



Tour de France 2014 - reviewed

Chignal st. James and Chignal Smealey co-operated to make this very special day in the villages. We were told to arrive in the area before 8 .00 am as all the roads would be closed, so we made an early start to enjoy breakfast on arrival. Then off to the roadside across the fields. Some watchers walked but we had a wonderful treat - the farmer drove his tractor with a trailer and bales to sit on, so we had a rolling view of the cornfields, butterflies, birds, and wild flowers as we went over. Then, where to sit! Again we were treated to bales to sit on and we had a very comfortable view of everything that was happening. There was entertainment in the form of advertising cars, police motorcycles, loud speakers telling us to keep the road clear, cars hooting and everyone cheering!! Chignal Smealey had laid on stalls with sandwiches, drinks and cakes (and most important of all a toilet available)! Then the anticipation of the event - we followed several helicopters thinking that the cyclists were just round the corner, only to be disappointed several times. But then - "HERE THEY COME" - everyone waving flags and cheering and so many photographs were taken, some with video cameras. So it is all on film to watch over again. Five minutes later THEY WERE ALL GONE!!! But people were sharing their pictures and talking about what they had seen. Then another tractor ride and back to Chignal st James Village Hall for a wonderful hog roast (hopefully you had remembered your tickets)! The morning weather was rain free, but it did turn up for a while in the afternoon, who would worry about that. The whole day needed organisation and the only thing to say about it was BRILLIANT! Nothing had been left to chance. Everyone was smiling all day and talking to people that they did not know, which made it such a special event. So, thank you to all who organised, made cakes etc., the farmer and his tractor, plus Bess the dog and just a great day to remember.

Betty Hollinrake

We live at Hillcroft, Woodhall Hill and the Tour came directly past our house. We had a large table on the front drive and all the family were here for the day. We were all enjoying the caravan passing through throwing off their free gifts when a van pulled up and reversed back to our house. It was the French AG2R La Mondiale support team and manager and they asked if they could have their lunch with us at our table. We of course were delighted and they proceeded to get out their box of red wine, french meats and cheeses and spent half an hour with us. They admitted they had stopped as they thought we were French - we had French flags up and had chalked "Bien Venue" in the road outside. We had a tv set up outside so they kept an eye on the race and left when the riders were 10 minutes away. (Photos page 6)

We all had an amazing day!!

Sue Humphreys and family

Chignal Wine Discovery Group

June Tasting

Our June tasting was presented by Colin Legg who is a wine tutor. Colin can usually be relied on to find wines that are new to the group and once again he did not disappoint. The wines tasted came from the area of Tarragona, which is about one hour south of Barcelona, on the east coast of Spain. The wines are made by small local wineries some from widely known grapes and others from varieties local to the area.

The wines tasted were:

Lafou Els Amelers 2013. A white wine from Terra Alta produced from white Grenache. A dry wine with fresh aromas and a sweetish fruitiness.

Mas d'en Compte Blanc 2009. A white wine from Priorat produced from a blend of white Grenache and three local grapes. A rich and smooth dry wine with complex flavours.

Nelin 2011. Another white wine from Priorat produced from a blend of white Grenache and local grape varieties. This wine has a flowery nose and complex flavours.

Succes El Mentider 2011. A red wine from Conca de Barbera made from the Trepast grape which is a local variety. This is a fresh and fruity, light and elegant wine.

Laurona Plini 2009. This is an excellent red wine made from a blend of Grenache, Carignan and Syrah grapes. This wine is noted for its elegance, complexity and maturity.

Gratallops 2008. Another high quality red wine produced from a blend of Grenache, Carignan, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah grapes. Significantly more expensive than the previous red but arguably any difference in quality did not justify the price differential.

All the wines were well received and Colin's presentation was entertaining and highly informative.

Review by Norman Smith.

July saw our annual end of season barbeque. We hold this social event every year and this year, as in other years, it was kindly hosted by Gill & Dave Thomas at their home. The wines were ones Norman had collected over the year and many of the complimentary foods to the BBQ were supplied by attending members. As is usual at these events; all who attended had a good and sociable time together. We reconvene in September. Enjoy the summer everyone....

