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| **10-5 Village sign** | **CLAVERING NEWSLETTER**  **CLAVERING PARISH COUNCIL**  **Issue 168 14th May 2021**  **NEW email address: clerk@claveringparishcouncil.gov.uk**  **Editor: Stephanie Gill** |

**Annual Meeting of the Parish, 28th April 2021:**

Ten parishioners, seven Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk, the District Councillor and the County Councillor were in remote attendance.

After welcoming all to this unique Zoom Meeting of the Parish, the Chairman asked that a vote of thanks be recorded to all those in the Parish who had made a contribution by helping others in and around Clavering through the challenging times since last March.

The Parish Councillors present introduced themselves, detailing any specific responsibilities they undertook as a councillor.

The Chairman then gave the required Annual Report – unfortunately rather lengthy as it had to cover two years as a Parish Meeting was not held in 2020 due to Covid-19 - and summarised the end of year financial matters. The anticipated projects for the coming year were also detailed.

The County and District Councillors then gave over their reports. The ECC Cllr Ray Gooding asked that thanks be passed over as he was aware of Clavering villagers who had donated laptops which had either been new, refurbished or used for spare parts and helped allow for some 5000 schoolchildren in Essex to have laptops made available to them though the lockdowns for their schooling. UDC Cllr Edward Oliver made his report and then took a question from a parishioner on how UDC is addressing Climate Change matters.

The Chair of Jubilee Field, Donna Duckworth, and the Chair of the Village Hall, John Upton, each introduced themselves and gave over reports which included challenges their charities have faced over the past year and details of anticipated projects and events.

The following representatives of village organisations also gave over reports on their activities:

Frank Woods, Vice Chairman, Hands off Clavering

Judith William-Powlett, Treasurer, Clavering Landscape History Group

Richard Carter, Chairman, Clavering Cricket Club

Lee Woods, Secretary, Clavering Bowls Club

Questions were asked of the Parish Councillors by a parishioner.

No votes were called on any question raised.

The Chairman’s Annual Report and summaries of reports given over in the meeting can be read on the Parish Council Website. Go to the link on the website for *Parish Council Minutes* then *Annual Meeting of the Parish 2021*

**Parish Council Annual Meeting 4th May 2021**

This remote meeting via Zoom was calledearlier in the month than is usual as, upon the expiration of the Coronavirus Regulations on 7th May, remote meetings would not be lawfully permitted.

The Parish Council received notification the day after it had met on 12th April that Essex considered that the days of national mourning for the late Prince Philip were to be considered days of public mourning, and thus may not be considered as part of the notice period required for Parish Council meetings under the Local Government Act 1972. (This was not the interpretation of other counties, including Cambridgeshire.) Accordingly, the 12th April meeting of the Councillors was received as a report as most items were fact finding or advising or noting of matters. The Clerk had been able to act under delegated powers and any matter in April requiring a resolution came to the Full Council’s May meeting for determination.

Three parishioners were present and the District Councillor; no apologies for absence received.

**Election of Officers and determination of Committees/Representatives/Trustees –**

Chairman – Cllr Stephanie Gill (elected unopposed)

Vice Chairman – Cllr Rob Clayton (elected unopposed)

Financial Overseer – Cllr Rebecca Stanford

Jubilee Field Committee of Management Trustee **-** Cllr Stephanie Gill

Village Hall Committee of Management Trustees - None currently

Employment Committee – Cllrs Richard Carter, Rob Clayton & Stephanie Gill

Primary Complaints Sub-Committee - Cllrs Brain Barrow, Martina Ryan, & Rebecca Stanford

(per EALC advice this acts as a subset of the Employment Committee)

Dispute Committee - Cllrs Richard Carter, Rob Clayton, & Stephanie Gill

Editor of Newsletter- Cllr Stephanie Gill

Footpaths & Byways Representative – Cllr Rebecca Stanford

Passenger Transport Representative – Cllr Stephanie Gill

Allotments representative – Cllr Michael Patmore

Village Sign Working Party – Cllrs Stephanie Gill, Martina Ryan, Rebecca Stanford plus Lee Woods

Cllr Stephanie Gill, or agreed substitute, continues to represent the Parish Council in attending and speaking at attend UDC Planning Committee Meetings.

