

November 2021 Look Out contribution.

### **Parish Council News in brief...**

We had a number of apologies for absence for our October meeting, but had enough Councillors to make it happen. We did have lots to discuss, most of it was ongoing items which haven't yet reached a conclusion and cannot be taken off the agenda. Whilst we can 'archive' some of the agenda items, they are generally replaced with something new. It was a good productive meeting, which lasted 1 hour and 40 minutes.

Our minutes are posted on notice boards and on the website, but if you would like a hard copy, (also available in large print or Braille), please let our Clerk know: Mrs Diane Jacob, tel: 07907 63 11 72 or e-mail: [parishclerk@wickhamstpaulsparishcouncil.org](mailto:parishclerk@wickhamstpaulsparishcouncil.org)

### **Here is a brief summary of what was discussed.**

The following are applications made to Essex Highways and we are awaiting their decision.

Church Road additional parking and traffic calming.  
Long Gardens – speeding.  
Speed Indicator Device central to the village.

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We have applied to Highways for the 30 mph limit to be extended along Old Road and Park Road.

We have applied to our County Councillor to have 'Beware of Horse' signs at the three entrance points into our village.

We have applied to our County Councillor to have a 'Unsuitable for Heavy Vehicles' sign on Old Road at the A131 junction.

### **Old Road.**

We have concerns over the volume and type of traffic that use this road and we discussed ways of how to alleviate the issue. This is an historic narrow lane with vehicles unable to pass each other and there are risks to walkers and damage being done to the verges. The signpost to Wickham from the A131 was removed some years ago, but Sat-Nav still insists on sending all sorts of vehicles down that road.

Suggestions to try to limit the flow of traffic could be a one-way system?? We would like your thoughts and anything we would propose to Highways would follow a public consultation.

### **Parked Vehicles along School Road.**

The issue with over parking on School Road seems to have been resolved, but we would ask residents to park responsibly in the village, particularly near junctions.

### **Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacon.**

We agreed to have a beacon to join the 1500 around the country to be lit on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. The cost will be discussed at the November meeting and also the location. Angela Johnstone will be leading the project.

### **Telephone Box.**

We reported several months ago to BT that the telephone in the kiosk was faulty and have been chasing it ever since. We don't want to lose this facility and we certainly don't want to lose our box, which we believe has been here since the 1950's.

Most unused boxes are turned into libraries and in some case, are removed altogether, (shame Bulmer lost theirs). When it is up and running, please use it occasional to keep it going and for those who haven't use one for a while, it no longer costs 4d and you don't have to press button 'A' or 'B' !

## **Fireworks on the Green – Trafalgar Night**

This event will not take place this year owing to concerns regarding social distancing.

## **Replacing Defibrillator Battery.**

The battery has reached the end of its life and needs to be replaced in October at a cost of £282.00 incl.

When the defibrillator was first installed some 6-years ago, the Parish Council made the decision that it would be solely responsible for its maintenance and replacement parts (pads and battery). Unlike neighbouring parishes, we felt that it would be unfair to ask for donations towards its upkeep on the basis that everyone in the village, including of course visitors, would have access to the defibrillator. Also, any fund raising we did, would compete with that of the Church and Village Hall.

## **The Date of Next Meeting.**

Parish Council meeting 30th November 2021 commencing 7:30 p.m.

## **Wickham St. Pauls Parish Council Responsibilities:**

We hold bi-monthly meeting to discuss local matters with residents and our roles and duties include maintaining land we own, (The Green), local planning advisory and support concerns and projects of residents. Your initial contact ideally is with your Parish Clerk, but your Councillors are always there to offer assistance where we can.

Our continued thanks to all our residents who do contact us direct with their concerns and suggestions and we will continue to address them to the best of our ability.

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Wickham St Pauls Parish Council website: [www.e-voice.org.uk/wickham-st-pauls](http://www.e-voice.org.uk/wickham-st-pauls)

## **Braintree District Council Responsibilities:**

Some of the services they provide include refuse and recycling collections, street cleaning, enforcing environmental and other legislation, planning applications.

Your Ward Councillor for Stour Valley South is Mrs Wendy Scattergood.

Website:	<a href="http://www.braintree.gov.uk">www.braintree.gov.uk</a>
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## **Essex County Council Responsibilities:**

Some of the services they provide include Highways, traffic management, libraries, adult and social care, education.

Your County Councillor is Cllr. Peter Schwier.

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### ***Other matters....***

#### **Fancy some decent fishing?**

The main pond did have some good fishing years ago, but over time has become silted up and what fish there is, they are relatively small. Ideally it needs to be dredged and restocked. The Parish Council has looked into this several times, but found the project too expensive and it needs a lot of management to get it done.

HOWEVER, if there were a keen group of anglers wanting to have some decent fishing and willing to form a committee, there are grants out there and I'm sure the Parish Council would support such a project.

#### **Flag Flying Programme.**

4-10 November	Run up to Remembrance Day	'Lest we forget' flag
11 November.	Remembrance Day	Union
14 November	Birthday of HRH the Prince of Wales (1948)	Union
20 November	Her Majesty's Wedding Anniversary	Union
30 November	Saint Andrew's Day	(1512) Scottish Saltire

A full list of our flag flying days is posted on the village notice board and on the W.St.P. website.

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

We fly some Commonwealth country flags, particularly those which include the Union flag, as an acknowledgement of our proud British heritage.

#### **Lest We Forget.**

Let us remember those who gave their lives in defence of their King and Country.

<b>Harry William Walford</b> (Driver). Died of wounds Age 18.	567 Royal Garrison Artillery. 23 <sup>rd</sup> . February 1915.
<b>Cecil John Layzell</b> (Leading Stoker). Died as a direct result of enemy action Age 25.	Royal Navy - HMS Invincible. 31 <sup>st</sup> . May 1916.
<b>Frederick Alfred Layzell</b> (Able Seaman). Died Age 22.	Royal Navy - HMS Submarine H5. 2 <sup>nd</sup> . March 1918.
<b>Philip Anthony Assheton Harbord</b> (Lt.). Died Age 20.	Grenadier Guards. Military Cross.
<b>John Harbord</b> (Captain). Died Age 24.	Norfolk Yeomanry 10 <sup>th</sup> . July 1918. Military Cross.
<b>Alfred Willis</b> (Private). Killed in action Age 19.	Northamptonshire Regiment. 29 <sup>th</sup> . Sep 1918. France and Flanders.
<b>Albert John Willis</b> (Private). Died of wounds Age 27.	York and Lancashire Regiment. 27 <sup>th</sup> . June 1915. France and Flanders.

**Herbert Lawrence** (Private).  
Killed in action.

Essex Regiment.  
24<sup>th</sup>. May 1915. France and Flanders.

**Harvey Arthur Barnes** (Private).  
Killed in action Age 22.

Royal Fusiliers.  
17<sup>th</sup>. Apr 1917. France and Flanders.

**Harry William Hume** (Private).  
Killed in action.

Suffolk Regiment.  
5<sup>th</sup>. May 1917. France and Flanders.

**George Dyer Nott** (Captain).  
Killed in action Age 32.

153<sup>rd</sup>. Regiment R.A.C.  
16<sup>th</sup>. July 1944. Caen in France.

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