

Representative Reports to the Clavering Parish Council Meeting 9th November 2020

Jubilee Field Committee of Management (JFCM)

A successful Zoom AGM was held on Tuesday 13th October. Donna Duckworth will continue as Chair, with Paul Birch as Vice Chairman. Amy Green stepped down from Secretary after nearly six years' service and the committee are looking for a replacement. Jon Dixon, a newly elected trustee agreed to take on the role of Treasurer.

Though the field has received great use in 2020, with some villagers discovering its merits for the first time and the committee re-opening the playground as soon as it could safely do so, the fundraising which the Committee needs to do in order to maintain the area has suffered. Similarly, Covid-19 has stymied the New Adventure Playground fundraising.

In the coming year the committee will need to arrange for the required three-yearly inspection of the trees, especially those in Simon's Wood. A recent safety inspection has indicated that the seesaw also needs to be replaced before the fundraising can re-start for the New Playground Equipment; there are also repairs which are needed to the pavilion's fascia boards. The Committee has funds, but is also seeking grants, especially for the seesaw.

The latest Govt. advice received concerning the 5th November – 2nd December lockdown is that children's playgrounds may remain open. Signs are already in place at the field concerning Covid-19 safe use and the JFCM will continue to make hand sanitiser stations available there.

Uttlesford Association of Local Councils (UALC) AGM 29th October 2020

Unexpectedly, I was unable to attend this meeting.

I have received a verbal report from the Secretary and another attendee. Cllr Alan Townsend (Great Hallingbury) and Cllr Keith Artus (Hatfield Broad Oak) were elected Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively. I remain as a UALC representative on the EALC.

The subscription for 2020/21 will remain at £5. It is hoped that the funds currently held by UALC will be used to training/speakers at meetings.

The next meeting Committee meeting is scheduled for January. I shall make the AGM draft minutes available to the Council when I have them.

Essex Association of Local Councils

I have been approached by the EALC to become a joint tutor on its New Councillor courses. I shall be attending (at no cost) the New Councillor Briefings on 10th & 18th November and also 1st & 8th December. I shall inform the council of the outcomes of this.

The EALC Annual Meeting of the Executive will be on 19th November, via Zoom.

Though I had not been informed of the following, I discovered that I have been nominated for a Key Role seat on the Essex Rural Partnership Strategic Board, the Personnel Committee and also the Local Larger Councils Forum.

After contacting EALC to inform them that Clavering is not a 'Larger Council' so there must be an error there, I am waiting on further information on the other Key Roles as I am able to request the nomination is withdrawn.

Cllr Stephanie M Gill