Cheers! Terri Waller



Women's Institute

On July 3rd Janet Campen gave a very fascinating power point projection about her trip to the Ukraine. Just as well she went last year no one would contemplate it now. Janet showed us pictures of the hospice where children and their families are given respite care to ease the difficulties in their lives still caused as a result of the Chernobyl disaster. Janet went with the Smile Organisation which helps all over the world and in this country. We were shown how different their lives were compared to our own, Janet was delighted with the warm welcome she received everywhere they went; a wonderful, unusual experience, thank you Janet.

In June the garden meeting was held at the beautiful home of one of our members, Dot Merriday. The weather was good and members and visitors enjoyed a most pleasant afternoon in this lovely setting. Five members walked and had tea at Hylands Park recently and ten members had a lovely river trip from Paper Mill lock, also some joined a very good trip to Capel Manor Gardens The Knit and Natter Group are still producing the most amazing crafts as well as the knitted items for charity, their stall did very well at the fete again. Come and join us in September when local councillor Nicolette Chambers will tell us about her year as Mayor. Please join us also for what will be an unusual and entertaining evening with a 40s and 50s theme, this will be fun and different.

October 2 nd	Discovering old buttons	Mrs Suzanne Barr
October 3 rd	SOCIAL EVENING in the Village Hall 7.30 to 10.30 pm Everyone welcome	
November 5 th	The Sailors life	Mr. Phill Lyons
December 4 th	Join us for a Christmas Social at 2.30pm	

**SOCIAL EVENING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
40S AND 50S THEME
FRIDAY OCTOBER 3RD 7.30 TO 10 30PM
Fish (or alternative) and chips and a dessert
Bring your drink and glass
why not come in 40s and 50s costume or rock and roll
into the 60s as an Elvis impersonator!
Tickets £10**

Thank you, Myra

Village Hall



AN EVENING OF SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!
JOIN US IF YOU DARE.....

A family Halloween evening will take place on Friday October 31st commencing in the Jubilee Orchard with a 'pumpkin parade' at 6.30pm. We will all set off, with our 'lit up' lanterns (LED lights will be supplied) through the orchard and playing field to the village hall garden, where we will put our lanterns on display ready for judging. If you haven't got a pumpkin bring any kind of lantern you can with you. There'll be prizes for both adults and children for the best pumpkins and Halloween costumes.

A traditional Halloween supper of hot soup or hot dogs will be served followed by dessert and tea or coffee. During the evening you can have a go at traditional activities like bobbing for apples (the dry version), and visit the Halloween themed stalls where you can buy toffee apples or have a go at the lucky dip and a raffle.

Tickets are £3 for children and £5 for adults, preferably in advance and include LED lights and entry into the pumpkin carving and costume competitions, supper, children's soft drink and tea or coffee. Bring your own bottles & glasses if required.

EMAIL katemiddleditch@hotmail.co.uk for tickets or CALL THE SECRETARY ON 01245 441241. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT THROUGHOUT THE EVENING AND EVERYONE SHOULD WEAR SUITABLE SAFETY CLOTHING OUTSIDE. CHILDREN ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THEIR PARENTS/CARERS.

Parking at the hall; walk through the playing field to the orchard.



PRIZES FOR THE RAFFLE WOULD BE WELCOME



Dates for your Diary

Two coffee mornings are being held on consecutive days in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research. Join us at either (or both!) of the village venues for coffee and cake and support the 'world's biggest coffee morning.'

Friday 26th September at the Village Hall, Chignal St James from 10a.m. to 1p.m.

Saturday 27th September at The Three Elms Pub, Chignal St James
from 10a.m. to 12 midday.

Donations of cakes and raffle prizes welcome

Gardening Club

The club had a busy summer season with evening visits to three private gardens: “Wickets”, Langley Upper Green; “The Old Rectory”, Boreham; and , “Furzelea” at Danbury. In addition, we had an afternoon tour of the Phyllis Currie nature reserve at Great Leighs in June to see a stunning display of wild orchids and a day trip to Capel Manor Gardens in Enfield, in a coach supplied by two of our members, Dot and Derek. We were blessed with blue skies and came away with inspired with ideas for improving our own gardens and with memories of scrumptious homemade cakes!

