22/05216/TPO

Demolish existing porch. Construction of first floor side extension, single storey rear extension and pitched roof porch to front.
3 Agricultural Cottages, Church Road, West Hanningfield, CM2 8UN
Ref. No: 22/02040/FUL

Demolition of existing dwelling and buildings. Construction of 3 buildings to accommodate 45 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

Proposed single-storey side extension, and open porch to front elevation.
Hicks Farm Lodge Holliday Hill, West Hanningfield, Chelmsford, CM2 8UG
Ref. No: 22/02105/FUL

Construction of a new dwelling with car port.
Land Adjacent Daylands Farm Stock Road West Hanningfield Chelmsford
Ref. No: 22/02008/FUL—NO COMMENT

G3 - Group of 3x English Oak - Crown reduce by 3.5 metres and shape, Crown lift to 5 metres General, cyclical maintenance T15 - Hornbeam - Crown reduce by 4 metres and shape, Crown lift to 5 metres - Reason: General, cyclical maintenance.
92 Temple Grove Park Bakers Lane West Hanningfield Chelmsford CM2 8LH
Ref. No: 22/05239/TPO—NO OBJECTION

W1 - Hornbeams - (Along NW boundary) - Dig post holes to install perimiter fence adjacent trees -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.
Gay Bowers Farm Bakers Lane West Hanningfield Chelmsford CM2 8LD
Ref. No: 22/05242/TPO—OBJECTION – on the grounds that the roots of protected trees should not be disturbed.

Demolition of existing dwelling and livery/stable buildings and erection of 1 x two storey and 2 x single storey dwellings together with associated covered and open parking facilities.
Land East Of Riddens Croft West Hanningfield Road Great Baddow Chelmsford
Ref. No: 22/02095/FUL – NO COMMENT

Replacement Dwelling with double garage and widening of access.
Applegate House Church Lane West Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex CM2 8XD
Ref. No: 22/02282/FUL – NOT SUPPORTED

Demolition of existing outbuilding. Construction of a single storey side extension including internal alterations and changes to the rear fenestration.
Glencoe Helmons Lane West Hanningfield Chelmsford Essex CM2 8UW
Ref. No: 23/00062/FUL – NO COMMENT

New pitch gable roof to front and solid roof to conservatory. Ground floor Infill extension. Additional fenestration including rear balcony. Replacement cladding including Infilling conservatory walls.
Dewi Sant, Helmons Lane, West Hanningfield, Chelmsford CM2 8UW
Ref. No: 23/00229/FUL – NO COMMENT

Proposed open oak frame porch to front
Hicks Farm Lodge, Holliday Hill, West Hanningfield, Chelmsford CM2 8UG
Ref. No: 23/00302/FUL – NO COMMENT

The Chairman reported that the Solar Farm Planning Appeal Planning Reference 21/00394/FUL had been upheld.

West Hanningfield

Celebrates The Coronation of King Charles III

Join friends and neighbours to celebrate this momentous occasion on

Saturday May 6th 4pm - 6.30pm

@ West Hanningfield Village Hall, Church Rd , CM2 8UJ

Cream Teas £7.50

Scone,Jam & Cream, Sandwiches, Vol-au-Vents, Fruit Tartlets, Tea or Coffee

With a Cocktail £10

Children's Teas £3.00

Coronation Cocktails, Beers and Lagers £3.00

Tea, Coffee & Kids Mocktails £1

A selection of Scones, Tarts etc. (prices various)

Crown and Flag Making Craft tables & Glitter Tattoos

Free Games for all ages

Screening of the Coronation

and the children of St Peters School Choir

Cream Teas served 4-5pm

Refreshments and Bar open 4-6.30pm

Book early - Cream Teas can be ordered in advance with a discount . Details will be included on your invite or email /Call

hall.bookings@westhanningfield.com M. 07837 789763

A community event provided by West Hanningfield Village Hall, the Friends of St Mary's and St Edward's and WH Village Church