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Parish Council Meeting 8th July

Five members of the public were present and the District Councillor was present in part. The Chairman welcomed all, explaining that the agenda was very lengthy that evening. Two parishioners informed the meeting they were present to hear comment and updates on certain agenda items. A parishioner spoke on a letter they had sent to the Council. A parishioner asked if the Parish council could confirm the ownership of certain hedges in the village and also expressed dismay that the orchids at Lower Hill Green had been mown before they had finished flowering and dropped their seeds.

District Cllr Oliver reported that, due to the General Election, he had no report to make re UDC meetings. He was interested to know whether the Chairman had received any further information re the DaRT bus contract which he could pass to other parishes in the ward.

Essex County Councillor Gooding was not in attendance.

Clerk's report - Received and noted

Road Safety re. Blacksmith's Corner, Pelham Road and Stortford Road – Clerk had contacted Cllr Gooding on this, as well as the blocked drains through the village to the Herts boundary, but no response to date.

Blocked ditch at Starlings Green – Two councillors had inspected and detailed the perceived problems, but will revisit with the Land Registry documents to ascertain extent of village green.

Parishioner Correspondence re. requested systems audit – Councillors discussed the letter received, the previous response to a letter sent by the Parishioner on the matter and the relating minutes of the Council meeting of March 2023.

Clavering Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Working Party (WP) – An update with recommendations was received from the WP. It was agreed to request UDC to designate the Parish of Clavering as the area of designation under the Clavering Neighbourhood Plan. The Vision Statement of the NP was agreed. (More information detailed below)

Jubilee Field Representative – Next meeting 28th August

Byways and Footpaths Representative – Bridleway 31 is repaired and fully usable. Fallen tree on Bridleway 48 has been reported. Broken bridge on Footpath 53 has been reported – the bridge is very unstable

Essex Passenger Transport - The DaRT bus service has been awarded to Flagfinders as of 29th July. Cllr Gill has contacted the company to source information on the new set up and booking arrangements. These will be communicated as soon as available. Uttlesford Essex Passenger Transport Representative meeting via Zoom on 26th July – this is not a public meeting though.

Uttlesford Association of Local Councils – AGM Wednesday 24th July 7.45pm in Clavering Village Hall. Cllr Gill & Cllr Smither or Elliston to attend

Village Green and Parish Assets – Quotes awaited for tree by Frog Pond and repair of bench at Middle Street; arising from inspection by two councillors, handyman to look at Eggie's Bench and advise.

Early cut of Lower Hill Green by contractor – Clerk instructed to write to contractor.

Risk Assessment – Both defibrillators "rescue ready" 7th July. Two councillors to inspect various areas and items brought to attention of Parish Clerk by a parishioner and councillors

Gambling Act – Determined not to respond to UDC Consultation on this

ECC Salt Bag Partnership – Determined to continue this for 2024/25 winter. Volunteers to

be contacted re H&S advice. No further salt stocks required this year.

Track behind The Hyde, Stortford Rd – A councillor made representation on the state of the track but the meeting was advised by a parishioner present that the matter was being dealt with by residents. After discussion and reference to the existing deed of access between UDC and CPC, the council determined that it would grant temporary & time-defined access over the allotment track for the agreed contractors of The Hyde's residents to gain access in order to carry out repairs to the track.

Annual Council Meeting – Councillors determined that this would now be 19th May 2025

Training- Clerk had undertaken 'Local Government Finance: Accounting Basics for Clerk & RFOs' and attended the SLCC New Clerks webinar. Cllr Bullen attended 2 days of Chairman Training (day 3 will be September). Cllr Gill attended a Character Landscape Assessment Workshop at RCCE.

Finance –Cheques agreed, including payment to Castle Water after protracted correspondence and refuting of penalty charges levied. Confirmation of Bank Mandate change

Extraordinary Meeting called for 16th July 2024. Agenda Items: Adoption of new Model Financial Regulations, External Audit Certificate of Exemption, Internal Auditor's Report, 'Scribe' Finance Packages, RCCE Affordable Housing Survey Report, Planning Matters, Employment matters, Enforcement matters.

Planning for PC Comment:

UTT/24/1066/FUL AMENDED APPLICATION : Mill End Dairy Farm Mill End.

Proposed change of use and conversion of former agricultural barn to 1 no. self-build dwelling Retention of tennis court and retrospective proposals, including a link extension to the north side of the main building (towards the former outbuilding), an increased gable wing on the former outbuilding in height and width, and a 3-bay detached carport. Proposed erection of 2 no. sheds and 1 no. greenhouse Proposed change of use of part of the land from agricultural to domestic. Proposed air source heat pump to be relocated and re-configuration of solar panels Proposed design, layout and fenestration changes and associated development.

No comment

UTT/24/1582/FUL: Ashcroft Wicken Road S73 application to remove condition 15 (existing access) of UTT/20/0913/FUL (Erection of 4 no. detached dwellings with associated landscaping and cartlodge parking (Revised scheme to UTT/19/1381/FUL approved under appeal APP/C1570/W/19/3241983) **No Comment**

UTT/24/1586/HHF: Mulberry House Middle Street Removal of existing electric up and over garage door to replace with timber structure below and new window above.

