



# CLAVERING NEWSLETTER

## CLAVERING PARISH COUNCIL

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### Parish Council Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020:

The Council met virtually by 'Zoom', with three parishioners in attendance; the District Councillor was present. Two Councillors gave apologies, as did the County Councillor.

The August meeting usually deals only with planning issues, but may also note or discuss matters as deemed required by the Clerk.

The Chair welcomed all, recording thanks to the parishioner who has recently cleared the Stort watercourses of invasive Himalayan Balsam. A parishioner representing *Hands off Clavering* spoke on the planning application for Land to the North of Eldridge Close. The CPC was informed there is a new coordinator for the Speedwatch programme and Clavering Speedwatch has volunteered to be part of a new pilot scheme. A parishioner made observations to the CPC on the new White Paper *Planning for the Future* and his research to date. A parishioner had microphone problems so could not be heard.

An Electrician has been instructed to install the new defibrillator at the Shop

Noted that the parishioner who carries out the annual autumn cut at the Dick Ball Meadow has also offered to trim the 'bee orchid' islands at Hill Green

There was a report of pilfering from the allotments

The willow tree which is failing, between Pond Cottage and the Cricketers PH, has been examined and found to have honey fungus. Quotes being sought for its removal

In July, Councillor Gill was nominated to the Essex Association of Local Councils Executive Committee by the Uttlesford Association of Local Councils

UDC has advised that they are not installing any new dog bins in the district. Litter bins are currently being emptied on a weekly basis, and may be used for the disposal of bagged dog excrement.

It was brought to the CPC's attention that not all public footpaths around the village are being reinstated within 14 days of commencing ploughing in the relating field as is the legal requirement, so the paths are very difficult to walk; also that it is a legal requirement for a dog on a public footpath to be kept under the close control of the owner who must ensure it does not stray from the public footpath.

### Planning Applications Received for PC Comment:

**UTT/20/1628/OP: Land To The North Of Eldridge Close:** Outline planning application with all matters reserved except access for up to 9 dwellings (Class C3) including, public open space, sustainable drainage systems, landscaping and all associated infrastructure and development.

#### Comments made.

**UTT/20/1917/LB & 1916/HHF: Paddock View Stickling Green:** Erection of first floor extension including removal of lean-to slate roof, new front porch, conversion of barn including removal of roof, erection of single storey extension to link house to converted barn, erection of detached two bay cart shed and erection of greenhouse **No Comments**

**UTT/20/1888/LB: Wakefares Hill Green :** Property repairs comprising; recovering of the front pitched roof reusing existing tiles, fitting of cowls to the chimney pots, replacement of cement render with lime render, new external doorset, internal first floor ceiling renewal to some bedrooms, alterations to first floor bathroom layout, bedroom door positions, ground floor WC area and external painting of the house. **No Comments**

**UTT/20/1889/LB: Wakefares Hill Green :** Replacement windows. **No Comments**

### Planning Applications Considered by UDC:

**UTT/20/1357/LB: Wakefares Hill Green:** Property repairs comprising; recovering of the front pitched roof reusing existing tiles, recovering of flat dormer roofs, fitting of cowls to the chimney pots, replacement of cement render with lime render, replacement windows, new external doorset, internal first floor ceiling renewal to some bedrooms, alterations to first floor bathroom layout, bedroom door positions, ground floor WC utility area and external painting of the house. **REFUSED**

**UTT/20/1223/HHF: Butts Green Farm Butts Green:** Revised scheme to that approved under UTT/14/2599/FUL for erection of stable block and change of use of land from agricultural to paddock and formation of manege. **REFUSED**

**UTT/20/1071/OP: Clavering Farm Mill Lane:** Outline application with all matters reserved for the demolition of glasshouse, and erection of 1 no. dwelling, with associated curtilage, car parking and landscaping. **REFUSED**

**UTT/19/2852/FUL: Land West Of Stortford Road:** Technical Details pursuant to Planning in Principle ref UTT/18/3326/PIP for the erection 8 dwellings. **APPROVED with conditions**

**UTT/20/0616/FUL : Britannia Works Stickling Green:** Change of use from D1 (gym) to mixed use (gym and office). **APPROVED with conditions**

The Clerk continues the process of uploading information onto the new PC website.

Please contact the Clerk if you wish to access any information that is not yet posted there, or if you find a mis-posted document. There is a direct messaging link from the website.