The Chairman thanked Councillors for electing her for a 10th year as Chair – she is happy to serve the parish but feels that perhaps another voice should be heard in the position next year.

She apologised that the agenda was very long that evening, but as it was uncertain whether a meeting could be held in June under the Covid -19 guidance there was much to cover.

A Representative from Hands off Clavering spoke on the application to build on the land behind the school which was to be considered by the UDC Planning Committee on 12th May.

A Parishioner made comments on call logs re. Insurance matters and gave over an opinion on engagement of contractors.

**Of note in the meeting:**

**Flooding and drainage:** Rescheduled date for Environment Agency work on The Stort still not advised – Clerk to send further chasers and attempt to contact more senior EA members.

Cllr Gooding is ‘in purdah’ pending elections so unable to look at drains/flood problems.

**Village Greens:** Parishioner to be responded to as was seeking advice on reseeding worn areas. Having written to the Clerk giving undertakings, a parishioner to be advised on how to protect a green during upcoming building works

**Assets Of Community Value (ACV):** UDC have confirmed that Upper Hill Green Cricket Field had been a registered ACV until December 2020. Resolved that UDC re-register this and also the Fox & Hounds PH (also expired December 2020)

**Future Meetings:** A High Court Judgement on the lawfulness of remote council meetings after 7th May was still awaited. As the Christian Centre is also waiting on Government guidelines they could not advise if the hall would be available to hirers other than *Willows* in June. The Chairman of the Village Hall had advised at the Annual Parish Meeting that because of the damage to the hall floor it was not expected that bookings could be made before July. Determined that a June Meeting would only be held if remote meetings were allowed by the Judgement; a July meeting would be scheduled when a venue could be secured, under the prevailing government guidelines.

The Parish Council’s monthly Zoom subscription to be cancelled as necessary

**Litter Bins –** Cllr Carter thanked for installing the two new bins. Two further bins to be ordered to replace others in very poor state.

**Training –** Noted that the Clerk and Cllr Gill participated in a free mini website accessibility webinar**.** Agreed that Cllr Gill attends a webinar on HR/Employment

**UALC:** Cllr Gill advised that the subscription fee for this will be £5 for the coming year

**UDC Draft Local Plan Consultation:** Comments submitted by the Clerk

**Clerk’s Report:** Received and noted.

**Risk Assessment**: Discussion as to how to protect Lower Hill Green as a road closure was expected the next day, given the damage that had happened previously. Insurance company to be contacted to give advice on suggested actions.

**Finance:** Cheques approved. Year-end accounts received.

Resolved to approve amended Asset Register of 28th March 2021.

AGAR: Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 formally made, agreed and resolved.

AGAR: Accounting Statements 2020/21 agreed and resolved. Certificate of Exemption agreed and resolved

Chairman’s Statement to accompany the AGAR reviewed by Full Council.

**Employment:** Discussion held *in camera*. Resolved to approve salary recommendations after Clerk’s Annual Appraisal.

**Dispute & Potential Dispute:** Discussions held *in camera*, as considered confidential matters

**Planning Received for PC Comment:**

**UTT/21/1198/HHF Wren House Wicken Road** Proposed single storey rear extension and detached three bay garage to front. **Comments made**

**UTT/21/1234/HHF & 1235/LB Peacocks Clatterbury Lane** Convert 2 bay carport into home gymnasium. **No Comment by PC (as concerns listed building)**

**UTT/21/1314 /FUL** **Brices Farm Butts Green** Erection of agricultural storage building with biomass tank (amended scheme to that approved under planning permission UTT/20/3455/FUL)

**Comments made**

**UTT/21/1419/HHF Clatterbury House High Street** Re-roof with concrete pan tiles; replace current garage door with glass bifold doors; make good interior form water damage (due to leaking roof) and make good existing internal garage windows. **Comments made**

**Planning Determined UDC:**

**UTT/20/2777/HHF High Elms Stickling Green** Proposed erection of 2 bay cart lodge with 1 open and 1 closed bay, storage and office area above. **Refused**

**Planning Appeal in Process**

**UTT/20/1628/OP APP/C1570/W/21/3267624 Land to the North of Eldridge Close.** Outline planning with all matters reserved except access for up to 9 dwellings (Class3) including public open space, sustainable drainage systems, landscaping, and all associated infrastructure and developments.

