



CLAVERING NEWSLETTER

CLAVERING PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council Meeting 9th January 2026

The Chairman welcomed those attending and detailed the meetings he had attended.

Five members of the public were present, while District Councillor Oliver sent his apologies.

The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee informed the council the committee is seeking new trustees and that the Treasurer post is vacant. A parishioner thanked the Clerk for the SpeedWatch email received, while another parishioner thanked the Clerk for the posting of the minutes of the last meeting.

Clerk's Report – The Clerk informed the Council of the work she had carried out in the month. She confirmed that Ann Wood, the Internal Auditor, was to contact the External Auditor concerning a query on her Internal Auditor statement written summary which had been an error on her part. The Clerk confirmed who is the coordinator for the Speedwatch Committee, that the required forms had been completed and she hoped to be advised of suggested training dates soon.

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) – A written report of the work in the past month was received.

Defibrillators – Spare pads to be ordered for the Village Hall defibrillator, both defibs recue ready. In response to a question it was confirmed that the Parish Council had purchased and maintain the defibs at the Village Hall and the Shop, that the Bowls Club provided and maintain the one at the Bowls/Tennis Pavillion, and that it was understood that two businesses in the Hill Green area have their own defibrillators.

Village Green and Parish Land – Damage to the Village Green at the Druce had been noted and councillors determined to write to residents in the vicinity on the matter. Two Councillors were authorised to carry out inspections at Stickling Green and Butts Green and report back at the next meeting of council. Two councillors were instructed to carry out a Risk Assessment regarding cutting back a hedge overgrowing the pavement on highways land at Blacksmiths Corner

Finance – Bank statements received and payments agreed. The council is renewing its required required ICO Data Protection subscription.

Website – It was agreed to accept the quote from VCS Websites Ltd to upgrade the CPC website to be compliant as required.

Training– The Clerk has enrolled with the Society of Local Clerks for the course, Introduction to Local Council Administration (ILCA)

Employment Matter–Discussion in private and confidential per advice of UDC

Planning for CPC Comment:

UTT/26/0128/HHF: Edwina Wicken Road Removal of single storey rear extension and side metal flue. Proposed part two storey-part single storey rear extension, removal of centre chimney stack, insertion of new side chimney stack, alterations to fenestration, relocation of front entrance door and internal alterations No comment

UTT/26/0269/FUL: Land West Of Clatterbury Lane S73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of UTT/25/0916/DFO (Details following outline application UTT/22/2917/OP for the erection of 5 no. dwellings with landscaping and associated infrastructure - details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.) -Changes in drawing references to accommodate minor amendments to designs. **Observations made**

Received after Agenda Published:

UTT/26/0320/FUL: Land to the Rear Of Old Grainbarn Clatterbury Lane Section 73A retrospective application for change of use of land from agricultural to residential garden use.

UDC Planning Decisions:

UTT/25/2810/HHF & UTT/25/2811/LB : Brockingbury Stud Langley Road S73 Application for Retention of restoration of cottage including removal of hedging, erection of new fences, extended chimney stacks and soft/hard landscaping. **Unconditional approval**

UTT/25/3271/DISBGP: Curles Farm Pelham Road Biodiversity Net Gain Plan attached to UTT/25/0295/FUL **Refused**

UTT/26/0008/TPO: Chalkpit Lane The Druce Proposed works to trees 25, 27 and 31 as per submitted survey **Allowed**

UTT/26/0079/TCA: 32 Pelham Road Proposed works to 13 no. trees of various species as per submitted description of works **Allowed**

Inspectorate Appeal

Appeal in Process: Inspectorate Reference : 6002753 Kings Cottage Starlings Green Road Starlings Green S73A Retrospective application for the stationing and residential occupation of a mobile home within an existing garden area. Temporary permission for a three year period specifically restricted to the current occupier (was UTT/25/1121/FUL). Appeal by written representation <https://appeal-planning-decision.service.gov.uk/comment-planning-appeal/enter-appealreference>. **All representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate latest 27th February 2026. Comment to be made by CPC**

Next Parish Council Monthly Meeting

Monday 9th March 2026 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.

Essex Mobile Library

**Clements Close CB11 4GU (opposite the village shop) 10.30am – 11am
21st February, 14th March, 4th April & 25th April**

Also scheduled to stop at Long Ley Langley Upper Green CB11 4RX
3.10pm – 3.40pm 19th February, 12th March, 2nd April, 23rd April

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

14th March ~ 11th April ~ 9th May ~ 6th June ~ 4th July ~ 1st August

29th August ~ 26th September ~ 24th October ~ 21st 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

If you wish to receive the CPC Newsletter by email, do send your email address and the first line of your home address to cllr.smgill@claveringparishcouncil.gov.uk putting 'I wish to receive the Clavering PC Newsletter' in the email heading.

Please note that under GDPR, your information is kept on a secure database and is used only to send out the monthly CPC Newsletter and its attachments or if there is an emergency situation in the village requiring notification to residents.

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 served are needed to put themselves forward.

The only expectation is that you should be able to commit the time and effort to the role and to attend as many monthly Council meetings as possible.

Clavering Parish Council is responsible for looking after the Dick Ball Meadow, as well as the Registered Village Greens and other parish land that it owns. It owns and leases out the allotments. It provides and maintains the benches and litter bins in the village as well as the defibs at the shop and the village hall.

It also organises the monthly Green Waste Skip service and supports local groups as it is able.

The Council comments on Planning Applications as a statutory consultee and makes representations if needed at UDC Planning Committee Meetings and Planning Inspectorate Appeals and Hearings. The writing of the new Neighbourhood Plan is supported by the Parish Council.

