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NOVEMBER EDITORIAL:



Well, it's November again and time to remember, although I gather there won't be as many fireworks about this year due to the economic situation.

November 2nd is All Souls Day when all those loved ones gone before us are remembered.

11th November is Armistice Day when we remember all who have given their lives for their Country in two World Wars and many conflicts since. Remembrance Sunday is on 13th November and as usual the Parish Wreath will be laid on the War Memorial in the Churchyard at All Saints Church by a Service Veteran at the village Act of Remembrance. This will commence at 10.45am and two minutes silence will be observed at 11 o'clock. This will be followed by a short informal service in the Church conducted by Brian Meades.

Those who come to the Cressing Connections Coffee Mornings will be sad to hear that Sandra can't continue to organise things after the end of the year. Is there anyone who would like to take over running the group? If so, give Sandra a call on 01376 585907. It would be a pity if the Coffee Mornings on the second Tuesday of the month can't carry on as they give a lot of people so much pleasure. Sandra and her team of friends have put so much into these mornings over the years.

The Events Committee held their October lunch on 21st October. It was the ever popular Fish and Chips. On Saturday 26th November they will have their pre-Christmas Party at St. Barnabas at 12 noon. Please book early if you wish to attend.

Well what a month we have had with dire warnings of the months ahead! Let's hope it is a mild winter! Keep warm!

Betty



DIARY NOVEMBER

Tue.1 st	Art Group in St. Barnabas 10.am-1.00pm
Tue.8 th	Cressing Connections Coffee Morning in St. Barnabas 11.00am-1.00pm
Sun.13 th	Remembrance Day at War Memorial at All Saints Church 10.35am
Tue.15 th	Art Group in S. Barnabas 10.00am-1.0pm
Thur.17 th	Knit and Natter in St. Barnabas 2.00-4.00pm
Sat.19 th	Quiz Night at Cressing Community Church 7.00pm
Tue.22 nd	Art Group in St. Barnabas 10.00am-1.00pm
Sat.26 th	Events Committee Pre-Christmas Party at St. Barnabas 12noon
Tue.29 th	Art Group in St. Barnabas 10.00am-1,00pm



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CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL – CLERK'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

PLANNING - The Public Consultations by EDF for their proposals to develop two solar farms within Cressing Parish have taken place. As the sites are close to adjoining parishes; Black Notley and Bradwell, EDF agreed to host two exhibition days in October at The Nottleys Golf Club and St Barnabas respectively to enable residents from those neighbouring parishes to attend. EDF have stated that planning applications will not be submitted until after comments have been analysed.

Details have just been received of another potential solar farm and whilst it is not within Cressing Parish, it does touch the border. This is the Sheepecotes Solar Farm, off the B1018 at White Notley. It is very short notice for the Public Consultation (1st and 8th November), but you can make comment direct to Eden Renewables, details are on the Parish Council website

ABNORMAL LOADS - As information is received about abnormal loads being routed through Cressing, details are posted on the Cressing Awareness and Cressing Village Facebook groups as well as CPC's website. Future dates at the moment are: 24th October, 1st November and 21st November 2022.

For clarity, please see below an explanation on the sequencing of a load:

1. A vehicle with a trailer carrying the piling rig arrives on site using the Woodhouse Lane route
2. The piling rig is offloaded on site and the vehicle with the unladen trailer leaves the site over the bailey bridges in Bradwell to the A120
3. The vehicle with the unladen trailer returns over the bailey bridges to come on site to pick up the piling rig
4. The vehicle with the trailer picks up the piling rig and carries the piling rig out of the site using the Woodhouse Lane route

FLAGPOLE - Essex Highways have refused permission to place a flagpole on the island at Polecat Road/B1018, for the following reasons:

- It has 3 roads around this bennet junction
- The flag post could give problems with forward visibility
- To have a flag on the post may encourage members of public to cross the roads to stand on the bennet junction
- If a vehicle should lose control, the flag post on the bennet junction could make the incident more severe

The Parish Council are now considering alternative locations and if any resident has a suggestion to make, please let the Clerk know. The intention is for the flag to be flown on days of specific events (e.g. forthcoming Coronation of King Charles III), not continuously, and to be seen by as many residents and people passing through Cressing as possible.

AVONDALE - Some issues have been raised about this development, in particular the footpaths, dog/litter bins and bollards between Crozier Drive and Heycroft. These have all been raised with Essex Highways and Braintree District Council. Neither can take action as responsibility has not been formally passed on by

Bellway. They have all be forwarded to Bellway for the management team to address.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE - In addition to general matters, e.g. keeping footpaths clear of brambles, removing branches fallen from tree and cutting back brambles. playing field inspections are undertaken regularly. No outstanding issues and the roundabout has been repaired and is being used again.

