



CLAVERING NEWSLETTER

CLAVERING PARISH COUNCIL

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WELCOME. Congratulations to the 'Agricultural Community' for the wonderful Open Farm Sunday hosted at Clavering Place Farm. Visitors were overheard commenting not only on how much fun the event was, but also on how informative the activities were. Let's hope that the day's weather is repeated for the Fete later this month!

Deadline for next Newsletter 10th July 2015

Council Meeting 8th June 2015

The meeting was attended by 3 parishioners.

Public Participation Session: responding to questions, it was explained that the updating of information on the Council section of the website is undergoing review in the light of new requirements & these currently cannot be undertaken by a volunteer who is not the website host; a parishioner informed the PC that Cllr Ray Gooding is investigating the ECC Highways school crossing lights which are flashing throughout the night.

Mares Tail on Stickling Green: this will be sprayed off, but all vegetation in the vicinity is killed off. Affected areas will be reseeded and Affinity Water contacted for possible redress

New Parish Noticeboard: being delivered 9th June

Dog Bins: UDC no longer provides new ones, nor an emptying service. A private company offers bins at £280ea plus a weekly emptying service - £2.20pw

Bus Shelter: Site meeting to be confirmed regarding new suggested position by ECC.

Planning received

UTT/15/1629/NMA - Brooklyn Stortford Road
Non material Amendment to UTT/14/0881/HHF -
- UDC are not accepting any comments

UTT/15/1754/HHF-The Sevens, Clatterbury Ln
Erection of single storey rear extensions and detached bike/tool shed - **No objections**

Planning decided

UTT/15/0684/FUL - Hill Green Farm Cottage
Clatterbury Ln. Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling.
Approve with conditions

Planning Appeals : Land Adj Monks Cottage
Stickling Green: Outline application with all matters reserved, expect for access, for the erection of 1 no. dwelling ref UTT/14/2385/OP.

**Appeal ref: APP/C1570/W/15/3031306 -
CPC reiterates objections**

Land North Of Pelham Road Clavering : Outline application, with all matters reserved except access, for residential development, for up to 42 dwellings, provision of open space, play area, new meadow, site access, associated highway and infrastructure works (Revised description) Ref UTT/14/2458/OP . Appeal ref: **APP/C1570/W/15/3010055. CPC reiterates objections**

Finance: The Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement completed, agreed and signed.

Grass Cutting: Standard of current contract discussed. Quotes to be requested for the areas requiring summer cuts & baling.

Gladman Development's request for Meeting open only to the PC and a number of representatives of the wider community: The PC will meet Gladman only at a meeting which all parishioners may attend.

Village Speed Limits: UDC Highways Committee to be asked: Extend 30mph limit 150m past planned houses on Stortford Rd; Reduce limit to 30mph on Middle St & Lower Way - currently 40mph; new roads at Jubilee Works to be 30mph & Stickling Green Road from this site to junction of Arkesden Rd to be 30mph limit; Extend 30mph limit westward along Pelham Rd to Curles.

Defibrillator: New pads have been purchased

Draft Council Minutes and details of village societies together with forthcoming events can be found on our village website: www.claveringvillage.org.uk

Date of next full Parish Council meeting: Monday 13th July 2015 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. All welcome. The Agenda can be found one week before the Meeting on the Parish Council's notice board, by the Post Box at Clavering Shop and the village website.

Annual Parish Meeting 1st June 2015

The meeting was attended 14 parishioners, District Cllr Edward Oliver, Essex County Cllr Ray Gooding and five parish councillors.

The Chair welcomed all and thanked Mark Wilkinson and Jenny Allan who had both stood down from the Council in the past year. Edward Stanford, Chairman of 'Hands off Clavering' (HoC) gave a presentation of the work currently being carried out by the group. He asked for people to come forward to help with the work needed in reading and preparing for the Appeal that Gladman have lodged. The Chair allowed for questions to be taken from the floor. Responding, Mr Stanford stated that HoC were not against development in the village and each application should be looked at on its own merit. He personally thought that speaking with developers may have merit if something could be given back to the village. He agreed that the action group's name possibly does not reflect what HoC do; he confirmed that, after legal advice, the group had not spoken with Gladman Developments, though it would attend an open meeting with the PC and residents.