Comment made

Planning decisions made by UDC - none

Inspectorate Planning Appeal: APP/C1570/W/24/3346221 UTT/23/3135/FUL

Land East Of Clatterbury Lane Proposed erection of 5 no. single storey dwellings with associated cart lodge parking, landscaping and new vehicular access. The decision made by UDC has been appealed and will be determined on the basis of a hearing. All representations made will be considered. Comment by 2nd August

CPC to comment further as additional documents submitted and statements made by the developer after CPC's response to original submission.

Planning received for comment to be discussed at Extraordinary Meeting 16th July

UTT/24/1499/FUL Land West Of Hill House Wicken Road Proposed erection of 1 no. self build dwelling and detached cart lodge garage.

UTT/24/1641/HHF Hedgerows Hill Green. Proposed demolition and replacement of front porch and garden room, internal alterations and alterations to existing fenestration. (by August 5th)

Inspectorate Planning Appeal APP/C1570/W/24/3344328 Land South of the Wicken Road Proposed erection of 4 no. dwellings, including 2 no. single storey, 1 no. one and half storey and 1 no. two storey, with associated cart lodge / garage parking and

landscaping (was **UTT/24/0438/FUL**). The appeal will be determined by written representations. All written representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 12th August 2024.

**Extraordinary Meeting Tuesday 16th July 7.30pm Clavering Christian Centre
Next Monthly Parish Council Meeting Monday 12th August 7.30pm
At Clavering Village Hall**

Information including Draft/Approved Council Minutes, Financial Statements, Policies and previous Newsletters will be found on the Parish Council website:

<https://www.claveringparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

**Chairman: Stephanie Gill - 01799 550212 Vice Chairman: Fabian Bullen
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If you are telephoning the Council please leave a message if your call is not picked up immediately. Emails will be responded to in accordance with the receipt acknowledgement.

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

20th July ~ 17th August ~ 14th September ~ 12th October ~ 9th November ~ 7th December

Users of this service are reminded that it is polite to clear up any mess that they may create

The Parish Councils thank the Balaam Family for facilitating this service at their premises.

**Essex Mobile Library Clavering Christian Centre 10.30 – 11am
3rd August 24th August 14th September**

Please remember that 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 and inconvenience pedestrians, particularly those as detailed in the Highway Code (Section 244).

It's that time of the year again.... when hedges decide to enlarge themselves causing people to walk in the road or brambles and other overgrowth sneak out to attack unsuspecting passers-by using the village pavements, so grateful thanks are given to villagers who try to keep these unruly elements of nature under control.

Polite Reminder: Per advice received, the Parish Council Allotments are not considered to be an Open Space for village recreation, even though they are owned by the Parish Council.

Only those who rent a plot, or their agents, are able to access the space as they are given licences to occupy the plots.

The Parish Council's Allotment Gardens does not have a public or permissive footpath through it, nor does it adjoin any public or permissive footpath.

It has been brought to the CPC's attention that people who do not have allotments are walking through the area and some are doing so with dogs which are not on a lead.

If you do not rent an allotment, it is asked that you do not enter the allotment grounds.

Thank you. Clavering Parish Council

Clavering Neighbourhood Plan - Are you able to help with this?

Following the exhibitions held and parishioner responses received, the Working Party is moving forwards with the initial ground work for the writing of the Neighbourhood Plan.

CPC agreed the Vision Statement that arose from the comments provided by parishioners:

Clavering

A village that evolves whilst maintaining its historic, rural and agricultural nature, supporting the need for housing with developments that:

- *Are planned, proportionate and appropriate*
- *Align with the community's wishes and needs in relation to cost, size, location and design*
- *Provide enhanced infrastructure and community facilities that support sustainable and sociable living*

A website will be up and running soon, as the Working Party would like more parishioners to comment on its initial questionnaire, and it is recognised that a website will be the best vehicle to get information out to the parish.

The Working Party is currently looking at the Landscape Character Assessments of Clavering and will also be gathering anecdotal information on the point of connection of residents to the landscape of Clavering as part of its evidence base.

However, the next most important step is to consider the formation of a Steering Group which will take the Writing of the Plan forward. This is a formally constituted group, which must include a parish councillor, and which moves the writing of a Neighbourhood Plan through its lawfully required stages. There is a great need for a volunteer to come forward to be the Steering Group's Secretary to help with the formal minute taking and other similar admin. tasks which may arise.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Gill 01799 550212 or Nigel Wood 01799 550959

Could you be the new volunteer organizer for Clavering Care?

Clavering Care is an invaluable support network in our village.

As there is no public transport in Clavering, volunteer drivers take those who have no form of private transport to their appointments with the doctor, dentist, chiropodist, etc in the nearby village and towns.

Clavering Care also carries out a Prescription Run from Newport Surgery, bringing the medication to Clavering for distribution.

After 30 years of being involved with the organisation, Jill Young is stepping down at the end of June and is hopeful that someone will come forward to take over the organization of the Clavering Care.

