



# CLAVERING NEWSLETTER

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## Annual Meeting of the Electorate 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026

The Council Chairman, Cllr Bullen, welcomed the 10 parishioners present; Cllrs Gill and Smither were in attendance. A summary of the work of the Council the previous year was detailed and the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer gave an overview of the Finances. The main project for the coming year is the writing of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group spoke on the progress made so far and it was explained that any determinations of where new housing will be placed in the Neighbourhood Plan will need to adhere to the policies that will form the said plan. A report from the Jubilee Field Committee was read out, and the meeting was informed that the uprights of the double swing had failed and a new swing was to be sourced; the Parish Council was thanked for the grass cutting donation made. The Chair of the Village Hall gave a report on the Committee's recent fundraising efforts and stated that there would be a required inspection of the roof. The Bowls Club spoke on its winning two tournaments last year and was congratulated on its success.

The Chair had allowed questions of the guest speakers, but general questions were also taken. Concern was raised that the SpeedWatch volunteers had not yet received training information. The parlous state of the roads, both their surfaces and erosion of road markings, were noted. The Parish Council asked that such be reported, with the ECCHighways reference number passed to the Clerk, who can in turn forward this to Cllr Gooding to chase.

Cllr Gooding arrived late to the meeting, having been at other Parish Meetings; he gave a report and answered questions posed. (see article below)

## Parish Council Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Four members of the public present, District Cllr Oliver and Essex County Cllr Gooding present in part. A parishioner spoke on Speedwatch as training has still not been finalised; a parishioner asked to arrange a private meeting with councillors.

**Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG)** – Report received on work to date. Agreed NPSG observations on Planning Applications will be considered by Full Council when comments made.

**Defibrillators** –New paediatric pads received as well as spares for Village Hall. Both defibs 'rescue ready'.

**Clerk's Report** – The Clerk informed the Council of the work she had carried out in the month.

**Allotments** – CPC to consider way forward re maintenance & clearing some unused plots.

**Speeding Awareness**- Motion to receive comment from Tendring parish councils on efficacy of TruCam system not carried. (Uttlesford Police uses TruCAM and information already available for villages)

**Bridge over Stort at Druce** – Fact finding on repair costs (NB Bridge is not owned by CPC)

**Lower Hill Green** – No Bee Orchids in flower found, though leaves evident – muntjac possibly browsing as mauve pyramid orchid found .. then only part stalk. Area under observation.

**Finance** –Bank statements received and payments agreed. External Auditor's previous report & Internal Auditor's current report considered. Annual Governance Statement and Annual Accounts agreed. Bank reconciliation, Explanation of Variances and Exercise of Public Right Dates to be considered at EOM later this month.

## Planning for CPC Comment:

**UTT/26/1238/FUL: Land East Of Clatterbury Lane** S73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of UTT/25/1308/FUL - Plots 1 and 3 alternative designs, plot 2 handed and switched position on the plot with its garage, plot 4 single storey garden room added to rear, plot 5 variation of bungalow design and plot 2 garage relocated. **Comment Made**

**UTT/26/1255/HHF: Hope Cottage Clatterbury Lane** Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with single storey family room extension. New canopy porch over door on the northern end of the property

to make it obviously the front door. Internal alterations to the ground and first floor plan. Addition of a new window for bedroom 1 on rear elevation and for the stair on front elevation. Replacement of all brown uPVC fenestration with grey/green. Insulation and application of new external finish to the front wall of the cottage with ground floor to have a rendered finish and first floor to have an Eternit weatherboarded finish.

**No Comment**

**UDC Planning Decisions:**

**UTT/25/2897/OP: Land to the West of Clatterbury Lane.** Outline Planning permission with all matters reserved except access for the construction of up to 9 residential dwellings **Refused**

**UTT/26/1022/HHF: Poppy Cottage High Street** Single storey rear extension **Approved**

**UTT/26/0905/DOC: Land East Of Clatterbury Lane** Application to discharge condition 4 (contamination), condition 5 (construction management plan), condition 6 (biodiversity method statement), condition 7 (tree protection), condition 8 (habitat management and monitoring plan), condition 9 (construction method statement), condition 10 (materials), condition 11 (landscaping), condition 12 (biodiversity enhancement strategy), condition 17 (biodiversity lighting design scheme) and condition 19 (external lighting) attached to UTT/25/1308/FUL. **Conditions 5, 9, 10, & 11 - Discharged. Conditions 4, 6, 7, 8, 12, 17, & 19 - Not Discharged**

**UTT/26/0848/AG Curles Farm, Pelham Road** Extension to an existing agricultural building to be used as an agricultural workshop and storage of farm equipment **Deemed approved.**

**Inspectorate Decisions:**

**Appeal Ref 6002753: Kings Cottage Starlings Green (was UTT/25/1121/FUL)** 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 **Appeal Dismissed**

**Monthly Parish Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 7.30pm**

**All meetings detailed 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.

**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**

**4<sup>th</sup> July ~ 1<sup>st</sup> August ~ 29<sup>th</sup> August**

**26<sup>th</sup> September ~ 24<sup>th</sup> October ~ 21<sup>st</sup> 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*

**Essex Mobile Library**

**Clements Close CB11 4GU (opposite the village shop) 10.30am – 11am  
27<sup>th</sup> June & 18<sup>th</sup> July**

Also scheduled to stop at Long Ley Langley Upper Green CB11 4RX  
3.10pm – 3.40pm 25<sup>th</sup> June & 16<sup>th</sup> July,

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

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be issuing monthly updates on the Parish Council Facebook Page - do look out for these.