Wooden fence to area of Eastlight properties on Mill Lane being made safe by removing sharp metal plates left after cross-bar has rotted away and broken. This has been reported to Eastlight for their attention.

Bollards between car park and playing field have been renovated.

Bus shelters at Claud Ince Avenue and Polecat Road have been refurbished and the areas weeded.

S.106 - PLAYING FIELD

CHANGING ROOMS

BDC are being chased on an almost daily basis for a response to the submitted specification to re-build the changing rooms at the Pavilion. Until that decision is received, nothing can progress and the specification cannot be issued for tender purposes.

SEATING

The order for additional seating on the playing field has been placed and delivery is expected towards the end of October/early November.

PLAY EQUIPMENT

Meetings have been held with two playground suppliers to get ideas of equipment for the playing field and suitable suggestions were displayed at the Open Day on 13th October for residents to make comment. It was hoped that as the event was open between noon and 8.00pm, parents would come along with children whose comments would have been welcomed. Sadly the attendance was low, so the Parish Council will now consider which equipment to purchase.

DEFIBRILLATOR

The new defibrillator has been installed at the playing field.

PLAYGROUND

STREET LIGHTING

Councillors are very conscious of the current high level of inflation and the huge increases in energy costs. The Parish Council's budget for the year 2023-24 will be set in the next couple of months and will be prepared with the aim of keeping the Precept payable by each household at the same level as the current year, or less. One action that could be taken is to restrict the hours that the street lighting is on. Currently the Parish Council's streetlights (71 of them) are operated by individual sensors that switch on at dusk and switch off at dawn. There is a retrofit sensor that

can be installed on the lights to switch on at dusk and switch off around midnight and then on again at 5.30am until dawn. The cost to fit these would be £60.00 each.

Reduction in hours of illumination, about 5.5 hours a day would reduce the electricity bill and increase the longevity of the lights.

The new rates for electricity charges for the streetlights have just been received and these have risen from 51.7p per unit of electricity consumed, with standing charges of £61.72 per month; to 82.42p per unit – an increase of 59.5% - with standing charges rising to almost £100 per month.

The Parish Council would like your views on whether the hours the streetlights are on should be reduced to save energy as well as replacement costs, or whether you would prefer the lights to remain on as currently. Please let the Parish Clerk know your preference.

Clerk@cressing-pc.gov.uk

WARM SPACES

There has been a lot of talk in the media about "warm spaces" where you can go to spend a few hours in the warm, chat with other residents and get a hot drink and a snack. In light of the pressures facing many residents, the Parish Council is considering whether this is something that would be welcomed in Cressing. We are asking for your views again, but this time on whether you think this should be followed up and whether you think it would be supported by our Cressing residents.

Drop a note to the Clerk (email address above), pop a note through the door at St Barnabas addressed to the Clerk, or call us on 07933 306927.

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If you are unable to come to the church, ring Wendy (01376 583807) and she will collect.

Breakfast is served from 09.30 until 10.15 followed at 10.30 by a short, lively, all-age service. Refreshments will be served following the service.

If you don't fancy breakfast, just come for the service.

Sunday 13th November 10.30 Remembrance Day Service

Sunday Services
at 10.30

Bible Study
Wednesdays at 19.00

Prayer Meeting
Saturdays at 09.00

Children attend [their](#)
own ARK group

Quiz Night Saturday 19th November 19.00

Entry £5 for adults (children free) includes refreshments

Please book via our website: www.cressingchurch.org

**Future Events****Christmas Tree Festival and Community tea in December.**

Our theme is a Christmas song (not Carols). We provide the tree with lights and you provide the decorations that depict your song. The display is then open to the public for viewing. More information is on our website: creasingchurch.org and will be available in next month's magazine.

CRESSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Dear Friends

For some people, Halloween is a time of fun, knocking on doors demanding trick or treat, but for many, the ring or knock on the door is feared, so the door is left locked. One of the tricks is to throw eggs at the house, indeed last year eggs were thrown at our church. What a mess that leaves for someone to clean up!

As I look out of my study window, I can see gardens converted into mock graveyards or skeletons hung up on poles. On Halloween night pumpkins carved with haunting faces will be lit up with candles.

Although Halloween was a pagan festival, the church converted the date to the festival of All Souls in memory of the dead. It is still celebrated by the Catholic church and High churches in the Church of England. As far as I know, Halloween is not celebrated by the Free Churches but they often hold a Light Party for children.