Our winter/spring programme of gardening related talks starts on **Wednesday 17th September at 7.30 pm in the village hall**. At this meeting we are planning something a little bit different with a session entitled “**How Does Your Garden Grow?**”. This will be an informal get together to look back at our own experiences of growing vegetables, fruit and ornamental plants during the last year. The idea is to hear from each other about what worked well and importantly, to come clean about which plants didn’t quite do what you were expecting! Some members are experienced growers, willing to share some of their tips and others may wish to come along to learn how the soils in our villages can be coaxed into fertility. Sharing knowledge on how to live with our local wildlife is bound to feature.

You are encouraged to come along on the night with examples of your fruit, vegetables, produce, flowers and potted plants – but strictly not for judging! The rest of the talks programme is shaping up well, with talks on the third Wednesday of the month on a variety of topics including! “Designing and New Border”; “A Flower Arranger’s Garden”; “Vegetable Growing; “Plants for a Woodland Garden”; “Potatoes” and “Garden Insects and Invertebrates”.

We welcome new members and we're a very friendly club where you don't need to be an expert to enjoy the varied talks, demonstrations and visits. *For more information, please contact Graham Andrews (Chairman) on 01245 442625 or Lynn Ballard (Secretary) on 01245 440880 or email: lynn_ballard@btinternet.com*

Dates for your Diary - St Nicholas Church

Church services are always followed by refreshments and everyone is welcome

Sunday 31 August	10 am joint service at Ford End
Sunday 14 September	11 am Morning prayer with Christening of Jessica Dobson-Willcox
Sunday 28 September	11 am Communion
Sunday 5 October	11 am Harvest festival followed by orchard event for harvest
Sunday 12 October	11 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 26 October	11 am Communion
Sunday 9 November	10.55 am Remembrance service
Sunday 23 November	11 am Communion
Sunday 30 November	10 am Joint service to give thanks for God’s provision at Great Waltham

Volunteers Wanted



Tel: 01245 477789
Community transport bookings: 01245 477750
Hospital transport bookings: 01245 477700
Email: info@chelmsfordct.org
www.chelmsfordct.org

UNIT C8, BADDOW PARK
WEST HANNINGFIELD ROAD, CHELMSFORD CM2 7SY

Chelmsford Community Transport are looking for people who may have some spare time on their hands to help their community, by becoming one of our volunteer drivers. We are also in need of volunteers with experience in driving minibuses for our new hospital transport service. Mileage expenses will be reimbursed. Should this be of interest to you, please call 01245 477750 so we can take your details.

We are now running a new bus service to Broomfield Hospital for people who have difficulty in getting to their hospital appointments by public transport. This service enables us to collect from your address and drop you off at the hospital at one of 3 drop off points at the hospital. You may use your concessionary bus pass, should you hold one. This only applies when travelling on our minibuses.

For those with more difficult mobility in walking, we can offer a more personalised service with a volunteer car driver, where you can be escorted to and from the department you are attending. Unfortunately this service will be at a comparable cost to yourself. The personalised service is also available to anybody who wishes to go to any other hospitals. But unfortunately at this time it is also at a comparable cost.

We still have our existing dial a ride operation in place, for those who wish to get out and about the Chelmsford area. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact one of the numbers above for more information.