**Friendly reminder re. the Allotments.** The allotments are owned by Clavering Parish Council, but there is no public right of way through them, nor are they public open space. Allotments holders are licensed to occupy their plots, for which they pay a rent. It has come to the Parish Council's attention that members of the public are walking their dogs through the allotments. Whilst it may be a lovely walk amongst the growing plants, please may the Council ask that villagers cease this practice out of respect for the allotment holders. **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 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](mailto:clerk@claveringparishcouncil.gov.uk) for more information  
**Thank you**

**Notes of the Verbal Report given by the County Councillor: Annual Parish Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
Cllr Gooding explained that the division he now represents at County no longer includes Henham and Elsenham, but does now encompass Chrishall and Elmdon. This is bringing new interests and challenges, though these villages are more similar to others he represents, especially as Elsenham has quadrupled in size over the past years.

There are interesting dynamics with the new administration, given that it can easily take two years to become aware of all tasks; his own concern are the challenges related to Social Care and Education.

Local Government Reorganisation is still due to come forward though the new administration has said this will be challenged, which will require judicial review and could be costly. He was unaware of announced changes to the Highways Department's mechanisms for reporting and repair.

In response to questions, he noted that there were highway repairs still to be addressed in Clavering. He does follow up road repairs & concerns where they have not been addressed. He reminded those present to send in their reports to the Parish Council to forward to him. It was noted that with increased housing, increased dog walkers, increased road users, and even road signs facing the wrong way as hit by passing vehicles, the narrow lanes of Clavering are not as safe as they once were. Concerning Blacksmith's Corner, it was acknowledged that there have been road inspections by Essex Highways accompanied by

him and previous serving parish councillors. It is an awkward junction and is made worse by drivers exhibiting poor driving skills – over the years no viable alternative junction solution has been reached. He reminded attendees that there are 5,500 miles of highways roads in Essex, many areas having local issues as Clavering does.

### **Notes of the Verbal Report given by the District Councillor: Council Meeting 8th June 2026**

Cllr Oliver apologised that he had been unable to attend the last UDC Meeting and the Parish Meeting. He mentioned the upcoming change in planning consideration where there will be less referral to the Planning Committee (this will be covered in the upcoming UDC Parish Forum)

### **Notes of the Verbal Report given by the County Councillor: Council Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Cllr Gooding noted that he is expecting change with the new administration, especially as many have not previously served as councillors at any level. The addressing of Highways Matters such as potholes/drains/railings has changed: previously a senior Member of the Highways Team, such as Cllr Gooding, was assigned an ECC Officer Buddy, who would inspect & assess issues with the Member. The declared 'pothole emergency' has removed this system and all must be assessed centrally. The 78 Essex Members were each asked on 2nd June to nominate three roads for pothole repair latest 5<sup>th</sup> June, though all previous reported tasks should remain scheduled for completion. For his division, Cllr Gooding nominated the B1038 through Clavering, including where works were not completed and the surface further deteriorated, the road between Hazel End (Herts border) and Manuden, plus Whiteditch Lane in Newport. Parishioners should continue to report highways defects via the ECC Highways website as before. Cllr Gooding is disappointed that ECC announced it no longer recognised 'Climate Change'. He also asked any matters reported to ECC directly, which are not addressed in a timely fashion, are brought to his attention. Cllr Gooding was thanked for ensuring priority to repairs at Watery Stones.

## **Clavering Church**

**Afternoon Concert Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 4pm Clavering Church** Local Chamber Choir Granta Chorale's lively concert in celebration of all animals, both great and small. Tickets £12ph (Under 25s £5ph) [www.grantachorale.org.uk](http://www.grantachorale.org.uk) or on the door. Refreshments

**Coffee and Crafting Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 10am to 12noon at the Christian Centre** Bring your latest project, knitting, crochet, needlepoint, crossword, or just come for a chat!

**Cheese Tasting Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 5pm in Clavering Churchyard** Tickets £15 Contact Janet Hosford 01799 550515 or [johnjanethosford@gmail.com](mailto:johnjanethosford@gmail.com)

**Tea and Chat – At Wicken Church & Community Centre Thursdays 18<sup>th</sup> June, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 20<sup>th</sup> August & 17<sup>th</sup> September 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 –**

**Open Evenings for training and practice: every Tuesday at 5pm, weather permitting, May-September.** New members most welcome Friendly tuition and equipment available - just bring flat shoes. For more information contact Lee 01799 550916 or email [claveringbowls@gmail.com](mailto:claveringbowls@gmail.com) or see [www.claveringbc.org](http://www.claveringbc.org) *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.

For more information contact Revd Paddy Cable 01763 258043 or [paddycable@gmail.com](mailto:paddycable@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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.**

### **UDC Welfare Liaison Officers – Jen and Evie [welfare@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto: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. There is also an Uttlesford Help Hub at the Saffron Walden Community Link in the Market Square on the last Thursday of every month, 10am to 2pm.

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

**Please note contact email has reverted to [contact@central-connect.co.uk](mailto: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.

### **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"

**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](http://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 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.**

**///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.

### **Foul water discharges onto roads or into watercourses?**

**Report online using [thameswater.co.uk](http://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.**

## 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](http://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](http://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings) or you may register by calling 0345 988 1188

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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**