It's interesting to note how much America has influenced our customs, for example, around 1860 when Father Christmas appeared in Harper's magazine he was dressed in green. However, many people believe that it was in the 1900's when Coca-Cola started its Christmas advertising campaign, Father Christmas wore a red and white suit. The colour scheme 'stuck' and it has now become the norm for Father Christmas to wear the red and white suit.

The story of Halloween originates from an Irish myth about a man named Stingy Jack who tricked the devil. When Jack died, he couldn't get into Heaven or Hell so his soul was left wandering. Jack's Soul scared a lot of people, so they carved a scary face in turnips to scare him away. When many Irish people emigrated to America, they found that pumpkins grew naturally there, and so the story changed from turnips to pumpkins. Now, Pumpkins are the iconic symbol of Halloween.

But there's one story, not a myth, that never changes and that is found in the bible. Jesus said "I am the light of the world and darkness will never overcome it." Celebrating light is always better than celebrating evil.

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Dennis

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Cressing Book Group



Our latest book was *The Other Passenger*, a novel by Louise Candlish. Jamie and Clare are a couple in their forties who live a privileged life in a desirable Georgian square in South London. They make friends with charming millennials, Melia and Kit. Clare works with Melia. Jamie commutes to work on a Thames river bus with Kit. When Kit mysteriously disappears, Jamie is interviewed by the police. Another boat passenger has reported seeing the two men arguing furiously on their way home the night before Kit's disappearance. Jamie becomes chief suspect, an innocent man but unable to prove it.

Most of us were not enthusiastic about this book. We found Jamie to be an unappealing narrator and we were unable to warm to him. In fact we didn't particularly warm to any of the main characters. There were certainly many twists and turns in the plot, some of them more unexpected than others, but we felt that it lost momentum in the middle chapters. All of us agreed however that the ending was pretty good, even those of us who gave up at an earlier point and skipped straight there! Although a couple of us quite enjoyed this book, the majority verdict was that *The Other Passenger* failed to live up to the thrills promised by its cover.

CRESSING EVENTS VOLUNTEERS



We were at St. Barnabas Church Hall this month for that tried and tested favourite Fish & Chips. Our thanks as always for the use of the hall and equipment.

While we are not yet back to the high numbers we have had in the past, this month saw our highest number of guests this year, proving the fact that the Fish and Chips lunch really is a favourite, **but there is still room for more if you decide to join us.** The Cyprus Fish Bar delivered our order of 38 meals a few minutes late because of the road works on the B1018, but the team soon got to work serving, along with rolls and pickles to Guests and Helpers, while one of the meals was delivered.

After the meal it was time for tea or coffee along with biscuits and sweets, then on to the music part of our quiz, and yes "I know the words, but who is singing", before seeing which table had won our fun quiz. Then on to our raffle, and may I add a big thank you for supporting our raffle as it is the raffle that helps keep our cost down.

NEXT EVENT

Our next event is our Annual pre-Christmas party which is **free to all who have supported us over the year.** We are holding our party in St. Barnabas Church Hall this year on Saturday 26th November from 12.00pm till 3.00pm.

This will be our last lunch event of year as we do not hold a lunch event in December, but we will be back in January with a new Programme of Events.

For more information about future events please call Pam or Jackie on 584170 or 327064.

Arthur On behalf of the CEV Team

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FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE SOMETIMES WRONG

Sometime ago a relative of mine moved from an Exmoor farm, to the edge a small country town, taking with her two border collies. The dogs of course had been used to the field and open spaces of the farm and of course still needed plenty of exercise.



Returning from a walk with them, and walking briskly down the road to her new home they were straining on their leads, eager to be off. At her gate she bent to set the dogs free. The garden was still a new and exciting place to explore and Scruff, as one of the dogs was called, decided on this occasion to do just that, at the same time someone else arrived and opened the gate. Quicker than a flash of light, Scruff was through the gate bounding straight through the open door of a bungalow across the road. Being an inquisitive dog and of a friendly nature he felt it necessary to go in and see what was inside!

Minutes later he was back out and hiding behind my cousin's legs, while a very irate man told her what he thought of unruly dogs and irresponsible owners,

A few months later she was out in the countryside enjoying her daily stroll with the dogs, when suddenly there was a flash of black fluff heading towards her and her two dogs. The black fluffy bundle was a small puppy, eager to meet the world and everyone in it. The puppy had no collar and she hadn't seen it around before.

She picked it up and walking back towards her home she came face to face with the bad tempered man from the bungalow across the road.

'Thank goodness you have caught her' he said. He and his wife had only bought the pup a few days before, and had never owned a dog before and this pup was causing quite an upset in their well ordered world!