Kind Regards

Evelyn, Steve, Chris & Gordon (The Team)
Chelmsford Community Transport

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Tour de France Photos



Chignal Parish Council Meeting Monday 14th July

Present:

Cllr. Miss Lynn Ballard (Chair)
Cllr. Ms Linda Nelson (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. Mr. Martyn Towns
Cllr. Mr. Steve Middleditch
Cllr. Mr. Chris Philpot

In Attendance:

Mrs. Janet Mills (Parish Clerk) and 7
Parishioners

Pre Meeting Announcement

It was with great sadness that Cllr Martyn Towns announced that Mr Norman Wastenev had passed away. Norman had been a Parish Councillor for some 22 yrs until 1983 and was well known in the village. Norman was noted for his vision and work with two other Councillors for the provision of the Village Hall. The Village Fête had been held annually in his garden for the past 48 years, until his recent illness. He would be sadly missed. His funeral was to take place on Monday 28th July at 2.30pm at the Crematorium. The PC would be writing to the family to give condolences and to thank them for their outstanding contribution to the village.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Mr. Malcolm Feltwell Chignal Parish Council
Cllr. Mr. Andy Jenkins Chignal Parish Council
Cllr Mr. John Aldridge Essex County Council
Cllr Mrs Nicolette Chambers Chelmsford City Council

2.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr Philpot declared an interest in Item 10a.

3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

a) A draft restoration plan was circulated in order that members of the public may give a view upon the latest proposals from Lafarge Tarmac regarding the restoration of the Roxwell site. It was noted the PC previous suggestions, that a bridleway and footpath/public access should form part of the restoration plan, had now been included. The plan was discussed. The following comments were noted.

The PC should insist that the completed works should ensure the site perimeter was motorbike proof. It was suggested that gates may be needed at the eastern end of the site. It was noted that the gates may need to be constructed so as not to contravene rules regarding disability access to public right of way.

It was clear that the public footpath was shown to have permissive permission rather than designated permission. This meant that this could be withdrawn at any point in the future. The type of permission given to the Bridleway was unclear and needed clarification. Cllr Nelson agreed to contact Lafarge Tarmac to discuss concerns raised about the proposed rights of way.

It had already been established that the landscape was already too high due to the over tipping. The intention to plant trees across the top of the site, making the landscape even higher, was called into question.

It was noted that there was no proposal to plant trees as a screen on the village green boundary. Perhaps this needed further attention.

Concerns were raised that a 'park style' restoration could lead to ever increasing problems for the village as there was no vehicle access to Pengy Mill. It was suggested that if the facility was to be widely publicised it could lead to large numbers people parking in the village to gain access. The meeting was reminded that the land was originally agricultural, it was suggested that 60 to 70 acres of the land may still be suitable for farming in terms of soil toxicology. It was suggested that the land should be returned to its original state, as was agreed in the original planning permission.

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With regard to the matter of receiving compensation, it had now been established that the offer of compensation could not form part of the planning process. The process for receiving compensation was unclear. Cllr. Aldridge had suggested that the PC should seek legal advice. The EALC advised that a compensation claim should be progressed. It was suggested that the PC test the process by submitting a substantial bid to the Community Land Fill Fund. Cllr Ballard and Cllr Philpot agreed to draw up the paperwork for PC consideration.

It was also suggested that the PC call a separate public meeting, inviting members of Lafarge Tarmac to present their proposals and the answer questions above.

It was noted that Lafarge Tarmac were currently working at a phenomenal pace to cap and restore the site where over tipping had not taken place.

- b) With regard to the Tour de France Event the meeting was advised that £850.00 had been raised from the sales of beverages. The money would go to the Church Project Fund. A note of thanks was given to Tony, Helen and Sandra and many other helpers for all their hard work.

4.0 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING 12 MAY 2014

With a minor amendment the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a) **Gardening Express** The meeting was advised that The City Council instructed an agricultural consultant to carry out a survey of the land used by Gardening Express. This was to enable them to obtain an independent expert opinion as to whether the land is considered to be in a horticultural use in planning terms. This survey had been completed and it was the consultant's view that the land's use continues to be that of horticulture, similar to the view given by a planning inspector

