



CLAVERING NEWSLETTER

CLAVERING PARISH COUNCIL

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Village Carols on the Green:

Monday 16th December

6.30pm at the Cricket Pavilion

All welcome to gather and sing in the Christmas Season.

Music provided by *St Mary's Sheering Brass Quintet* Festive Nibbles and Drinks Served.

A collection will be taken up for 'Clavering Care'

The Parish Councillors send best wishes to Parishioners for Christmas and the New Year

Parish Council Meeting 9th December 2024

Two parishioners and County Cllr Gooding present in part; District Cllr Oliver sent apologies. The Chairman welcomed all, thanking them for attending. She advised she had been contacted by a parishioner who had advised that the Essex Police Community Event at the Village Shop on Sunday 24th November had been poorly attended. The Council could not trace being advised by the Police of the event but would ensure in future that such would be advertised via the PC's social media.

A parishioner spoke again on SPAM phone calls and was reminded by councillors that anyone in receipt of nuisance calls should contact the police. They also asked for information which the Council does not hold.

Clerk's report - Received and noted

Allotments representative – Hedge & Track cutting at the track had taken place.

Parish Land and Assets – Agreed to instruct tree surgeon to remove large lower branches of a tree near the Frog Pond which may cause future damage to a neighbouring property. Further quotes being sought for removal of lower branches of oak on Lower Hill Green. Established that fence around pump at Upper Hill Green not in Council ownership.

Clerk instructed to seek quotes for a suitable replacement bench at The Bridges

Environment Agency Maintenance Work – Work to the River Stort/Stickling Brook tributary advised. Please see article below.

Clavering Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Working Party (WP) – Surveys have been returned and are being analysed. WP will meet 12th December, when more may be known about the changes to the National Planning Policy Framework.

Zero Carbon Communities' Grant – Council were advised that the short time span did not allow for completion of required paperwork for the grant before 2nd December as formal quotes were required.

Risk Assessment – Village Shop defibrillator "rescue ready" 28th November, Village Hall's 9th December; large tree noted to have fallen on Lower Hill Green after storms – further quotes for removal being sought.

Essex Passenger Transport Meeting - Unfortunately, the CPC representative unable to attend the meeting at Chelmsford

Hedge at Dick Ball Meadow -Determined to seek arboroculturist advice on this.

Spring Litter Pick – Cllr Elliston advised this will be scheduled for Saturday 22nd March

Carols on the Village Green – Final arrangements agreed

Recent Training Undertaken – Clerk had attended Planning training & Scribe Accounting training. Cllr Gill had attended Gallagher/Scribe Risk Management Webinar and UDC Enforcement 'Teach-In'.

2025-2026 Budget – Draft Budget presented to councillors for comment – Final budget to be agreed in the January Meeting.

Finance – cheques approved.

UDC Corporate Peer Group Challenge 4th December – Cllr Gill had been invited to participate in this as part of the focus group for Rural Communities. She advised CPC that a preliminary report can be found on the UDC Website, the final report being published in January.

Essex Association of Local Council - A report was given on the association's recent meeting on 23rd November 2024; Cllr Gill was re-elected as its Chair of Finance.

Employment Matter - discussed in private and confidential per advice.

Planning for CPC Comment:

UTT/24/2932/HHF Brockingbury Stud Langley Road Proposed conversion of part of stables to annexe **Comments Made**

UTT/24/2956/HHF: 46 Pelham Road Front single storey extension to existing garage. **No Comment**

UTT/24/2994/FUL: White Lodge Stud Butts Green S73 application to remove condition 7 (hardstanding) of UTT/18/2429/FUL (Change of use from recreational equestrian to commercial stud business. Erection of a new stable building and new open sided arena on the location of the former tennis court. The existing outdoor arena will be reduced in size and the layout of paddocks will be altered to suit.) - applicant is seeking to remove the condition as there is a second access that can be used for larger vehicles **No Comment**

UTT/24/3059/HHF **Genera White Lodge Stud Butts Green** Proposed 3 bay cart shed and office to attic space with PV panels **No Comment**

Planning Determined by UDC:

UTT/24/1431/FULL: Land Adj. Hill House Wicken Rd Erection of a Detached dwelling and garage with associated hard and soft landscaping and new vehicular access. **Approved with Conditions.**

Inspectorate Planning Appeal:

APP/C15710/W/24/3344328 **Clarendon House Wicken Road** Erection of 4no. dwellings including 2no. single storey, 1no one and a half storey and 1no two storey with associated cart lodge/garage parking and landscaping, was UTT/24/0438/FUL.

Appeal Dismissed

**Next Monthly Parish Council Meeting Monday 13th January 2025 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

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Environment Agency Communication

The Clerk has received the following, subsequent to chasers sent this year. If any parishioner requires further information, please contact the Clerk in the first instance. Thank you.

Proposed work to de-silt the River Stort by Environment Agency.

I am writing to you as Clerk to the Parish Council as we at the Environment Agency are planning maintenance work in the River Stort/Stickling Green Tributary around the point of the confluence. We will be engaging our contractors to undertake silt removal and channel profiling of the section approximately from the High Street bridge to the gauging station.

The aim of the work is to allow improved conveyance from the village downstream.

