

Clavering Parish Council Representative Reports for Parish Council Meeting 13th July 2020

Jubilee Field Meetings 5th May and 30th June:

Since lockdown, the Jubilee Field Committee of Management (JFCM) has met twice via Zoom.

The Playground was closed on 25th March and a Health and Safety Risk Assessment in relation to Covid-19 must be carried out (this is required by law) before the Playground may reopen.

RoSPA carried out the annual safety check on the equipment and delivered a report on 15th June – there are no ‘red alerts’ for any equipment. Fundraising for the new playground will re-commence as soon as is possible. The Annual Quiz is scheduled to take place in the Village Hall end January 2021.

To note in the CPC Meeting Minutes: the original of the Charity Commission agreed revisions last year to the Jubilee Field Trust Deed has been handed to the CPC Chairman to be lodged with the original deed. This will be delivered to Tees Solicitors when it is possible and the offices are reopened.

EALC Health and Wellbeing Plan Forum 30th June 2020.

This was mentioned at the March 2020 meeting as Clavering had been asked to be a Pilot Council, however Covid -19 came to the fore.

The Health and Wellbeing Plan is regarded by ECC as a grass roots plan to look at what is available in parishes and towns and where there may be a requirement for more specific input from ECC, rather than blanket provision that does not reach/is not suitable. ECC have set a target of 50 plans to be written before March 2021.

EALC has been hosting on-line Forums to encourage Councils to write these and Cllr Gill attended one.

The Plans are not onerous to write, they just require some coordination of thought. The expectation is that these are looked at on an annual basis for updating, and agreed at Full Council.

Attached is a ‘blank plan’ if any councillor(s) would like to consider taking on the task immediately.

It is envisaged that this is not a Clerk-led Plan, but is Councillor-led. The plan considers what Clavering has in support, where support can be signposted, what support may be lacking in Clavering.

(A PowerPoint presentation to be forwarded to Councillors under separate cover.)

EALC Chairman/Councillor Forums 18th June and 2nd July.

Since the last CPC meeting, the Chair has attended these.

EALC’s CILCA and New Councillor Training is now carried out via webinars : Playground & Village Hall reopening webinars available : EALC is looking at more courses being carried out on-line given the Covid-19 restrictions.

Rayne PC (Braintree DC) took part in the first ‘virtual’ Planning Appeal Inspectorate Hearing in the country. Rayne PC was not a Rule 6 Party, but Inspector allowed questions of them. (Same as for CPC in previous hearings)

Questions asked if NALC/EALC were considering requesting for permanent changes to allow virtual meetings as a contingency plan.

Discussions on Neighbourhood Plans (Braintree has 4.8yr supply. UDC confirmed recently in planning paperwork that the March 2020 calculation is only 2.68 years.)

Benefits of Zoom PC meetings mentioned by a Chair who is hard of hearing- he stated that he hears all that is now said in meetings! Also he is now longer worried if someone has a cough and sniffles!!

Experiences/opinions of other councils on planning matters & highways issues often asked including information sharing on planning re Agricultural Building permissions

Promotion of £10,000 Government Funding available esp. for Village Halls as so many have lost their rentals income stream and also no ability to fundraise over Easter or through the Summer months. Discussions on opening Village Halls and Children's Playgrounds; comments that halls with daily pre-school classes/pre- & after- school groups are not opening to other bookings at the moment given the need for Covid -19 cleaning.

From this Forum, a Working Party of Parishes on the 'Motorbike Alley' route through UDC and BDC has been formed to address common issues.

Safety of storing PC info on the Cloud : it is now considered that it is safe to do this and the ownership and use of the data is protected. NB This has moved on from advice previously received at an EALC Finance Course a few years ago.

Agreement that these Forums should continue: anticipated that it will move to monthly.

Cllr Stephanie Gill 3rd July 2020