

Representative Reports Clavering Parish Council Meeting 14th September 2026

Passenger Transport and DRT

Correspondence has continued to be sent Essex Passenger Transport and ECC Cllrs Mark Webster(Highways) & Ray Gooding by parishioners of local villages and myself.

There is still no direct bus to Stortford provided. It is stated that travellers must take a Digigo bus to Newport/Quendon to meet with a bus that runs hourly to Stortford from Walden, though the connections are not guaranteed....

ECC are stating that the route was consulted on – but having re-read the consultation it does not state the Bishops Stortford was no longer to be served as a route.

The bus stop at Tesco has been reinstated.

There were complaints that drivers were refusing to open the heavy bus door/help with shopping etc.

Digigo does now serve Audley End Station – I used it for free (their campaign launch offer) on morning of 24th August having booked just before 9am – it was just me & a driver & a driver learning the route!!

My driver was the new Walden coordinator for Digigo – he is known to me personally so I quizzed him on the lack of help.

He stated that their instructions were not to leave the driving seat – but he is aware that the doors are too heavy to use and is following this up.

Jubilee Field Committee of Management

The double junior swings have been replaced for H&S reasons. It had been hoped that this would take place before the school holidays, but the contractor had supply problems. This was fully funded from reserves as thanks to previous rigorous fundraising.

Unfortunately, the double baby swings and the zip wire now also need refurbishing; the swings have been taken out of use by the professional inspector. The Committee needs to consider the full safety report as to the extent of the works required. It is hoped that the current reserves will meet this, but there may be the need for further immediate fundraising/grant sourcing.

Annual General Meeting: Thursday 22nd October.

Allotments

With Cllr Smither, I have inspected plots to see which are currently being worked and who the tenants are.

In October, the rents will come up for review for September 2027 and I suggest these are held at present rate.

I also suggest that the invoices are sent out in late September for 2025 & 2026 to bring the invoicing back on track.

Thames Water Leak on allotment access track.

This was reported to Affinity Water 19th August, confirmed by them 21st August when they also informed Thames Water.

Chased 4th September as water still gushing - Affinity advised they are pursuing.

CPC will need to ensure tarmac access track is repaired by Thames Water as it is being compromised.

Cllr Stephanie M. Gill 7th September 2026