

September 2022 Look Out contribution.

Parish Council News in brief...

Our latest meeting took place on the 26th July and was attended by our County Councillor Peter Schwier and also two members of the public. We received apologies from our District Councillor Wendy Scattergood. The meeting lasted for just under 2 hours, unusually long, but we did have a lot to discuss.

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

Here is a brief summary of what was discussed.

County Cllr. Schwier gave an update on Local Highways Panel proposals and explained the process, and gave an apology that it is taking too long for proposals to be looked at, this is ongoing and will be updated again at our September meeting.

E-Scooter trials have not been successful and the Department of Transport is keen to have safer scooters. New trials will be ongoing, scooters available to hire in Braintree town.

3,700 households have been connected to fibre broadband in the rural area.

BDC are also promoting tourism in the local area.

Vacancy Filled on Wickham St Pauls Parish Council.

We are delighted that Catherine Groom of Wynches has joined the council and look forward to working on our continuing projects.

Matters Arising – Updates

There were a number of long-term items beyond our control and decisions that have not progressed and these are only being discussed at the meeting where there is a development.

Speed Indicator Device – update. Speed surveys have been carried out, but they do not meet the required criteria for LHP funding – Parish Council considered to purchase a VAS at a cost of £4,000.00, but deemed it not cost effective, therefore this item to be taken off future agendas.

Trees.

It was agreed to replace two of the dedicated trees planted in 2021, which have died, cost approx. £60.00 each, planting to be done in October this year.

W.I. Bench.

We considered moving the W.I. circular bench under the horse chestnut tree on the village green to the pond next to the Victory Inn, but as this bench is very well used it was agreed for it to remain in the existing location. We will provide small hand brushes to clear away any bird lime.

Beryl Knight Bench.

It was agreed to construct a base for the donated and dedicated bench in the All-Saints Church Yard.

Jubilee Mugs.

Of the 180 Mugs purchased, 166 have been distributed, 6 extra ones have been sold and we still have a small surplus if anyone would like to purchase them. We have received a very positive reaction from residents.

Water Leak in road near the village hall pond.

We have had numerous meetings with Anglian Water and have been assured that as the water is pure and contains no chemicals, it is not coming from a leak on their system.

The small puddles it has created are well appreciated by the wildlife, but it's a mystery!!!

Fallen Oak Tree near Village Hall.

The oak tree was damaged by a lorry and has been cleared. There are already two existing oak saplings in place, which have now been staked to protect them, these will replace the fallen oak.

Other news....

Just a quick thank you to our farmers for trimming hedges and a special thanks to Vernon Nott for taking advantage of Old Road being closed to cut the hedges and verges and keeping the road safer, (*such an opportunist!*).

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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Flag Flying Programme.

3 September	Merchant Navy Day	(2000)	Red Ensign
4 September	W.St.P. Home Cricket Match		W.St.P.
9 September	British Farmers Support Day	(2013)	Union
14 September	Women's Institute meeting		Essex W.I.
15 September	Battle of Britain Day	(1940)	RAF
16 September	Soup and Cake Village Hall		Essex W.I.
21 September	Women's Institute anniversary	(1915)	Essex W.I.

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

We fly some Commonwealth country flags, particularly those that have the Union Jack canton, as an acknowledgement of our proud British heritage.

The W.I. flag will be flown on the 2nd. Tuesday (meeting) and the 3rd. Friday ('Soup & Cake' – Village Hall), of each month providing it does not clash with other flags.

The W.St.P. flag will be flown when there is a home cricket match.

Belchamp Morris (*with their contingent from W. St. P.*)

Our next outing is at the Chapple Beer Festival **Saturday 10th. September.** Do come and watch us and bring your own cabbages if you want to throw anything.

If you do like to exercise and want to meet some splendid and friendly people then come and join us. We really would like to have **lady dancers** and a **youth side**, for either dancing or as musicians.

We practice on most Monday nights at Belchamp St. Paul Community Hall from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. then it's off to the local pub for refreshments.

Look us up on belchampmorrismen.co.uk email us at: info@belchampmorrismen.co.uk