in 2010. As such the current use of the land does not represent a breach of planning control against which the Council could impose restrictions or pursue enforcement action. This would include the imposition of controls to restrict the accessing of the site by vehicles, including HGVs. Two of CCC senior planners had met Mr Bonnett and his agent on site at Pieces Cottage to discuss their proposals for a new building. They also discussed whether there is any scope for the provision of off-road parking for customers and staff and looked at ways to ease the access/egress of HGVs. A CPC member had recently met with Cllr John Aldridge, Cllr Rodney Bass, Cabinet Member and Highway Consultants to share the villagers' concerns and show recent photographed observations in the village. ECC Members and Officers expressed concern regarding the lorries and subsequent highway issues. Members were also concerned regarding public safety. The determination of the Agricultural Officer was not helpful in this situation. ECC proposed to speak with the Essex Police and seek advice regarding Traffic Regulation Orders, perhaps parking restrictions (yellow lines) could be introduced or a ban on heavy goods vehicles (not including agricultural vehicles), could alleviate the situation. With regard to Gardening Express staff pushing heavy cages of plants on the highway, a resident had already alerted the Health and Safety Executive.

b) **Grass Cutting**

The croquet pitches on the playing field are mown by members of the croquet club. The CPC contractor who cuts the rest of the field does not mow the grass between the pitches and the boundary hedges to avoid damaging the croquet playing surface. It was suggested that the village hall committee be approached to make their sit-on mower available to cut the grass around the edge of the croquet pitches and that CPC should consider contributing to the cost.

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6.0 COUNTY AND CITY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The Chairman thanked Cllr Nicolette Chambers for forwarding a written report which was read out and noted as follows:

a) Individual Electoral Registration: this would be introduced before the next election in 2015. The CCC would be writing to everyone to explain the changes and an information event was to be held on 18 July? in the city centre to let people know about what services the Council provide.

b) Safer Chelmsford Partnership had launched a campaign in partnership with Essex Police which aimed to reduce anti-social behaviour associated with alcohol. The CCC was considering the introduction of a Late Night Levy, a charge for premises selling alcohol late at night.

c) Events at Hylands, forthcoming events included the following:

- i) Opera to be staged in the pavilion on 27th July
- ii) Summer nights late night shopping every Thursday from 31st July until 28th August.

d) Events at Chelmsford Museum

iii) **Get Creative, make it at the Museum Arts** and Crafts Family Fun Day 26th July. Entrance was free. Activities cost a one off £3.00 to join drop into as each activity as many times as wanted.

iv) **Time –Traveller's Guide to Chelmsford**

This was a new local history exhibition, featuring the sights, sounds and smells of Chelmsford's past. It would run for a strictly limited season from Saturday 19 July to Sunday 2 November 2014. Admission is free.

7.0 CHAIRMANS REPORT

With regard to the Tour de France event, the PC had been granted £329.00 from ECC to produce 5 banners. It was pleasing that the banners had been seen on National Television. The banners were designed so that they could be used for other village occasions. A note of

thanks was given to Wendy for allowing a banner to be attached to the wall of her garden.

The new owner of the Pig and Whistle Public House had asked that the CPC notice board be moved from its existing site near to the entrance of the Pub to the rear end of the car park. Cllr Nelson agreed to talk to the Landlord to scope out a new position for the board. It was noted that all the notice boards needed to be restored and repaired. Cllr Towns agreed to get some quotes for the work. With regard to Chignal Smealy passing places the Chairman was delighted to announce that the Local Highways Panel had agreed that £27,000 be spent on the scheme to provide passing places between Dyers Hall and Langleys. A set of plans and timetable for the works was awaited.

8.0 REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

a) Playing Fields

No report at this time.

b) Village Hall

The annual Fête was held on 7th June at the village hall and playing field. Takings were a little down when compared to last year's event.

c) Newsletter Including Website

The Newsletter had been held back a little so as to include the Tour de France event. This month the Newsletter consisted of 15 pages. Those present confirmed that they would wish to see the PC minutes in full rather than an edited version. Cllr Nelson asked those present to forward any Photos of the Tour de France celebrations so as to be able to create an archive of the event on the PC website.

d) Gravel Liaison

In his absence the Chairman read out the following report from Cllr Feltwell.

There is a proposal that a Community Development Strategy Group is set up, particularly in association with the Lafarge funding, but not exclusively. A group of us met on 23rd June prior to meeting with Lafarge. There is an agenda item to formally set up this working group.