We hope to be able to carry out the work either prior to or soon after the Christmas period, as the entire works period should be around a week (weather permitting)

We will need access to that part of the channel- ideally from the Village green side. This will require some vegetation work (strimming) of the channel banks to prepare access.

We would be grateful to be able to house a small compound near site to limit the need to move plant to and from site each day.

I recognise that the village green has a strong amenity value to local residents and will instruct contractors to utilise appropriate matting for storage and movement of any plant and also to inspect/reinstate once the works are complete

Notes of the verbal report given by ECC Cllr Gooding at the CPC Meeting 9th December

Cllr Gooding reported on the Essex Adult Social Care inspection by the Care Quality Commission which had been very positive. He expressed concern, however, at the impact of the increase in Employer National Insurance costs, advising that he was aware of three care companies who will not be able to continue to provide services after April 2025; this will in turn impact on the NHS who will be required then to provide the care needed. In response to a question on Devolution, he advised that the White Paper will give more answers. If there are delays to the paper, Essex elections will be called for May 2025 as the processes need to be started in January.

He was asked if he could source the reports relating to safety inspections of Blacksmith's Corner as this area still raises concerns.

Cllr Gooding was thanked for chasing the white line re-marking at the Arkesden Rd/Wicken Rd junction as this has now been carried out.

Defibrillator at the Village Hall

There have been two recent occasions when villagers have found the door to the defib. cabinet wide open. I am grateful to those who contacted me about this so that I could, as the defib guardian, carry out checks to ensure that the defib was still available and 'rescue ready'

However, it is concerning as on each occasion the Emergency Services had not instructed anyone to access the cabinet. I know this as the defibrillators in the village are registered with *The Circuit* which advises the registered guardians whenever instructions are given to access a defib. The guardians can then check the defib has been returned to the cabinet and replace the pads, etc.

It is not known whether the defib door is being forced open, and luckily to date the defib has not been removed or compromised.

May I ask that if anyone does see the door to village hall defib cabinet open that they contact me on 01799 550212? I will be able to establish if the Ambulance Service has authorised access to the defib or if there is something else awry.

All villagers, I am sure, wish to ensure that the defib is available for emergencies at all times.

Thank you, Cllr Stephanie Gill

Essex Mobile Library ** STOP RE-LOCATED *******
CLEMENTS CLOSE (Post Code CB11 4GU) 10.20am – 11am
28th December. Please note January date not yet confirmed

Green Waste Collection for Christmas Trees and other Green Waste
Saturday 11th January 12.45pm to 1.45pm Clavering Village Hall

This service is open to all surrounding villages as it is paid for via the UDC rates.

Essex County Council DaRT 299 Bus Transport **UPDATE**

Contact email now dart@central-connect.co.uk

The phone number remains 0115 777 3187.

Bookings must be made by 18.00hrs the day before you travel – and Monday bookings must be made no later than 18.00hrs on the Saturday and may be made up to 14 days in advance. The contracted buses carry the Flagfinders livery.

N.B. Bookings are only confirmed when advised to be so by Vectare as this is not a taxi service and is reliant upon at least three others making the same journey and there being a bus available.

Clavering Care **UPDATE**

It is great news to share with you that Clavering Care was able to start up again in November.

The contact number remains as 07980 259044

Charlotte Wilson, Nikki Everest, and Melanie Cardwell will be sharing the phone duties, and I am sure that they will do a great job along with our drivers.

To remind parishioners of the services we offer:

Transport to and from the GP, the dentists, the opticians, the chiropodists, the Community Hospital and any other healthcare appointment; also Shopping from the Village Shop

Thanking you for all your support, Jill Young.

Clavering Parish Church Services for Christmas

Christingle: Sunday 22nd December 3pm

Bethlehem Communion Service: Tuesday 24th December 9.30pm

Midnight Communion Service: Tuesday 24th December 11.30pm

(Crib Services on Christmas Eve at Manuden and Berden. Christmas Day Services at Arkesden, Berden, Manuden and Langley.)

Tea and Chat - 19th December & 23rd January 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

Friends of Clavering Church- Soup and Pudding Lunch – Wednesday 8th January 12noon – 2pm. Come and enjoy a soup lunch with pudding and a hot drink in the Clavering Christian Centre. Everyone is welcome.

Clavering Landscape History Group – Online Winter Lectures. Tuesdays 7.30pm

14th January: Simon Coxall – *The Medieval Nevills, Lords of Raby and Clavering (1332-1541)*

28th January: Martin Rose – *Henry Winstanley, the Last Renaissance Engineer (1644-1703)*

4th February: Jacqueline Cooper – *Clavering's First Historian: Miss May ffytche of the Old House, Church End (1860-1936)*

18th February: Elizabeth Allen – *Henry Moore, Sculptor of Perry Green, Much Hadham (1898-1986)*

Please contact mrsjacquelinecooper@gmail.com to receive the Zoom joining details

Clavering Jubilee Field Quiz Night – 31st January 7.30 for 8pm

Early requests for tables at this very popular event mean that there is currently only one table remaining available for 8 lucky attendees!!!

Once again, a generous Luxury Ploughman's Supper will be served while ticket prices have been held at £10ph. Please contact Donna on claveringjubileefield@gmail.com to book your place!

There will be a Licensed Bar and Raffle as the next project, following safety advice, is expected to be to replace the large slide and maintenance on the ever popular zip-wire

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.

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.

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.

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.

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