

March 2023 issue of Look-Out.

Parish Council News in brief...

Our meeting was held on Tuesday 31st January 2023. Plenty to discuss and whilst some items were concluded, others are still ongoing. Meeting 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

Matters arising.

King's Coronation.

A village volunteer group has been set up and they requested a donation to cover the costs. It was agreed to support this with £300.00 to come from the budget 2023/2024 and £200.00 to come from reserves.

Circular Bench.

We agreed to remove two of the six circular sections of the bench under the horse chestnut tree on the village green and resite them opposite the George Wybrow's former home.

Wickham St Pauls Consolidated Trust.

A meeting took place on 30th January 2023 with all 6 members of the trust and by two thirds majority it was agreed to distribute the money and close the Trust. The next meeting will be on the 1st. March to define the recipients.

Telephone Box Painting.

It was agreed to accept BT's offer to paint the telephone box this summer.

Further news....

Additional Trees.

We have now planted ten various fruit trees at the top end of the Green, which should give us a nice display of blossom in spring and the fruits can be sampled by the wildlife, residents and visitors in summer and autumn.

We also planted three more ornamental trees, one of which is dedicated to the memory of Tony Ward.

Village Hall Pond.

The excavated pond is now full and we calculated that it holds about 600,000 litres of water (125,000 gallons in old money) and if we get another extreme dry summer, it is big enough to support wildlife.

...and finally.... After serving on the Parish Council for just over a decade, I felt it time to hang up my gavel and retire. It has been an honour, a privilege and a pleasure to have been part of the Council team and a nicer bunch of people you couldn't hope to meet and as the old saying goes ... *'Elvis has left the building!'*

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.

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

Meeting dates 2023.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on the 28th March 2023 starting at 7:30 p.m.
The Annual Parish Meeting 2023. (Village meeting) on Thursday 27th April.
The May Annual Meeting followed by P.C. meeting date will be 23rd May.

Councillor Vacancy - Parish Council elections May 2023.

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council. The nomination period opens on 27th March and closes at **4pm on 4th April**. Full details and nomination forms will be available on the Braintree District Council website nearer the time.

Other News....

Belchamp Morris (including the 'Wickham Chapter').

We had two outings in January, one at Colchester and the other at Ely. Ely was the larger event where we joined some 200 'Morrisers' to tour the town and entertain the crowds.

We continue to have a strong side, but would still like to swell our ranks, so if you are a musician, do a bit of dancing and like mixing with some really nice people, then why not join us. We would really like some **lady dancers** to show us how it should be done properly.

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
Drinks in the pub afterwards are on us!

Flag Flying Programme.

1 March	Saint David's Day (12 th . Century)	St. David's
10 March	Birthday of the Earl of Wessex (1964)	Union
13 March	Commonwealth Day (2 nd . Monday in March) (1931)	Commonwealth
14 March	W.I. meeting (2 nd . Tuesday)	W.I. Flag
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.