



CLAVERING NEWSLETTER

CLAVERING PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council Meeting 8th September 2025

The Chairman welcomed those attending and detailed the meetings he had recently attended. Three members of the public were present in part. A parishioner informed the meeting that the morning and afternoon school buses in Clavering are allowed to take members of the public on them for payment of a fare, but these do not run in school holidays.

Clerk's Report – A summary of tasks and meetings in the previous month was received.

The Clerk also informed the Council the reasons why certain Council matters, including Employment, must be considered in a Private and Confidential section of a Council meeting without the public present and she cited the legislation behind this. The Clerk received further correspondence to an SAR request answered in February and is considering this.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) – A written report of the work in the past month was received. Second Drop-in Session was successful. Three recommendations in the report were agreed: correspondence with landowners who had submitted sites at UDC Local Plan Reg. 19 Stage, costs of the next required whole village survey, and hall hire costs for meetings.

UDC Local Plan Mapping Errors- Agreed to pursue

Essex Association of Local Councils – AGM on Thursday 25th September now online.

Verbal report of staffing reorganisation given over.

UDC Council Forum - 29th September, Cllr Gill to attend

PFCC Rural Crime Forum for RCCE Members- Cllr Bullen to attend, Cllr Gill had received direct invite.

Allotments – Holders to set up a private Wassap Group. Recent delivery of manure well received.

Village Assets – Under delegated authority and after having received three quotes, Clerk appointed a tree surgeon to fell dead willow and carry out work on other trees at Upper Hill Green with overhanging branches. The Cricketers PH have offered to carry out garden maintenance on the Parish Council land beside them, recognising that the land is in the ownership of the Parish. The Chairman reported on an agreed meeting between the CPC (himself and Cllr Smither) and the owner of land adjacent to Parish Council Land at Mill Pond regarding the maintenance of the Parish Council owned land and pond

Payroll – Agreed to continue with the services of the current payroll company after 1st April 2026

Remembrance Services – Agreed to purchase two wreaths, one to be laid by Cllr Couchman on 9th November at Clavering Parish Church, one to be laid by Cllr Smither at Clavering Christian Centre on 11th November.

Village Carols on the Green – Date agreed for Thursday 18th December, St Mary Sheering Brass Band to provide accompaniment, collection to be held for Clavering Care.

Defibrillators – Shop defibrillator 'rescue ready' 3rd September; Village Hall defibrillator on 8th September, after advice of possible access under 999 instruction.

Training – Cllr Bullen to attend NALC Training 'Beyond the Precept. 24th September

IT Policy – IT Policy agreed.

Essex CC Transport Survey – Agreed to respond to Consultation.

Finance – Bank statements received and cheques agreed, including extra hours for a FOI request. Clarification sought by Clerk (as RFO) regarding accounts to be set up with Unity Trust.

Enforcement– matters discussed in private and confidential per advice.

Planning for CPC Comment:

UTT/25/2152/FUL: Land Adj. to Butts Green Farm Valance Rd Erection of 1No dwelling **Comments Made**

UTT/25/2263/FUL: Barn Adjacent to Starlings Starlings Green Proposed conversion of 1no selfbuild dwelling with associated works. **No Comment**

UDC Planning Decisions:

UTT/25/1685/HHF: Brockingbury Stud Langley Road Section 73A retrospective application for restoration of cottage including new fences, extended chimney stacks and soft/hard landscaping **Refused**

UTT/25/1686/LB: Brockingbury Stud Langley Road Retention of restoration of cottage including new fences, extended chimney stacks and soft/hard landscaping **Refused**

UTT/25/2001/CLP: 6 Poppies Crescent Partial garage conversion to create a home office/gym **Refused**

Inspectorate Appeal

APP/C1570/D/25/3370944 was **UTT/25/1324/HHF Edwina, Wicken Road**. Removal of single story extension and side metal flue. Proposed part two storey-part single storey rear extension, removal of central chimney stack, insertion of new side chimney stack, alterations to fenestration, relocation of front entrance door and internal alterations.

This appeal will take place under the Householder Appeals Service (HAS) and this procedure does not offer an opportunity for interested parties to comment at the appeal stage

Planning Application advised to CPC after September Monthly Meeting.

UTT/25/2404/FUL : Land at Hill Green Wicken Road Erection of 28no proposed new dwellings including 11no. affordable dwellings, 6 self-build custom plots, and associated infrastructure.

CPC Response required by 9th October. Extraordinary Meeting arranged for 22.09.25 at Clavering Christian Centre 7.30pm to determine CPC's response.

**Next Parish Council Monthly Meeting Monday 13th October 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

Chairman: Fabian Bullen Vice Chairman: Stephanie Gill

Ron Couchman Kym Elliston Frances Smither

Parish Clerk/RFO: Mrs L. Young

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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.

Clavering Neighbourhood Plan Drop-In Sessions

See what is happening and help us move forward to the next stage

The Clavering Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group FINAL DROP-IN SESSION FOR THIS STAGE OF THE PLAN and for ALL Clavering Residents, young and old.