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Lafarge are keen to move forward with the process of resolving the problems they have as a result of over tipping as they wish to complete restoration. Lynn Ballard and I met with David Wilson, National Waste Manager Lafarge, and Alan Everard, Lafarge, at the site to discuss the issues.

They presented a revised restoration plan which includes a bridle way around the site and connecting with The Pengy Mill Bridle Way. A Permissible Footpath to the top of the site is included. This footpath does not carry 'right of way' status so can be removed by the land owner. The proposed trees and hedgerows have been extended. There will be a complete plan for site drainage of surface water included in the Planning Application. These plans are being finalized prior to Planning Application. Lafarge have a 60 year responsibility to ensure the site is looked after so that it remains safe, protecting the environment from the decomposing waste, and collecting and burning the methane. They do this in collaboration with The Environment Agency who are responsible for making sure Lafarge meet their responsibilities. Any use of the land has to respect these obligations. They feel this is an excellent example of proposed restoration and that they are doing their best to meet our requests.

We think these are reasonable proposals in accordance with our previous meeting, but please comment to us if we have missed anything and we can pass on recommendations. We await their Planning Application for formal consideration.

In respect of compensation, they are keen to see any applications to the Environmental Fund. These require applicants to support the application with 10%. It was explained that we are a small parish with few resources. In exceptional circumstances they have in the past completely funded projects but they feel this is not particularly beneficial as recipients may not appreciate the grant in

the same way. David Wilson and Alan Everard sit on the committee that considers applications. The applications are generally in the 60 to 80 thousand pound range.

Cllr Ballard and I feel we need to talk with John Aldridge, Essex County Councilor, and the Planning Department of Essex County Council to establish what obligations Lafarge have about compensation.

c) Village Watch

Cllr Philpot advised the meeting that there had been no further thefts or burglary since the last PC meeting. Regrettably there had been damage done to telephone lines and rubbish dumped in the village.

d) Highways

It was noted that the hedges at Brittons Hall Farm needed to be cut back.

e) Footpaths/Bridleways

It was noted that the copy of the Parish Map needed to be updated. It was also noted that the new public footpath sign was yet to go up at Brickbarns.

f) Telephone Box Chignal St. James

In June the telephone kiosk and the hedge behind were decorated with bunting to help advertise the village fete. It was noted that a passerby had stopped to photograph it. The kiosk had also been cleaned. A note of thanks was given to Matt at the Orangery for his hard work.

Most recently a working party consisting of Lynn Ballard, Jackie Feltwell and Kate Middleditch cleared the footpath to the kiosk and planted up several pots of pelargoniums. These have been arranged to one side, under the PC notice board and grouped around the water pump. A note of thanks was given to the working party for their hard work and to Lynn and Jackie for donating the plants, containers and materials. Cllr Nelson had forwarded information regarding a commercial service providing maintenance and renovation of K6 Kiosks. This would be looked at by the Working Group.

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- i) **Tree Warden**
The CCC Tree Officer, Lynn Cameron had visited the orchard. She was very impressed with project and will invite an officer from The Tree Council to pay a visit. The CCC Officer was also happy with the condition of the Jubilee Oak Tree that had been planted on the Green.

9.0 JUBILEE ORCHARD COMMITTEE

- a) The minutes of the Orchard Committee public meeting held on 12 May and Sub-Committee meeting on 3 June and budget position were noted. The Sub Committee were delighted to inform everyone that the except for the loss of one tree the orchard was thriving. The summer programme of events such as a mid -summer BBQ, opening of the bug hotel and moth count, had been well attended. It was intended that the meadow be cut in September and there was to be a fruit celebration event in October. Ideas for the future included an art exhibition inspired by the orchard. It was noted that the Highways department would be contacted regarding the access to the orchard site.
- b) At its January meeting the CPC approved a motion *'that so long as the Orchard budget remained in a positive position, the Orchard Sub Committee be given a delegated budget responsibility for £200'*. The Orchard Sub Committee now seek to change that motion. The matter was discussed and Cllr Philpot proposed , Cllr Nelson seconded the motion that *' so long as Orchard budget remained in a positive position, the Orchard Sub Committee be given a delegated budget responsibility for its entire budget but the Sub Committee must seek approval from Full Council for the purchase of any single item which costs more than£100.00'*. **With no objections raised, the motion was carried.**