**Approved Council Minutes and Financial Statements will be found on the Parish Council website:**

[www.claveringparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.claveringparishcouncil.gov.uk) Please note this is the final, updated website name.

**Draft Council Minutes are posted on the Parish Council Board and the website.**

**The Council meets the second Monday of each month.**

**The next Agenda can be found in the week before each Meeting on the Parish Council's notice board by the Post Box at Clavering Shop, and the Parish Council website with the latter also providing the supporting meeting documents**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be called as a virtual meeting for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm

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#### **Information Links:**

Clavering Parish Council: <https://www.facebook.com/claveringparishcouncil/>  
Clavering Village Group: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/groups/584326808323632/>  
Clavering and Langley Coronavirus Community Help Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1493303037497469>

Uttlesford Community Response: 03333 408218 or [communityresponse@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:communityresponse@uttlesford.gov.uk)  
Uttlesford District Council: [www.uttlesford.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/coronavirus)  
Uttlesford Frontline: [www.uttlesfordfrontline.org.uk](http://www.uttlesfordfrontline.org.uk)

Essex County Council: [beta.essex.gov.uk/news/coronavirus](http://beta.essex.gov.uk/news/coronavirus)  
Essex Coronavirus Action: [www.facebook.com/essexcoronavirusaction/](https://www.facebook.com/essexcoronavirusaction/)  
Essex Welfare Service: [essexwelfareservice.org/](http://essexwelfareservice.org/)

Citizens Advice Bureau: 01799 618840 or [www.uttlesfordcab.org.uk](http://www.uttlesfordcab.org.uk)  
Kemi Badenoch MP: <https://www.kemibadenoch.org.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-and-guidance>

### **Public Inspection of Parish Council Accounts 2020: Exercise of Public Rights**

Due to Covid-19 the inspection period will be 1<sup>st</sup> September to 12<sup>th</sup> October, inclusive. The relating notices will be posted by the CPC Clerk on the Council's website and also on the notice board by the Village Shop in August. These will include all contact information to allow for inspections at reasonable notice, the Government's Covid -19 requirements for face-to-face meetings, and CPC's safeguarding policies. CPC upholds an Elector's rights to inspect, question and challenge accounts.

### **Health and Safety Requirements for grass cutting and other works on Parish Council Land (not contractors)**

Obviously Covid -19 has meant that the CPC has been unable to organise a biennial Health & Safety Briefing this summer which enables parishioners and councillors who carry out works on parish land to be covered under the Parish Council's insurance. CPC understand that those who attended the course in June 2018 and continue to carry out work per that briefing's health and safety guidance should be covered but the clerk is seeking clarification on this and will advise further as needs be.

## Village Green Waste Service

5<sup>th</sup> September : 3<sup>rd</sup> October : 31<sup>st</sup> October : 28<sup>th</sup> November

This service is available for Clavering and Langley residents only (paid for via their parish precepts)

## The Essex Mobile Library Service has recommenced:

5<sup>th</sup> September : 26<sup>th</sup> September ; 17<sup>th</sup> October : 7<sup>th</sup> November

10.30 - 11 am Outside the Clavering Christian Centre, Stortford Road

## THANK YOU

It seems to be that time of the year when hedges grow overnight and its brambles suddenly snake out to attack unsuspecting passers-by. If you do own such a hedge, your efforts in cutting it back are greatly appreciated by pedestrians.

Cars parked on the narrow pavements in our village can unfortunately force children, parents with pushchairs, and the elderly to walk in the road if there is no room to pass.

Please do park courteously on the road so as not to obstruct the pavement.

## Clavering Bowls Club welcomes the easing of restrictions for bowling.

The Club invites anyone interested in fresh air and light exercise to arrange their own introductory session to bowling with one of the Club's coaches.

Just telephone Lee (), Sue () or Donna () to make a date with one of our coaches at a time to suit you (from 12 noon). You will also be given a leaflet which describes the game, the terms used and what to expect. Families welcome.

We assure you that we are following Bowls England's guidelines and the Club is continuing to sanitise all the equipment used.

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*Bowling green and Clubhouse are at the far side of Jubilee Field, alongside the tennis courts*

## Clavering Cricket Club

Upcoming games: 6<sup>th</sup> September Flycatchers 13<sup>th</sup> September Arkesden

The Club has to abide by directives from the England Cricket Board to ensure the games can be played as safely as possible. The directives and government guidance apply to both players and spectators. It would be lovely to see supporters on the boundary, but please do not approach the teams at the breaks as this is not advised. Supporters are also required to keep to the prevailing government guidance for outdoor gatherings, which currently is in groups of two households or 6 people from different households. The pavilion will not be opened and, sadly, Clavering's renown cricket teas cannot be served.