For the Clavering Neighbourhood Plan, the Steering Group is concentrating on the strategy to incorporate the number of new houses required, whilst maintaining the character of our village, and we need your input for the next step.

We have initial information collated for you to view.

We have products for you to view and questionnaires for you to participate in.

All this relates to the design and style of new homes for the next stage of the process.

If you have not already attended, we look forward to seeing you on

Thursday 18th September 4pm - 7pm Next to Christian Centre.

There will be members of the Steering Group available to chat to you about the project and its process... ..and of course plenty of refreshments

Essex Mobile Library

Clements Close CB11 4GU (opposite the village shop) 10.30am – 11am

27th September 18th October 8th November 29th November

Also scheduled to stop at Long Ley Langley Upper Green CB11 4RX

3.10pm – 3.40pm 25th September, 16th October, 6th November & 27th November

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

27th September ~ 25th October ~ 22nd November

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

Notes of the Verbal Report by District Councillor Oliver to the PC Meeting 8th September.

UDC convened an Emergency Meeting to consider the acquisition of more building space in the Little Chesterford Science Park. This was agreed, though their overall percentage hold of the build remains the same, 50%, as the build itself has increased.

UDC is looking for the Local Government Reorganisation to bring together Uttlesford, Epping and Harlow.

Cllr Oliver stressed that his own personal view was that it should be Uttlesford, Braintree, Colchester and Tendring which come together. This was because Harlow has no available expansion space to take more development and this is similar for Epping. Uttlesford would have to take all proposed development in the Unitary. Also Braintree, Colchester and Tendring have rural areas akin to Uttlesford.

Please note that UDC has advised that information on the proposed business cases being put forward for Local Government Reorganisation in Essex can be found at www.essexlgrhub.org

Sewerage Blockages in Clavering

Unfortunately in the past few months there have been quite a few sewerage blockages in Clavering. These have resulted in waste matter leaking from manhole covers onto gardens, pavements, roads, the Village Hall car park, the Jubilee Field and also entering into Stickling Brook (via the surface water drains).

Thames Water indicated that the additional housing that has now been built in Clavering would not contribute to a lack of capacity for the existing sewerage systems and pipes.

The blockage resulting in the recent problem seen at the Village Hall Car Park, and which did not clear immediately as it was then trapped by a stray (domestic) drainage rod already lost and stuck in the sewer pipes under the road between Bower Cottage and The Bower House, was caused by unsuitable sanitary items being flushed into the sewer pipes.

Some Clavering Households have recently received a leaflet from the *Newport River Group* concerning the River Cam. Although Stickling Brook and The Stort do not flow into the Cam, both are chalk streams and need our protection.

As rainfall has been low this year, natural underground reservoirs are low. Please use existing water supplies in a thoughtful way – such as full loads for laundry and dishwashers plus watering cans rather than hoses and sprinklers.

Avoid cleaning products which are marked as ‘harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects’.

Wet wipes and other sanitary products should never be flushed down a toilet.

Dog Waste on Footpaths

Dog owners in Clavering are reminded that Uttlesford District Council allow dog poo bags to be placed in any litter bin provided, not just those which state they are for such a purpose.

There are quite a few litter bins scattered around the village:

- One is sited on the triangle of green opposite the start of Footpath 51 on the Pelham Rd.
- On Stortford Road there is a bin opposite the Christian Centre, one near Iona and one near the shop.
- There are bins at Blacksmiths Corner by the sign, Middle Street by the Ford, and at the Bridges.
- More bins can be found at Upper Hill Green alongside the pavement and there are bins at the Jubilee Field/Village Hall too.
- Some are provided in the parish church grounds also.

The Countryside Code guidance is to ‘bag it and bin it’ and never leave bags of dog poo around, even if you intend to pick them up later

Of course, rather than using the open litter bins in hot weather, it may be a little more ‘neighbourly’ if the dog waste is taken home.

Thank you

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY? WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

Councillors can make a huge difference to the quality of life of local people and how local issues are dealt with. People from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect the communities they serve are needed to put themselves forward.

There are four vacancies on Clavering Parish Council - Are you interested??

These vacancies can be filled by a process called co-option.

Applications are now invited from local people to join Clavering Parish Council.

In terms of eligibility, you must be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, a qualifying EU Citizen or an EU Citizen with retained rights,

You must be over 18 years old and meet at least one of the following qualifications:

- i) you are registered to vote in Clavering,
- ii) have occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in Clavering & lived there for at least 12 months
- iii) your main or only place of work has been in Clavering for twelve months
- iv) you have lived in Clavering or within three miles of its boundary for at least 12 months

Clavering Parish Council is responsible for looking after the Registered Village Greens and other parish land that it owns, providing and maintaining street furniture such as benches and litter bins, and ensuring the provision of the monthly Green Waste Skip.

To deliver these services to the residents of the parish, the council determines how much money to raise through precept the council. It also works with partner organisations such as UDC.

