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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CHIGNALS WITH MASHBURY

Chignal News

Chignal Parish Plan

We need your help

Within the next few weeks you will receive a questionnaire covering local issues. This is the first stage to produce a Parish Plan for our community. It will be an important evidence led document that sets out a vision for the future of the parish and outlines how that can be achieved. The plan will be formulated from the views of the residents and businesses within Chignal St James and Chignal Smealey. A wide range of topics will be covered including housing, industrial use of the countryside, transport, roads, footpaths and bridleways and broadband availability. We need your views and if you wish to have a say in how our Parish develops, it is important that you spend a few minutes to complete the questionnaire.

The completed document will influence future planning decisions and the provision of services that are likely to affect all of us.

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Gardening Club

The summer flew by with evening visits to three individual Essex gardens, a tour of Kings Seeds and a very enjoyable coach trip to see the gardens of Otley Hall and Helmingham Hall. As autumn approaches it's time to take stock of our gardens and plan ahead for next growing season. Our gardening talks programme has been put together to help give you some inspiration and ideas. Below are the talks leading up to Christmas and in the next issue of Chignal News, you'll find details of the winter and spring talks that we have planned.

Everyone's welcome to come along for a sociable and entertaining evening!

Weds 16 September 2015

"E.A. Bowles and his garden at Myddelton House", Jackie Kingdom

Weds 21 October 2015

"Dahlias and other garden plants: growing tips and practical demonstration of propagation techniques", John Cullen, Gardener and RHS Judge.

Weds 18 November 2015

"Restoring a Victorian Orchard and Cider Making", Maïke Windhorst, Organic Gardener

Our autumn talks will be held at the **Village Hall**, Mashbury Road, Chignal St James. The meetings start at **7.30 pm** on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, Sept to Nov and Jan to April and in the summer there are several garden visits. We're a very friendly and relaxed gardening club so why not come along and 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, email: gardening.chignalsmashbury@gmail.com

Competition Results Correction

Scarecrow Competition Results:

Adult/Family category: Correction Sandra Bailey was third with Maria Catchpole and Tom Perott



Forge Cottage

I am looking for some history on Forge Cottage, where my partner and I have lived here for 3 years.

I understand there used to be a Blacksmiths at Forge Cottage and as my partner is a silversmith we would love to get any information and photos if any are available.

Please contact Sarah on 07954 405735 or e-mail sarah.davison73@gmail.com if you can help.

Community Matters

World Challenge Trip to Tanzania

I have recently returned from my World Challenge Trip to Southern Tanzania and I would like to thank everyone who has helped with my fundraising and supported me over the past year and a half. Whilst there my group were working in a primary school building a new classroom and improving existing ones by plastering and painting. I had an amazing time and the overall experience was incredible - interacting with the children and playing a football match against them on the last day was great. We also had the opportunity to go on a short safari seeing elephants, giraffes, hippopotamuses and lions.

The culture is completely different and really made me appreciate the things we take for granted here in the UK such as running water and clean clothes. I feel I have made a real contribution to the primary school we helped and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Owen Thomas

Fundraiser in aid of Children in Distress (CIDs Romania)

on 12th August 2015 raised £380

The money raised is desperately needed by CIDs and hopefully the fundraiser has raised awareness of this charity.

I would like to send lots and lots of Thank You's to everyone who came along, without you we would not have been able to raise £380.

The weather was kind and so were the people.

Thank you all, Sylvia Lidbury, of No 1 Boundary Cottages, Chignal St James

Wine Discovery Group

June Tasting

It was a delight to have the return of Joanna Goodman of The Wine Society to give us a presentation of French white wines and red wines from Tuscany, South Africa and Chilly. Joanna has an outstanding knowledge of grapes (some quite rare), vineyards and regions. We sampled the following wines:

Les Perles de Jones Carignan Gris, Cotes Catalanes 2013 – made from the rare carignan gris grape by Leicestershire-born Katie Jones in the village of Tuchan in the Languedoc-Roussillon.

Riesling Les Ecaillers, Leon Beyer 2011

Clos Floridene Blanc, Graves 2012

Chianti Classico, Isole e Olena, 2012

Meerlust Estate Rubicon, Stellenbosch 2009

Gandolini Las Tres Marias Vieyards Maipo Andes Cabernet Sauvignon 2011

All the wines were well received by our members but for me the Chilean Cabernet Sauvignon stood out from the rest.

