

March 2022 issue of Look-Out.

Parish Council News in brief...

We had a number of apologies for absence for our January meeting, but had enough Councillors to make it happen. Lots to discuss, most of it are still 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 1½ hours.

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

Bramford to Twinstead Network Reinforcement.

David Holland of Twinstead is heavily involved in this and you can read his updates on other pages of 'Look Out'. Our own Parish Council is in full support of his work. Meetings had been arranged at several village halls in February, including our own, and we will report in the next issues.

Tree Inspection.

It was agreed to have the inspection done every 15-months instead of annually, so that our trees would be inspected in each season. This should identify any damage or diseases of our trees and any maintenance work that is required.

Additional Trees.

We agreed to have a Christmas tree planted outside the Village Hall adjacent to the steps, the cost being £20.00. When the tree gets too tall, it will be replaced.

A resident has requested to have a tree planted and dedicated at no cost to the Parish Council and this was accepted. This will bring our tree planting up to eight in the last year.

Beryl Knight Memorial.

Permission has been given by All Saints Church for a bench to be sited in the church yard dedicated to Beryl Knight. The Parish Council will provide the bench and plaque and arrange a working party to site the bench.

Queens Platinum Jubilee 2nd to 5th June 2022.

We are please that Tom Broderick has kindly offered to play the pipes on Thursday 2nd June 2022 at 9.45p.m., along with others around the country. We are now looking at some Commemorative Memorabilia and will give an update at the next issue.

Post Office.

Things may have changed from the time of writing to the March issue, but the P.C. is on the case with the P.O. We have made it clear that we don't want to lose our Post Office.

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.

Useful contacts....

Clerk:	Diane Jacob, 07907 631172	parishclerk@wickhamstpaulsparishcouncil.org
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Wickham St Pauls Parish Council website: www.e-voice.org.uk/wickham-st-pauls

Vacancy.

~~We are sad to lose Angela Johnstone as a Councillor as she will be leaving the village. She has served the council well and will be missed not only as a colleague, but as a good neighbour and special friend. We wish her all the best for the future.~~

~~This means that we do have a vacancy on our council, here is the official statement.~~

~~NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY~~

~~Wickham St Paul Parish Council NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a vacancy has occurred in the office of Parish Councillor for Wickham St Paul Parish Council.~~

~~An election to fill the vacancy will be held if ten local government electors for the electoral area so request. Such request should be made in writing and must include name, address and signature.~~

~~Requests must be submitted to the:~~

~~Proper Officer (Chief Executive) of Braintree District Council
Causeway House
Becking End
Braintree CM7 9HB.~~

~~There was a deadline for receipt of requests as no later than 5:00pm on 16 February 2022. However, if the vacancy has not been filled and if you would like further information, then please contact:~~

~~Mrs D Jacob Clerk to Wickham St Paul Parish Council
5 Crocklands
Greenstead Green
Halstead CO9 1QY~~

~~Please see our village notice board for further and full details.~~

Other News....

We have installed several planters near the pond adjacent to the Village Hall. Some have had bulbs planted, but we invite anyone to fill the remaining ones with plants, roses, shrubs, bedding plants, please feel free. It will make a really nice communal garden.

Belchamp Morris.

Just when you thought that they were a memory in the distant past, the Belchamp Morris are up and running again like a phoenix rising from the fire, albeit a very small fire and an even smaller phoenix.

We've had several dances out and have been to Norwich and Ely and are in great demand. (It's amazing how desperate people are to get out after 2-years of lock down!)

We aim to be at the **Chappel Beer Festival** on **Saturday 5th. March**. Do come and watch us, we'll be dancing at 1 o'clock.

If you are a musician, like exercise and mixing with some really nice folk, then why not join us. We'd really like some **lady dancers** to show us how it should be done.

We practice on Monday nights at Belchamp St. Paul Community Hall from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Look us up on belchampmorrismen.co.uk email us at: info@belchampmorrismen.co.uk

Flag Flying Programme.

1 March	Saint David's Day (12 th . Century)	St. David's
9 March	Commonwealth Day (2 nd . Monday in March) (1931)	Commonwealth
10 March	Birthday of the Earl of Wessex (1964)	Union
17 March	Saint Patrick's Day Northern Ireland (1631)	Red Saltire

The St. George flag will be flown most of the time in between other appointed flags.
A full list of our flag flying days is posted on the village notice board and on the W.St.P. website.