To apply, please send a letter of application to the Parish Clerk by post to PO Box 13580, Harlow, CM20 9WU or email clerk@claveringparishcouncil.gov.uk

You should have an active interest in local issues and things that affect local people and a willingness to represent the views of the community.

You should be able to commit the time and effort to the role and to attend as many monthly Council meetings as possible.

In your letter you may wish to include your connection to the parish, why you want to be a parish councillor and what skills/experience you can bring to the Council.

Applications will be considered by serving Councillors and the co-option process takes place by a voting process at a meeting of the Full Council.

You will be invited to attend and say a few words to the Councillors about your application before the vote takes place.

The Annual General Meeting of Clavering Jubilee Field (Registered Charity No: 277011) **Wednesday 22nd October 2025 at 8pm at Village Hall, Clavering**

All persons registered in the Parish of Clavering are invited to attend - but only those over the age of 18 are entitled to vote.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 23rd October 2024
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Correspondence
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Club Reports
8. Election of the Committee of Management for 2026

(N.B Election of Officers takes place in the ordinary meeting immediately following this AGM)

9. Update on discussions on possible merger with Clavering Village Hall Committee of Management (Registered Charity)
10. Any Other Business

Donna Duckworth, Chair. 15th September 2025

Clavering Landscape History Group -Autumn Lectures

The Medieval Lords of Clavering – Jacqueline Cooper. Tuesday 16th September 7.30pm

Clavering Christian Centre

Tall Tales of Detecting or Partefacts and Bits of Things, Stories from a Detectorist –

Jeremy Curzon. Wednesday 15th October 7.30pm Clavering Christian Centre

Coin Hoards and Other Surprises: Recent Excavations by Pre-Construct Archaeology at Gt Chesterford – Mark Hinman Tuesday 4th November 7.30pm Clavering Christian Centre.

Annual Ludgate Lecture 2025: Clavering Castle 2025 Excavation Project, Interim Report –

Simon Coxall Thursday 13th November 7.30pm via Zoom

For more information contact mrsjacquelinecooper@gmail.com

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. For more information contact Revd Paddy Cable 01763 258043 or paddycable@gmail.com

Arnold Hitchcock Memorial Lecture: Friday 26th September 7.30pm Langley Community Centre.

RBL Annual Poppy Collection – There is an urgent need for more volunteers to assist with this door-to-door collection, as some collectors have passed on or have stepped back because of age or infirmity. If you are interested in helping with this rewarding and fulfilling work, please contact Revd Paddy Cable or Sarah at The Bull PH, Langley Lower Green..

Clavering Church

Stride by Stride Walking Group Friday 26th September 10am Meet at Car Park of Axe and Compasses PH, Arkesden. Local walks up to 2 hours. More information from revdgaryfleming@outlook.com

Coffee and Crafting *NEW* Starting Wednesday 1st October 10am to 12noon at the Christian Centre Bring your latest project, knitting, crochet, needlepoint, crossword, your baby or just come for a chat! Also 5th November & 3rd December

Soup and Sweet Wednesdays 1st October, 5th November and 3rd December 12noon – 2pm at the Christian Centre

Tea and Chat - At Wicken Church & Community Centre Thursdays 18th September, 16th October & 20th November 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.

Clavering Bowls Club-

Final chance for this season! Open Evenings for training and practice: every Tuesday & Thursday at 5pm, weather permitting, May-September. Friendly tuition and equipment available- just bring flat shoes.

For more information contact Lee 01799 550916 or email claveringbowls@gmail.com or see www.claveringbc.org *The Clubhouse and Bowling Green are located at the far side of the Jubilee Field next to the Tennis Courts.*

Clavering Friends of St Clare Hospice - Quiz Night

Friday 10th October 7pm for 7.30pm. Table of 8 - £12 per person Ploughman's Supper included. Raffle. Bring your own drinks.

Tickets from Carolyn 01799 521965, Andrea 01799 550425, Tina 07584 296784, Jean 01799 550758

Clavering Village Hall - Safari Supper

Saturday 15th November 6.45pm Start at Village Hall for welcome drinks and dining destinations. 10pm back to hall for drinks, coffee and raffle. Tickets £30 per person.

Host volunteers needed. Contact claveringvhall@hotmail.co.uk for tickets and information.

UDC Welfare Liaison Officers – Jen and Evie welfare@uttlesford.gov.uk

If you need information on how to apply for help or need support with Council Tax, Debt, Rent, Financial Hardship, Universal Credit Shortfall, Cost of Living, Entitlement to Benefits, please make contact with the officers via the above email or phone 01799 510510.

They can assist you with your concerns or signpost you to the appropriate support organisation.

Essex CC Transport Survey

This is the second stage of the consultation on the strategy relating to the Essex Local Transport Plan, The consultation ends 24th September.

<https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/essex-highways/better-connected-essex/>

Essex County Council DaRT 299 Bus Transport

Please note contact email has reverted to contact@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.

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.

///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.

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

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

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