**The next Parish Council Meeting is now expected to take place in July.**

**It will be advised as soon as is possible on the Parish Council Website and Facebook page.**

**Approved Council Minutes and Financial Statements will be found**

**on the Parish Council website:** https://www.claveringparishcouncil.gov.uk/

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

**The Council normally 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 Clerk continues the process of uploading information onto the 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.

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**YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**

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

***Councillors***: Brian Barrow: Richard Carter: Ron Couchman:

Mike Patmore: Martina Ryan: Rebecca Stanford:

**Clerk:** Mrs Jess Ashbridge: 07986 914991  **Email**:[**clerk@claveringparish**](mailto:clerk@claveringparish)**council.gov.uk**

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

**Gigaclear & connecting Fibre Optic Broadband.**

**Thank you to parishioners who have informed us they are affected by Gigaclear’s recent decision not to connect them to the fibre optic cabling.**

If there are any more households due to be connected and will now not be as cables will not be laid, or a household that Gigaclear is refusing to connect despite cables being available, please may you contact the Clerk to be part of the evidence base being submitted as we shall be taking this to the new Cabinet Member at Essex County Council. Thank you

**Village Green Waste Service at Clavering Place Farm, Stickling Green**

This service is available for Clavering and Langley residents only: it is paid for via their parish precepts

**10.30am - 11.30am**

**29th May ~ 26th June ~ 24th July ~ 21st August**

**18th September ~ 16th October ~ 13th November**



**!!! Clavering Village’s Spring Cleans !!!**

**Saturday 29th May & Saturday 12th June**

**To take part, please gather at the Village Hall at 10.30am –prompt -**

for a short Health & Safety briefing (for PC insurance purposes!)

and to be allocated an area.

**Grabbers & Bags & Hi-Viz Jackets are provided**

**Please bring suitable gloves and wear sturdy footwear**

**Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult**

Note: we do not allocate areas alongside roads/watercourses to children

For more information contact Stephanie

**Essex Mobile Library Service now resumed**

Clavering Christian Centre 10.30 – 11am

5th June 26th June 17th July 7th August

**Recent Planning Application 31 houses & other developments on Land behind Clavering Primary School: Access only, all other matters reserved.**

Villagers are no doubt now aware that the UDC Planning Committee voted to allow this access to be developed; the vote was carried by the Chairman’s casting vote.

Given the number of objections sent in and sentiments expressed to the Parish Council, it is expected that many villagers will be disappointed by this determination in the light of comments of severe harm to the countryside under the NPPF made by a Planning Inspector in February 2020 when rejecting a very similar proposal.

In response to questions since raised by parishioners, under Planning Law it is not possible for anyone, other than the applicant, to appeal a decision unless they can prove the decision was not made in accordance with lawful practices.

This application’s approval has over twenty conditions placed on it, including one that before any development commences there must be a public consultation and agreement determined on the extra yellow ‘no parking’ lines and installation of zebra crossings to be introduced along the Stortford Rd as indicated on submitted drawings, while others relate to infrastructure matters such as drainage and foul water removal.

**Jubilee Field News.**

Even with the wet May weather, the Jubilee Field continues to be well used by villagers of all ages and for various forms of recreation.

At a recent meeting the Trustees decided, as the Committee has been very lucky to receive grants recently and mindful that we are still emerging into a post Covid-19 economy, that they shall not start any serious fundraising until 2022.

However, there are still events planned:

**Saturday 4th September**: **Cake Stall and*Pimms* Competition** at the Village Fete

**Saturday 18th September:** **River Clean** to remove logs which wash downstream in heavy rainfall and cause blockages near the Dick Ball Meadow.