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## Jubilee Field Management Committee

**The Annual General Meeting of Clavering Jubilee Field (Registered Charity No: 277011) will take place on Tuesday 13 October 2020 at 8pm.**

If possible, this will be a face-to-face meeting in the Village Hall, Clavering.

If this is not possible due to Covid-19 restrictions, it will take place virtually via Zoom.

**All persons registered in the Parish of Clavering are invited to attend this meeting but only those over the age of 18 are entitled to vote. If you wish to attend, please contact the Clavering Jubilee Field Management Committee by email at [claveringjubileefield@gmail.com](mailto:claveringjubileefield@gmail.com) so we can send you the link to the Zoom meeting, if necessary.**

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 22 October 2019
3. Matters arising / action points
4. Chairman's Report
- . Correspondence
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Club Reports
8. Election of the Committee of Management for 2020/2021
9. Any other business

*By order of the Chairman D Duckworth 8 July 2020*

## Clavering Rainfall – April, May, June and July

The rainfall in April was 38.1mm (1.50ins) which was what I would normally expect.

May was extremely dry with only 0.5mm (0.02ins) which fell on three separate days which meant that there were 28 dry days in the month.

June was a little drier than normal with 46.4mm (1.80ins) but July was considerably wetter than normal with 59.6mm (2.35ins), even so by the end of July we were still around 30mm (1.18ins) less than in an average year.

You would be interested to know that the thunderstorm we experienced on the morning of the 13th of August produced just over 25mm (1.0ins) of rain in just over 1 hour.

*Brian Barrow*

## Clavering Parish Council Meetings held virtually by Zoom.

Up to and including 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021 'The Regs', as were mentioned in May's Newsletter, permit the Parish Council to hold remote meetings by means including electronic, digital or virtual locations such as internet locations, web addresses or conference call telephone numbers. Even though Covid-19 lockdown has eased, the advice to Councils is to continue meeting remotely unless there is an identified need to meet face-to-face and, in such a case, only after completing a Covid-19 Risk Assessment for the meeting and venue. Of course the prevailing Government guidance on meeting places and social distancing would also need to be followed.

Accordingly, CPC will continue to meet via Zoom for the foreseeable future.

On application, the Clerk sends over the Zoom Meeting invitation details to parishioners. Hybrid participation by telephone can also take place; please contact the Clerk for more information.

## Website Link to report Highway problems to Essex County Council

<http://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads.aspx>

This website page can be used to report problems (such as potholes, traffic lights not working, pavement/kerb/drainage defects, overgrown trees or hedges, blocked/damaged footpaths, and more). We encourage parishioners to use this service as we find that Essex CC responds more swiftly to problems reported on-line and also a reference number for the report is generated immediately. This link can also be used to check outstanding queries, road closures, gritting routes and bus information.

## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

*Chair:* Stephanie Gill: *Vice Chair:* Robert Clayton:

*Councillors:* Brian Barrow: Richard Carter: Nigel Cook:

Ron Couchman: Mike Patmore: Martina Ryan: Rebecca Stanford:

*Clerk:* Mrs Jess Ashbridge: 07986 914991 Email: [clerk@claveringvillage.org.uk](mailto:clerk@claveringvillage.org.uk)

**Parish Council Address: Clavering Clerk. PO Box 1376, CAMBRIDGE, CB1 0GS**

**The Clerk's availability to parishioners is usually Tuesday 11am-2pm & Thursday 11am-2pm**

### DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE VILLAGE HALL

If you have to make a 999 call, the call handler may decide that the defibrillator is required.

You will be asked if you are able to go to the village hall to get the defibrillator, but this would usually only happen if someone else is able to stay with the person in need, as phone contact with the emergency service must be maintained at all times.

The call handler will give you the code to open the yellow metal box beside the village hall entrance doors.

The defibrillator is the small carry case – like a child's play-doctor kit – that is kept in the metal box.

Take the 'Ready Kit' (transparent pouch), the 'Covid-19' pack and the carry case.

When you are back with the patient, open the carry case: you will then hear an automated voice giving instructions.

The call handler will also talk you through all that you must do and when the paramedics arrive they will take over from you.

### REMEMBER

**The defibrillator can go to the patient**

**No special training is required**

**The Emergency Services will guide you through everything**