Annual Barbecue

What a fabulous summer's evening we had for our annual barbecue on 10 July. A big thank you to Gill and Dave for all their hard work in hosting the evening in their lovely garden. Our members provided a wonderful array of delicious nibbles, salads, desserts and cheese and our BBQ chefs did us proud. Thank you to everyone for a wonderful evening of tasty food, delicious wines, conversation and friendship.

Joan Smith

From the County Council

Waste Plan



Producing a Waste Local Plan is a national requirement. Essex County Council and Southend-on-Sea Borough Council aim to find innovative ways of moving away from the traditional approach of sending waste to landfill for the 15 years up to 2032. The Plan, which has just finished its public consultation, is looking at the provisions for all waste to make sure that the County is providing the best possible facilities to enable recycling to reduce the impact on the environment and on our community. Once adopted, the Plan will allocate specific sites considered suitable for waste facilities to manage future waste development and ensure that we recycle as much as we can to lessen the impact on our communities. If you would like further information the

Plan can be found online <http://consult.essexcc.gov.uk> or paper copies can be reviewed at County Hall, and Chelmsford City Council offices. To view more detail on the methodology for the preferred 28 sites and the individual sites assessments please go to www.essex.gov.uk/WLP

Devolution

The current opportunity offered by central government for Local Authorities to seek devolution of powers is one Essex cannot afford to ignore. The County Council is working alongside other local council partners and central government to make devolution a reality for the Greater Essex area. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has indicated that this is only the start of English devolution, and has already announced further powers to a number of northern cities, and, significantly, plans for the first county deal for Cornwall are being finalised. We believe that Whitehall has at last realised that local decisions are best made locally, and as a big place with big ambitions the prize on the table for Greater Essex is a once in a lifetime opportunity to take more control of local decisions, unlock economy growth, and revitalise our democracy. It is worth noting that this isn't about the County Council it is about all councils within Essex collectively having a greater say over the issues that matter to all Essex residents which should lead to faster economic growth, more jobs, higher wages, more homes, better infrastructure, improved healthcare and public services.

Essex Sound and Video Archive – “You Are Hear” Project

A project to digitise and catalogue many of the historically significant sound and video recordings in the Essex Sound and Video Archive, has secured a grant of £276,800 from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The project run by the Essex Record Office will work with community groups in villages and towns throughout Essex, helping them to reflect upon where they live by engaging with the recordings. These will be placed on “sonic benches” in every corner of the County - on village greens, by the seaside, or in a shopping district, where at the press of a button anyone will be able to listen to recordings from the past tell the story of where they are sitting. In addition the recordings will be posted online for all to freely enjoy them without having to travel to the Essex Record Office in Chelmsford to hear them. To find out more, visit <http://www.essexrecordofficeblog.co.uk/you-are-hear/>

Chignal Parish Council Meeting 13th July 2015

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHIGNAL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13 July 2015 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present:

Cllr Christopher Anstey
Cllr Malcolm Feltwell
Cllr Mr. Steve Middleditch
Cllr Mr. Martyn Towns
Cllr Ms Linda Nelson (Vice-Chair)

In Attendance:

Cllr Nicolette Chambers, Chelmsford City Council
Cllr John Aldridge, Essex County Council
Mrs. Janet Mills (Parish Clerk) and 4 Parishioners

1. Apologies For Absence

In the absence of Cllr Miss Lynn Ballard (Chairman), Cllr Linda Nelson, Vice Chairman took the chair.

2. Register Of Declarations Of Interests

None

3. The Minutes Of The Meeting 11 May 2015

Were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising From The Minutes

a) Notice Boards.

Cllr Towns reported with regret there had been no progress. The Clerk would try to find another contractor to undertake the work.

b) Governance of Mashbury

At its meeting on 15 July CCC considered community Governance Review for Mashbury. The CCC upheld the preferred local option that Mashbury remain un-parished and retain their own Parish Meeting.

c) The Triangle

There had been no response from the Highways Department to the application for an assessment to be carried out. Whilst there had been no accidents to date road safety concerns were raised. It was suggested that a proper T Junction should be put in place. Cllr Nelson would write to

the Highways department expressing concerns regarding road safety and asking what options could be available.

d) Chignal Smealy Passing Places

Due to the request to redesign the project to include removable bollards the work was yet to be carried out. Cllr Aldridge would ascertain the current position.

e) Work to Hollow Lane

The Clerk would contact the CCC planning department to ascertain the current situation.

f) Gardening Express

The permitted development proposal 14/00064/AG1 appeal had been upheld. The proposals included off-street parking provision for cars, an area for container lorries to enter the site, unload/load and to turn and leave in forward gear. If the proposal was to be implemented the situation would be considerably improved. Representatives of Gardening Express had invited the PC to a public parish meeting to gain views from local people and discuss the development, the Clerk would make the necessary arrangements.