**Friday 15th October**:  **Evening 'Oktoberfest'** - more details to follow.

And in response to requests, our **Quiz Night with a Luxury Ploughman's Supper** will return on **Friday 28th January 2022**.

**Clavering Bowls Club.** The full bowling season has started, and the club is naturally following Covid-19 guidance from Bowls England for opening and usage.

The Greens Team have worked very hard so the green is playing very well and running true while Club Members have contributed to the deep clean of the clubhouse and contents as was required and are now concentrating on exterior work.

On Bank Holiday Monday, 31st May, the green will be open for everyone who wants to try bowling between 12 noon and 4pm. All equipment will be provided – all that attendees need to do is wear a pair of flat shoes.

For more information on the Club contact Margaret Nathan or Lee Woods

**Clavering Cricket Club.**

With members carrying out maintenance work to the square and the pavilion over the winter, it is great that recreational cricket is now allowed to take place and games played at Hill Green.

However, players and spectators are obliged to abide by the guidelines set down by the England Cricket Board as well as the Government. This means that, for our first game, casual spectators must gather per the prevailing rules for outdoor gatherings - ie the ‘Rule of 6’ and with current social distancing guidance. They may not approach the players nor the pavilion.

The Committee has yet to satisfy itself if the pavilion can be opened for the players in a safe manner or serve teas maintaining the prescribed social distancing as required after 17th May. Also, after this date spectators may gather per the new rules of 30 while maintaining social distancing, but would not be able to mingle with the teams until the next stage of lockdown easing is announced.

Upcoming Fixtures : May 16th Manuden at home June  13th Stansted at home

        23rd  Elmdon at home 20th  Saffron Walden at home

**CLAVERING LANDSCAPE HISTORY GROUP: SUMMER DIG - 10th to 18th July**

The History Group focus this summer will be an excavation project to follow up last year’s very successful geophysics survey in the grounds of The Bury.

Last year’s resistivity survey commissioned by the History Group, and undertaken by landscape archaeologist Simon Coxall, found some puzzling anomalies and we hope to discover what they are. It will be fun to do; equipment is supplied and no experience necessary as there will be a training session.

The event is of course dependent on Covid regulations at the time and would be fully H&S compliant, under Simon’s direction.

Able-bodied adults will be able to book a two-hour session at the dig, on payment of £5 to cover the History Group’s insurance for the event.

For more details, please get in touch ASAP. email [mrsjacquelinecooper@gmail.com](mailto:mrsjacquelinecooper@gmail.com)

**Clavering Horticultural Society.** Regretfully the June 2021 Rose Show is cancelled – but it is hoped that roses tended will bloom beautifully in gardens.

The fate of the late July 2021 Main Show, with its classes for vegetables, flowers, cookery and classes for children’s entries only, is still unknown.

Do keep an eye on the Village Facebook Page for further information. Thank you

**Sheepcote Green Open Gardens Sunday 30th May 1pm – 5pm**

Five gardens open, raising funds through the NGS for nursing and health charities

Adult £8 Children free. Bookings only via <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/42171>



**Initiative in Clavering Village - Relocation Information**

**A wooden collection chest for donations to the foodbank**

**can now be found by the railings at the entrance to the**

**Clavering Christian Centre on the Stortford Road.**

Donations are removed from the chest at dusk each day. **Thanks**

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

[**http://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads.aspx**](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).

**DEFIBRILLATORS AT THE VILLAGE HALL and VILLAGE SHOP**

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 or the village shop 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 hall or shop entrance doors

The hall’s 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.

The shop’s defibrillator is in a shoulder bag with the ‘Ready Kit’ in a small black bag attached to its strap.

ONLY THE SHOP’S DEFIBRILLATOR CAN BE USED WITH PADS FOR CHILDREN UNDER 8 YEARS OF AGE – THESE MUST BE TAKEN FROM THE CABINET ALSO AND ARE CLEARLY MARKED.

When you are back with the patient, open the defibrillator: you will then hear an automated voice giving instructions. IF NEEDED, REMOVE THE ADULT PADS AND ATTACH CHILD PADS.

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**