10.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) **Decisions noted**
a) Chignal Hall Farm. Change of Use of agricultural building to storage for

Chelmsford Scouts. **Prior Approval not required.**

- b) Hard Oak Mashbury Road. Temporary siting of container for 2yrs-retrospective permission. **Permitted**
- c) Brittons Hall Farm. Demolition of existing garage/tool shed – construction of garage/annex building. **Permitted**
- d) Hard Oak Mashbury Road. Single Storey side extension and Part 2 storey extension to rear. **Permitted**

b) New Planning Applications

14/00863/FUL Forge Cottage Chignal Smealy: Part retrospective application for the installation of a1.8m high fence.

Members concluded that, although there was an understanding and recognition that the fence may afford additional privacy to the property, the fence was not in keeping with the Village Design Statement and concerns were raised about adverse highway issues.

11.0 INSURANCE POLICY

Members considered whether to increase its insurance premium so as to include the Shed in the orchard and the telephone box. The Clerk had outlined the approximate cost. Cllr Philpot proposed and Cllr Nelson seconded a motion that the policy premium should be increase to cover both items. **With no objections the motion was carried.**

12. COMMUNITY GRANTS

a) Grants Scheme Paperwork

.The Scheme paperwork work was considered. The Clerk was commended for drafting such comprehensive papers. Cllr Nelson proposed and Cllr Philpot seconded a motion to approve the use of the documents. **With no objections Motion was carried.** It was noted that a copy of the new paperwork would be forwarded the Rev'd Rose Braisby Curate St Nicholas Church, who had previously put in an application for funding.

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b) Community Development Strategy Group

The notes from the inaugural meeting held 23 June 2014 were noted.

c) Development Strategy Group Terms of Reference and Membership. The paper was briefly discussed. It was envisaged that once fully established, the Group would work upon a Parish Plan and members of the community would be invited to join or even Chair the Group. The terms of reference would be amended at that time to allow this to happen. Cllr Philpot proposed and Cllr Nelson seconded a motion to approve the terms of reference. **With no objections the Motion was carried.**

13.0 FINANCE

The Clerk reported as follows:

a) A paper showing the end of year balances had been previously circulated. balances were as follows:

Community Account - £4,717.12 ,
Business Account - £3,236.90.

b) Cheques issued since the last meeting:

The following was noted:

Lynn Ballard Orchard Supplies £15.30,
CDBF Newsletter May £58.06
Sandra Bailey Easter Eggs £40.96,
Malcolm Feltwell Orchard Notice Board ,£77.47, EALC Affiliation Fee £92.16

a) Bank Account Permissions

b) Members considered whether the Clerk should seek permission to have internet and telephone access to the CPC Bank accounts. Cllr Philpot proposed and Cllr Nelson seconded a motion that the Clerk should seek permissions. **With no objections the Motion was carried.**

14. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk circulated a number of newsletters and other items for Cllrs information.

15. LATE AND URGENT BUSINESS

To meet the planning timetable the PC considered the following 2 planning applications which had been received after the agenda had been posted.
Stevens Farm, Mashbury Road

- 1) Application 14/01094/FUL change of use from office to residential
- 2) Application 14/01096/FUL Alterations to existing cart shed to create 3 bedroom dwelling house.

The following comments were made.

- 1) No objections were raised
- 2) There were no objections raised regarding the proposed alterations as these complied with the Village Design Statement in terms of position, size and materials to be used. The Mashbury Road access via the existing driveway may not be adequate in terms of visual splay.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th September 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Tour de France in Essex a “historic day”



The Tour de France in Essex has been hailed as a “historic day” after the world’s best cyclists raced through the County. Thousands of people lined the route in Uttlesford, Braintree, Chelmsford and Epping Forest as the County’s beautiful countryside grabbed the world’s attention. The colour and atmosphere surrounding the Tour has shown the world how fantastic our County is. It was a tribute to the County’s partner organisations, including Visit Essex and Chelmsford City Council, that we could stage a world-class sporting event. However, it is also important to congratulate many of our villages, such as the parishes of Great Waltham and Roxwell, who made a major contribution to ensure that this unique event was a day that everyone will remember for years to come.