5. Public Question Time

a) In view of the approval given to building proposals at Gardening Express a member of the public raised a question whether planning controls could be placed on the development. The meeting was advised that the proposal had been designated within permitted development as an agricultural business. For this reason planning Highways regulations did not apply.

b) In answer to a question regarding the work to be undertaken on the passing places the meeting was advised that a programme date for the installation of the passing bay scheme was to yet be advised.

6. Chairman's Report

There was no report at this time.

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7 County And City Councillors' Reports

Cllr Nicolette Chambers informed the meeting as follows:

- a) Cllr Chambers would be pleased to attend the proposed meeting with Gardening Express.
- b) Cllr Chambers gave further details regarding the CCC review of Mashbury.
- c) The outcome of the consultation for 'call for sites' for local housing would be considered by CCC in September. The local area consisted of Green Belt land and there were no Brown field sites however the the list of sites within the local area included the Bethal Chapel site and sites in Mashbury. The Chelmsford Local Plan 'Call for Sites' has now been published and as we might have expected, includes several potential development sites in Chignal. All of these sites will be evaluated by CCC in line with their existing policies and the environmental impact. Nicolette will attend a meeting of the Development Committee on 2 July where the sites will be discussed and she will report back to us.
- d) Cllr Chambers would be pleased to assist in the Parish Plan process.

Cllr John Aldridge informed the meeting as follows:

- a) With regard to the local housing 'call for sites' villages needed to be practical about the need to develop future housing.
- b) With regard to development of the Waste Plan call for sites in the locality, two sites, one in Roxwell and one in GT Leighs had potentially been identified.
- c) The ECC Highways department was to feature in a new television programme to be shown on Channel 5. The programme gave an insight to the range of works undertaken by the department and the problems encountered. It will highlight that pot holes have been significantly reduced this year.

- d) The ECC May funding settlement will remain the same for this year. The settlement was yet to be set for next year. There may be significant pressures on Adult Social Care due to the introduction of the new higher minimum wage. Work continues with regard to seeking limited Devolution.
- e) There had been significant discussions between ECC and CCC regarding devolution. Neither Council wished to create a single big Authority, all levels in both organisations will retain their own 'sovereignty' but may take on different roles and functions.
- f) The geographical arrangements of the existing SE local Enterprise Partnership was not practical. For that reason ECC were looking to have a more local Partnership Enterprise which may include Southend-on Sea.
- g) Further to a question Cllr Aldridge would investigate why Breeds road had been closed prior to the publicly advertised date.

8 Parish Plan

- a) The next meeting was to be held on 29th July. As the Village Design Statement was already in place, the Committee had given itself a 12 month target to publish the plan. A questionnaire was currently being designed,
- b) The committee needed to hold funds in order to progress the ongoing work. Cllr Anstey raised and Cllr Towns seconded a motion that the committee have a £250.00 delegated budget responsibility to cover the rest of this year. There being no objections the motion was carried.

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9 Orchard Committee

The minutes of the sub-committee meeting held 10th June were noted.

The VE day had been very well attended. The need to ensure that children did not stray across the road unaccompanied was noted. The chocolate apples had been a great success at the Fete. The Orchard midsummer event had to be cancelled due to poor weather. The problem with aphids in the orchard was being addressed. The Orchard had been visited by representatives from Messing who were setting up a community orchard. A very rare moth, not usually found in England had been spotted in the orchard this had been catalogued.

10. Planning Applications – the following was noted

Decisions to Note

Application 15/00366FUL The Thatched Cottage, Chignal Road, Chignal Smealy, Chelmsford CM1. Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Application **Permitted**

Application 14/01320/OUT Land at Hillcroft Chignal Road Chignal Smealy New Detached Dwelling House with Detached Garage. **Appeal Dismissed**

New Applications

There were no new applications for consideration at this time.

11. Community Asset Register

Whether a bid should be made to register community assets in Chignal was discussed and some potential assets were suggested. It was agreed that the matter would be taken up as part of the parish planning process.

12. UK Power Networks

It was noted that the date for a meeting with UK Networks to discuss excessive power cuts in the area, was awaited.