In the past it has co-ordinated village events such as those for the late Queen's Jubilees, VE & VJ celebrations, and of course organises the village litter picks!!

The Council also awards grants to various village organisations for activities/equipment which benefit the community.

There are four vacancies on Clavering Parish Council - Are you interested??
These vacancies can be filled by a process called co-option.
Applications are invited from local people to join Clavering Parish Council.

Please contact the Parish Clerk on clerk@claveringparishcouncil.gov.uk for more information

Thank you

Clavering Speedwatch – The Clavering Parish Clerk has contacted all known volunteers wishing to be part of the new group. Additional volunteers are most welcome, for more information please contact the Clerk on clerk@claveringparishcouncil.gov.uk

Clavering Neighbourhood Plan - Our Village ... Our Plan ... Our Voice

Thank you to all who attended the Community Engagement Event on 14th January.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group hope that you found it informative.

Don't forget that you can follow the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan on its dedicated website:

<https://www.claveringnp.co.uk/> . The results of the Village Aspiration Board from January's Community Engagement have been posted here, as well as the slides and video for the evening for those who were unable to attend.

An enormous THANK YOU to all who supported the Jubilee Field's Quiz Night!! You raised an amazing amount - just over £1,600 !! This will help defray some of the costs for replacing the junior swing which has sadly been condemned due to its timber failing.

Tea and Chat – At Wicken Church & Community Centre Thursdays 19th February & 19th March 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 Landscape History Group - Winter 'Zoom' Lectures 7.30pm

Theme: 'Occupations Then and Now'

Tuesday 17th February: *Antiques Trade* Debbie Lowe

All welcome. Please email mrsjacquelinecooper@gmail.com for joining code.

Spring Lectures at Clavering Christian Centre starting at 7.30pm

Tuesday 3rd March: *Changes in Farming* Andrew Balaam

Wednesday 1st April: *Historic Houses* Ben Cowell

Clavering Church

Open Door Youth Drop-In – Wednesdays 25th February & 25th March 7-8.30pm

Clavering Christian Centre. Activities and Refreshments for those aged 11-16.

Please note that those attending must register so please contact Revd Gary Fleming for more info on 07941 402273 or scan the QR code found on the back page of the December Benefice Bugle.

Coffee and Crafting- Wednesday 4th March 10am to 12noon at the Christian Centre

Bring your latest project, knitting, crochet, needlepoint, crossword, your baby or just come for a chat!

Soup and Sweet- 4th March 12noon – 2pm at the Christian Centre

Royal British Legion -

Annual Dinner Saturday 28th March 6.45 for 7.15pm Clavering Village Hall

Speaker: Revd Gary Fleming – The role of the fire and other emergency services especially in the Second World War. Ticket £30 available from Revd Paddy Cable 01763 258043 or

paddycable@gmail.com

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 as above

Clavering Friends of St Clare Hospice –Annual Spring Fayre Saturday 9th May

Donations being accepted now! For more information please contact Jean 01799 550758, Andrea 01799 550425 or Carolyn 01799 521965

Clavering Village Hall - Trustees needed!

The Management of Clavering Village Hall is via a Charitable Trust, which is separate from the jubilee Field Trust and the Parish Council.

Trustees are responsible for the running and maintaining the Village Hall as a venue. The hall hires in the services of a booking secretary and cleaner.

The Management Committee would welcome new Trustees to share the management load and also the fundraising activities undertaken. There is also a need to appoint a Treasurer from the Trustees.

If you feel able to support this community asset as a trustee, please contact Aimee Balaam, Chairman on claveringvhall@hotmail.co.uk

Clavering Village Hall Fete Committee - The fete is planned for Saturday 13th June 2026 but volunteers are needed to keep our village fete alive. Please contact Donna on 07502 338920 or Jack on 07515 759234 for more information.

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.

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.

West Essex Roadshow Bentfield Primary School – 11 March, 4:30–6:30pm


Who Can Attend?

Families are welcome at **any** Roadshow—regardless of the school their child will be joining. All events follow the same format, ensuring consistent, supportive key messages.

Key Messages

- Roadshows are **free, family friendly**, and open to all families with children starting Reception in **2026**.
- Events will run **throughout March, April, and May 2026** across North, Mid, South, and West Essex.
- Families can choose **any session** that suits them—attendance is not tied to a specific school.
- The Roadshows are designed to help children feel **confident, settled, and excited** about starting school.
- The events support **TLC**, a countywide campaign promoting early communication, confidence, and smooth transitions into school.

Full details & event dates: <https://www.tlc-essex.info/resource/starting-reception-parent-roadshows/>

 These Roadshows are a wonderful opportunity to support families during the transition from Early Years into Reception, with some fantastic resources available—including **height charts** and **'50 Things to Do Before You're 5'** leaflets.

///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 & signs, pavement/kerb/drainage defects, blocked culverts, overgrown trees or hedges, blocked/damaged public footpaths, and etc.

Foul water discharges onto roads or into watercourses?

Report online using thameswater.co.uk. Go to the website and click on 'View and report a problem'. You will be guided through all stages of making the report. You receive a case number and can opt-in to receive updates of their investigation and required work.

No access to the internet? Phone the Customer Service Team on 0800 316 9800

Again you are reminded that it is always quicker to activate an investigation if villagers make the report immediately, as precious time could be otherwise lost.

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

Hare Coursing in and around Clavering:

The Essex Police Rural Engagement Team reiterate: "If you see hare coursing taking place, ring 999 immediately and provide as much information as you can – for example, a What3Words location, a description of the people involved, vehicle registration numbers, vehicle descriptions and the location and direction of travel....."

".....It is very important that you don't confront hare coursers or put yourself at risk"

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

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