The Chair confirmed that the APM 2012 Minutes are irretrievable asking for the meeting's permission that this now be noted. The Chair's annual report focused cooperative efforts of many groups with the Parish Council throughout 2014/15, the awards of Easement Grants in the past year and reiterated that the PC remains committed to speaking on behalf of the Parish on planning matters.

Cllr Ray Gooding congratulated HoC on raising the profile of the Gladman planning application. He commented that Colchester has the largest growth area for housing in Europe, with developments

needed for the younger generation as the ageing population stagnates the property ladder.

The zero increase in ECC's Council tax has put pressure on the budget, which is some £500m less than ten years ago. Cllr Gooding took questions on Superfast Broadband in Essex, especially as it is planned that many households in Clavering will not receive this, and also on the standard of repairs to potholes, having stated that ECC prioritised work to such on major roads (305 still to fill before work to country roads).

Distict Cllr Oliver stated that he is impressing on UDC that Clavering must absorb the 50-60 houses planned to be built before any more developments are granted permission. The Gypsy Traveller Site at 5 Acres will be considered in July. He also asked Cllr Gooding to consider that the potholes at the side of country roads are lethal.

Questions were then addressed to the Council. Rubbish is being dumped on Chalkpit Lane and motorbikes are being ridden off that track, which now has planings to the surface. The Clerk confirmed he had not been previously informed of this, and the Chair advised that if the rubbish is dumped on the track, it is for the owner, ECC, to remove, while trespass on private land is a matter for the owner.

Update on the new Bus Shelter: An email from ECC received that morning informed the PC that ECC are looking to re-site the shelter next to the Village Hall Entrance. Parishioners raised concerns over the proposed lines of sight and a further site meeting is to be requested with ECC.

A parishioner thanked the Councillors for their continued service, stating it was sad no more had come forward to serve the community this way.

Received from Mrs Baxter. Housing Enabling Officer, Uttlesford District Council:

I have received a request from Weston Homes with regard to the 2 bed ground floor, wheelchair compliant property on the Jubilee Works site. As you may recall, the Council has agreed with Clavering PC that properties on this scheme will be let to residents with a local connection to Clavering on the first let only.

The Council is seeking a suitable household for this property but has not found anyone on their register with a local connection to Clavering. This ground floor flat has 2 bedrooms, its own front door and parking space and small garden and would benefit residents with mobility or high care needs. If the Parish Council is aware of any residents within the Parish whom they would like to be considered, please could you put them in touch with myself and encourage them to register with the Council at their earliest convenience.

Residents making an application are not guaranteed a property at this time and unfortunately, I am not involved in the allocations policy personally. However, the Council is committed to meeting the housing needs of residents in the district and in this case, for residents with a local connection to Clavering. Mrs Stephanie Baxter, Housing Enabling Officer, Uttlesford District Council, London Road, Saffron Walden. CB11 4ER. 01799 510 633

Any residents, or a household with a Clavering connection, who may benefit from this property, please do contact Mrs Baxter. The Parish Council worked hard to secure the agreement from UDC that the properties to be let on this site would benefit residents with a local Clavering connection in the first instance, rather than UDC residents as is the norm.

VILLAGE HISTORY WALK & CREAM TEA

On Sunday 12 July there will be a history stroll round Clavering village centre, pointing out places of interest and some of the stories of the past associated with them.

Please meet at the Castle Noticeboard at the bottom of the churchyard at 2 pm.

After the walk, Judith William-Powlett and her team will be offering cream teas at Piercwebbs (at the top of Church End). Participants can, if they prefer, take part just in the walk, or simply come and enjoy the cream tea from 4 - 5 pm in the beautiful gardens of Piercwebbs - or both.

All profits will be donated to a good cause.

Nearer the time, it would be helpful to have an idea of numbers likely to attend.

Please email : mrsjacquelinecooper@gmail.com

Jacky Cooper, Clavering Local History Recorder

Clavering Rainfall - April & May

April was not so dry as March but was still another dry month with 32.7mm (1.29ins).