Please consider whether you are able to come forward to ensure that this volunteer group can continue its service to the community of Clavering, please do contact Jill on 01799 550867

Tea and Chat -

Thursdays 18th July & 22nd August at Wicken Church Community Centre 2pm - 4pm

All welcome to come along and have a cup of tea, slice of cake, and a friendly chat with friends old and new.

No charge but donations are welcomed. Contact viv.mclennan@gmail.com for more information

Clavering Horticultural Society - Flower Vegetable and Cookery Show

Saturday 27th July Clavering Village Hall Show opens 3pm Prize Giving 4pm.

Teas, coffees and refreshments all afternoon!

Completed entry forms must be received by 7pm Wednesday 24th July.

Children's classes include vegetable monster, miniature garden, coloured drawing of a pet, flower posy, decorated gingerbread people, decorated hardboiled egg

Vegetable, Flower & Flower arrangement, & Cookery classes

Contact claveringhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com for a full schedule of the different sections, or

Jane Turner 01279 777411, Richard Bailey 01799 550727, Nigel Wood 01799 550959.

Clavering Landscape History Group-

History Walk with Peter Cooper leading the way and Jacqueline Cooper telling tales of 19th century Clavering at various places *en route*

Sunday 25 August – meet 2pm Hill Green. An easy walk (3-4miles) via Moat Farm, Bridge End, the Church, Deers Green, Elm Street Lane and the Mills. Towards the end we are invited for refreshments at North Mill, with a chance to look inside the mill, courtesy of the Haldane family. Anyone is welcome to join the walk which is an opener for the History Group's autumn theme of 19th century history

Details available: 01799 550462 or mrsjacquelinecooper@gmail.com

Thank you!

Clavering Friends of St Clare Hospice thanks all individuals and local businesses who supported their Spring Fayre in May by donating items, growing plants baking cakes and attending on the day. It was a great success and £2,700 was raised.

Clavering Bowls Club-

Open Evenings for training and practice. Every Tuesday at 5pm May- September

New Members always welcomed: if you want to try out the game, just bring flat shoes; the friendly tuition and equipment will be provided. For more information, email claveringbowls@gmail.com, see www.claveringbc.org or contact Lee 01799 550916. *The Clubhouse and Bowling Green are located at the far side of the Jubilee Field next to the Tennis Courts.*

Royal British Legion -

Ordinary meetings are held every Second Tuesday of the month at 8pm in The Bull PH Langley Lower Green. Do come and join in an enjoyable evening – previous military service is not a requirement as the Legion is open to all who support its work

Are you ready for the end of analogue landlines?

Essex County Council's Digital Essex team wants to make residents in Clavering aware that changes are coming to analogue landlines.

By 2027, traditional phone lines will be replaced by a digital landline service. This means that calls will be made over a broadband line.

For most residents, this change will be straightforward – you'll also get to keep your phone number. Your telephone provider will contact you before anything changes. It is important to respond and discuss what you need to do to ensure your service won't be affected.

The switch to digital landline services could affect some residents.

If any of the following apply to you, or someone you know, make sure you contact your telephone provider:

- You don't have broadband
- You rely solely on a landline
- You use a personal alarm or healthcare device
- You live in an area with poor mobile signal
- You have additional needs
- If you're confused, worried, unsure, or have any questions, call your telephone provider.

If you'd like to read more about the switch to digital landlines, visit Essex County Council's website: www.essex.gov.uk/landline-switch

Environment Agency

Many parishioners in Clavering take advantage of the free government service to sign up to get flood warnings, especially as the monitoring station for this is located near the Bridges.

More information can be found on www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings or you may register by calling 0345 988 1188.

Highways Maintenance Problems – Villagers are reminded that it is always quicker to activate an investigation if you report these online, as precious time could be lost if you contact the Parish Council.

Using this website www.essexhighways.org/tell-us an audit trail is started as you will be given a reference number. It is then easier for our local Essex County Councillor, Cllr Gooding, to chase outstanding matters when requested to do so either by parishioners or the parish council. Also the website advises a phone number to call if the problem is severe and considered extremely dangerous to road users or pedestrians.

You can report potholes, broken railings, pavement/kerb/drainage defects, blocked culverts, overgrown trees or hedges, blocked/damaged footpaths, and etc.

Before a power cut or gas emergency

- **Know your free emergency numbers:** In a power cut dial 105 or, for a gas emergency, dial 0800 111999.
- **Prepare your home:** Keep a torch handy and get your appliances serviced by a Gas Safe registered engineer to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- **Register as a vulnerable customer:** Vulnerable households can get extra support by signing up to the Priority Services Register. You can find out more about the Priority Services Register in London, the South and East of England by signing up at www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk.

Keep your eyes open: If you have a power cut or a gas emergency, check on your neighbours

///what3words Do you know about this app?

The Emergency Services are asking especially those who live in rural areas to consider downloading this free app.

As the app has given each 3 metre square of the world a unique combination of three words, using this when contacting the emergency services can pinpoint where help is needed and save precious time in finding those in need.

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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.

There is also a defibrillator on outside of the Bowls/Tennis Pavilion and you may be directed there. 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' (black pouch with green cross) 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

No special training is required & the Emergency Services will guide you through everything