

Parish Council News in brief...

Our 25th. May meeting was held in the Village Hall, the first time for over a year, owing to Covid. We had two members of the public attend and apologies were received from our District Councillor and our County Councillor.

Our full minutes are published on the notice boards and on-line on the Wickham St Pauls Parish Council website: www.e-voice.org.uk/wickham-st-pauls

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Here is a brief summary of what was discussed.

Farm Land Sold South of The Green and School Road.

There were concerns raised by residents about the land that was / has been sold and what it could be used for or if it could be developed in the future. Braintree Duty Planners have advised us that at present it is designated as agricultural land and as such has restrictions on its use. For instance, it cannot be used as a garden without applying for permission for change of use. Sheds, fencing (other than post and wire) flower beds, play equipment, etc, would all need permissions.

Rubber Matting Beneath the Swings.

Having analysed the tenders from six different contractors, we agreed to appoint one. By the time you read this, the new matting would have been installed and children would be making good use of it.

Salt Bags Partnership.

It may seem a long way off, but we agreed to take part in the scheme to provide our residents with salt to keep paths and roads clear.

Matters Arising – Updates.

Church Road - additional parking - Ongoing.

A131 Long Gardens – speed calming – Ongoing.

Speed Indicator Device – Ongoing.

Neighbourhood Plan – Peter Trew has offered to join the committee to discuss the plan and a face-to-face meeting will now be arranged. - Ongoing.

Village Hall Pond Enhancement. The work is ongoing and areas on both sides of the hall have now been cleared. A special thanks was expressed to Steve Barnes, who used his digger to lift all the tree stumps into the two skips and levelled the areas. We propose to purchase shrubs and roses and create flower beds. If any resident has surplus plants to donate, we can not only keep the cost down, but you will leave a legacy.

Bamford to Twinstead Network Reinforcement – We will be supporting neighbouring parishes and their objections.

Proposed New Dedicated Benches.

We had two requests for two dedicated benches on the Green and permission was granted.

Flag Flying Programme.

1 July	British Virgin Islands Day	(1857)	British Virgin Islands
4 July	American Independence Day	(1776)	Grand Union
5 July	Cayman Island Constitution Day	(1958)	Cayman
9 July	Anniversary of the White Ensign	(16 th . C.)	White Ensign

10 July	Start of the Battle of Britain Day	(1940)	RAF
14 July	Bastille Day	(1789)	Tricolore
17 July	Birthday of the Duchess of Cornwall	(1947)	Union
22 July	Birthday of Prince George	(2013)	Union
2 August	British Colombia Day (1 st . Monday)	(1858)	British Columbia
3 August	Battle of the Nile	(1798)	White Ensign
4 August	Cook Island Day	(1901)	Cook Island
15 August	B'day Princess Royal (1950) + V.J. Day (1945)		Union
26 August	Battle of Crécy	(1346)	3-lions
28 August	W.St.P. Lady resident with the most birthdays		W.St.P.

The St. George flag will be flown most of the time in between other appointed flags.