Joint domestic abuse campaign an overwhelming success

The two month “Standing Together” Campaign, led by Essex County Council and the Essex Police, aimed at raising awareness of domestic abuse and providing information and advice has now come to a close. Domestic abuse is a subject that is often seen by many as taboo; but the Campaign has also been successful in getting our community to talk about it and understand the problems it causes. Most importantly, the Campaign has empowered survivors and those in abusive relationships to come forward, report incidents and share their experiences. The Chief Constable, Stephen Kavanagh, has said that the reaction from the people of Essex and beyond has been fantastic. Survivors have told us that because of this campaign, they have found the courage to leave abusive relationships and lead independent lives.

Although the Campaign has now finished we will continue to raise awareness of this incredibly important issue and will look to roll out similar campaigns in the future. If you need to learn more on this subject please visit www.essex.police.uk/standingtogether

Residents urged to remain vigilant over suspicious phone calls

The County Council is warning residents to be on their guard if they receive unexpected phone calls claiming to be from the authority. There will be times when officers do need to ring residents at home, but normally this would not be a surprise to the person concerned. So, if you do receive an unexpected call from someone claiming to be from the Council and you do not feel it is genuine, please don't provide any personal information. If a suspicious call is received, the Council advises residents to take the person's name, department and telephone number and then call the Council’s contact centre on **0845 743 0430 FREE** and ask if the person can be verified.

If you have any problems concerning **County Council** matters please let me know on **01245 421524** or email cllr.john.aldridge@essex.gov.uk

John Aldridge CC – August 2014

St. Nicholas' Church

The importance of water

Water is one of those things it is so easy to take for granted. We turn on the tap and there is it: clean and hot or cold. We know that life depends on it, but our life. We had a couple of Kenyans staying with us in July and one of them said that people can no longer rely on growing things in their chama (like an allotment) because of global warming and the lack of rain these days. When we lived in Southend we lived near Great Wakering which was officially one of the driest areas of the UK, but of course that didn't mean that we were not going to eat. Yet our local farmers have to harvest water carefully in order to water their crops, especially thirsty ones like potatoes. For our Harvest Festival this year we will be saying thank you for the gift of water, and our key speaker will be Chris Philpot. This will be a family friendly service and we will have a craft activity and great songs. Our collection will be for Wateraid.

Following the service, between 12-1pm we will be having a fruit celebration and WW1 tree dedication in the orchard, and then we will share lunch. We are inviting everyone to bring a plate of food to share and we will provide cuppa soup, tea, coffee and squash. If it is fine we will have a picnic in the orchard. If it is inclement then we have booked the village hall.

Following on the watery theme it was great to baptise Marissa Singizi following in the footsteps of her big brother Quincey. Her Mum is Hannah Broom whose grandparents live in the village and we have another christening on 14 September of Jessica Dobson-Willcox. She also has a big brother Jack who was baptised at St Nicholas and consider this their family church. It is good to welcome new people into the church family.

Building works

We are part-way through the building repairs and hope to get permissions and finish the tower repairs soon. A new soakaway may help stabilise the east wall – our architect says we should just monitor it for the next five years and not worry unless the cracks suddenly get lots bigger! It's hard advice, but sensible, and we have the monitor points installed.

It's great to have people's support for improvements – the wonderful fundraising at the Tour de France shows that! We hope to have some plans to show people within the next few weeks looking at having a toilet, servery and better storage at the church and will really want people's feedback. Please do let us know what you think! Once we have the design, we can really get cracking (oops, not the right word perhaps) on fundraising and permissions and tenders.

Push the boat out this autumn – but remember to get in first. Walking on the water is harder than it looks!

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