Representatives' Reports – the Meeting noted the following reports:

a) Playing Field

The field had been cut regularly. There had been only one Croquet game due to poor weather.

b) Village Hall Liaison

Meetings with the Architects had taken place. It was hoped that plans would go to the CC Planning Department next month. The decision to change to a more traditional Fate theme had been a great success; takings for the Fate had increased dramatically upon last year. Those attending particularly enjoyed the competitions.

c) Newsletter Including Website

An apology was given for the slightly late production of the July edition. Due to the fact that the edition had so many pictures a link to the publication had been put on the website.

d) Gravel Liaison

Restoration of the site continues. There were some concerns regarding the continued heavy work which created noise. It was hoped that this work would be completed by the end of August. Legal work was currently being undertaken on the permissions of rights of way of the footpaths and bridleway. A visit to the site was to be organised once restoration was complete.

e) Village Watch

No Report at this time.

f) Highways

The re-surfacing work undertaken in Mashbury and Chignal Smealy had been undertaken. It was noted that no work had been undertaken in Chignal St James. Cllr Middleditch and Cllr Feltwell would try to clear the problematic gully on the bend near the rectory.

g) Footpaths/Bridleways

Concerns were raised that there had been no progress on the works order for resurfacing which had been raised with Chelmsford City Council a year ago. The Clerk would investigate the matter.

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- h) Telephone Box - Chignal St. James
Work continued to restore the box. It was noted that CCC had kindly cut the grass around the box.
- i) Tree Warden
No Report at this time.
- 14. Finance –** the following was noted and approved.
a) Current balances were £7040.98 current account and £3,238.53 community account. Balances included income of £2,850 precept and £1,500 from RCCE for the development of the Parish Plan.
b) Cheques issued since last meeting were noted as follows; Chelmsford DBF £66.37 Newsletter, EALC £93.02 Affiliation fee, £35.91 Paint for the Telephone Box.
- 15. Correspondence For Information**
The Clerk circulated community information.
- 16. Late Urgent Business**
There being no late and urgent business the meeting closed at 9.35pm
- 17. Date Of Next Meeting of the Parish Council**

14th September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Public Meeting

Frustrated by frequent power cuts in Chignal?

Public Meeting with UK Power Networks

Wednesday 30th September 2015 at 7pm in the Village Hall

One of the issues that we are looking at in the course of preparing the Chignal Parish Plan is the reliability and improvement of public services. The Parish Council would like to acknowledge the efforts of a Chignal resident to secure this meeting with UK Power Networks.

You are invited come along to meet with Keith Rydon, Lead Field Engineer and Les Waters, the Area Manager for our area who will explain the reasons for the power cuts in Chignal, what they are doing to stop the power cuts and outline any planned works to strengthen the network in order to make it more reliable and resilient in the future.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please contact Lynn Ballard on 01245 440880 if you have any questions regarding this meeting.

St. Nicholas' Church

JOINT SERVICE

It was lovely to have over 50 people at our joint service last Sunday and to be worshipping together with people from all 6 churches. We also commissioned Revd. Rose to officially be our curate, which was lovely. Afterwards we enjoyed food to share which was a real feast and then some of us played games such as Jenga and draughts. What a lovely easy sociable time. Thanks to Helen Towns for doing the flowers, for all the cooks and especially Joan and Lynn who did our teas and coffees and welcomed everyone from all the churches.

HARVEST THANKSGIVINGS

There is some research that shows that there is a link between us being able to experience joy and being thankful: being thankful for what we've got opens the way for joy.

Come and celebrate harvest with us on Sunday 18 October at 3pm. Be thankful for the harvest and that we have plenty to eat, plenty in our lives. We are planning to have a "sharing" lunch in the Village Hall in conjunction with the Orchard Harvest Celebration. Details will be published on the Chignal Website.

During the service we will be taking ears of wheat and making bread, which we will then eat. We will mill the flour and sift it and see the yeast rising and we will knead the dough, and hopefully bake the bread, during which time we will also be singing and thanking God for the harvest. People in the Chignals with Mashbury enjoy coming to church for harvest. Do come and join us.

OTHER AUTUMN SERVICES

Wed 9th Sept 9am Morning Prayer
Sunday 20th Sept 11am Communion Canon Chris Sly
Wed 14th Oct 9 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 18th Oct 3pm Harvest thanksgiving Revd. Caroline Brown

Saturday 31st Oct 10am All Souls Service Great Waltham Church

An open invitation to anyone who has lost someone they love to come and join us for hymns, prayers, including hearing the name of your loved one read out, readings and thoughts followed by refreshments including homemade cakes.

Sunday 8th Nov 10.55am Remembrance Day
Wed 11th Nov 9am Morning Prayer
Sunday 15th Nov 11am Communion
Wed 9th Dec 9am Morning Prayer
Sunday 20th Dec 11 am Communion
Christmas Eve 24th December Crib service time to be confirmed

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