The wettest day was the 25th when 11.3mm (0.44ins) fell overnight.

Another wet day was the 1st when 10.2mm (0.40ins) fell overnight.

Between them they accounted for over half the month's rainfall. We had 21 dry days.

May had a much more normal amount of rain with 44.0mm (1.73ins).

The rain occurred in small amounts throughout the month but even so we still had 13 entirely dry days.

The wettest day was the 14th when 11.2mm (0.44ins) fell during the day.

Brian Barrow

Green Waste Lorry 2015

Every other Saturday at 10.15am to 11.15am between the Village and the Mills
13th & 27th June ~ 11th & 25th July
8th & 22nd August
5th & 19th September
3rd, 17th & 31st October ~ 14th & 28th November ~ 12th December

Mobile Library

The mobile library will be in Clavering on:
23rd June, 7th & 21st July

Clavering Mills - 10.20am - 10.35am

Clavering School Drive - 10:40 am to 11:00 am;

United Reform Church - 11:20 am to 11:35 am.

THANK YOU to Mr Schofield who has volunteered to change the batteries in the VAS Sign along the Stortford Road. *Clavering PC*

Clavering Cricket Club. The season has got off to a good start - a draw against Stansted and a triumph over Arkesden, our local rivals. The game against Camden was cancelled as they now struggle to raise a team, where once they fielded three Saturday league teams. . . .

June 14th Ashdon July 5th Swards End July 19th Stocking Pelham

June 21st Takeley July 12th Woodcutters July 26th Flycatchers

All games at home : new players and spectators welcomed.

Ben Gill 01799 550212

Clavering Bowls Club holds an informal Roll up and Practice at 6.00 pm on Monday evenings. Anyone who wants to try bowling is welcome - anyone who wants to try bowling is welcome. Just turn up about 6 pm - all you need is a pair of flat sandals or plimsolls (not trainers); bowls provided. Refreshments are normally available.

CLAVERING FETE

Saturday 27th June

1pm - 4pm

**** Traditional Attractions ****

*** Beer Tent * Pimms Tent ***

*** Barbeque ***

Royal British Legion and
Clavering Scouts

SPORTS DAY

Saturday 20th June

Jubilee Field - Start 11am

ROSE SHOW

SUNDAY 21st JUNE 2015 ORGANISED BY THE CLAVERING HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
IN THE VILLAGE HALL DOORS OPEN AT 11.30am
ADMISSION 50p - CHILDREN FREE TEAS AND HOMEMADE CAKES

Categories

1. Three Large Flowered H.T. roses (Sponsored by Clavering Supermarket)
2. Three stems of miniature roses. (Sponsored by Nigel Rouse, Builders)
3. One stem of any cluster flowered rose (Sponsored by Peter Briggs)
4. One bowl/vase of roses using five blooms. (Sponsored by the Auctioneer Ltd)
5. A single rose bloom. (Sponsored by the Cricketers)
6. A single rose bloom, judged on scent only: - the public to vote for the three finalists out of a short list of six chosen by the judge. (Sponsored by Betty Briggs)
7. Seven stems of sweet peas (Sponsored by The Bull at Langley)
8. Best in show. (Sponsored by F W Whyman of Hill Green, Clavering)

Children's Categories (Sponsored by Clavering Primary School)

1. Colouring a drawing of a rose (children under 7 years of age)
(the drawing will be available at Cost Cutters and Clavering Primary School)
2. A photograph of something in the garden (no larger than A5) (children aged 7 to 11 years old)

Entries accepted on the day (please bring your own container)

25p entry fee per exhibit, children's classes free

Prizes £5, £3, £2, Children's prizes £3, £2, £1.

For more information contact: Richard Bailey: 550727 David Briggs: 550454 Alan Gilbertson: 550460 Anne Gough: 01279 777365 Jenny Milledge: 550723 Jill Simpson: 550353 Jane Speed: 550633 Jane Turner: 01279 777411 Nial Wood: 550959

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Stephanie Gill: 550212, **Vice chair:** Rebecca Stanford: 550668

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