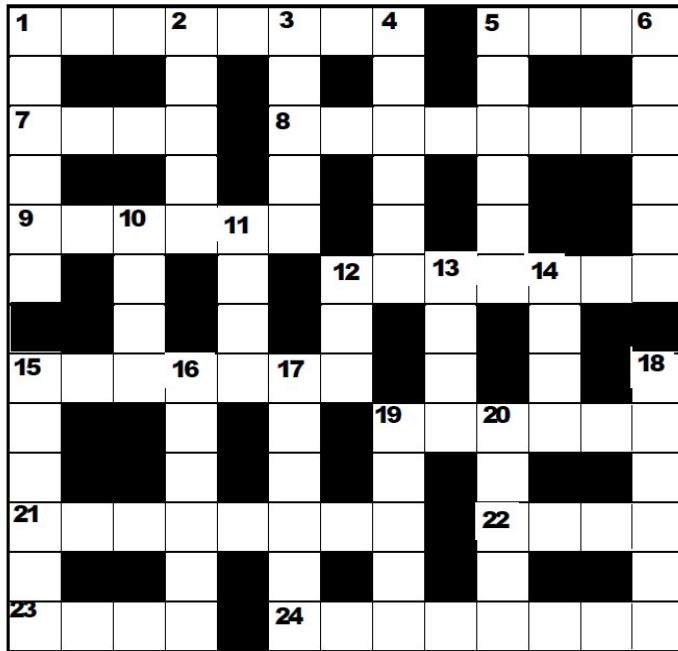
By the time they reached the bungalow her two older dogs were keeping the pup in order, and my cousin was able to give the man some helpful tips on coping with a young puppy.

The often meet on their daily walks now and while the dogs play together their owners chat over the first disastrous meeting..

First impressions are sometime wrong, so always give them a second chance!

Lin Wenlock

NOVEMBER 2022 CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. At right angles to a horizontal plane (8)
5. Devices by which a flow of liquid or gas can be controlled (4)
7. Linear way for the conveyance of traffic (4)
8. Grasping suddenly and roughly(8)
9. Hired out (6)
12. Sunshine, wind rain etc. (7)
15. Deeply desired (7)
19. Unrefined (6)
21. Three sided geometric shape (8)
22. Citrus peel (4)
23. To slip sideways (4)
24. People who watch shows (8)

DOWN

1. Having strength and energy (6)
2. Alternate rising and falling of the sea. (5)
3. To confine or keep in (5)
4. Group of sports clubs that play each other over a season (6)
5. Small, solid piece of medicine (6)
6. Form of address for an Italian speaking man (6)
10. A region or part of a country (4)
11. Receive a salary (4)
12. To be married (3)
13. As well as (4)
14. Perceive aurally (4)
15. Adolescents (6)
16. To be reimbursed (6)
17. Something that is mysterious or difficult to understand (6)
18. To interfere (6)
19. A set of beliefs or aims that guide someone's actions (5)
20. To concur (5)

ANSWERS TO OCTOBER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 PACT (4)
- 3 HOUSESIT (8)
- 9 OMINOUS (7)
- 10 BUROO (5)
- 11 OVEREXERTION (12)
- 13 ENDEAR (6)
- 15 INDENT (6)
- 17 OVER ESTIMATE (12)
- 20 ARABA (5)
- 21 BOTTLED (7)
- 22 POTBELLY (8)
- 23 TWEED (4)

DOWN

- 1 PROPOSED (8)
- 2 CRIME (5)
- 4 OYSTER (6)
- 5 SUBSTANTIATE (12)
- 6 SCROOGE (7)
- 7 TROD (4)
- 8 FORECARRIAGE (12)
- 12 ATTENDEE (8)
- 14 DEVIANT (7)
- 16 ISOBEL (6)
- 18 ALLOW (5)
- 19 CARP (4)



CRESSING PARISH COUNCIL Draft Minutes of the meeting of Cressing Parish Council held on 12th October 2022 at 7.00pm at St Barnabas, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing

Present: Cllrs: John Lawton – Chairman, Clarice Drury, Colin Haines, Harvey Porrett and Toria Rowe

In attendance: Mrs Christine Marshall (Parish Clerk/RFO and Proper Officer), County Cllr Paul Thorogood, District Cllr James Abbott and two members of the public.

22/153 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND REPORT - The Chairman advised that there was still no information concerning the Appeal lodged by The Willows/Il Salice. The Clerk will continue to monitor the situation.

Although it is a separate item on the Agenda, the Chairman reminded all present of the Open Day and expected all Councillors to attend at some point during the day.

22/154 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Lapper and Watts. These were accepted. **Proposed: Cllr Rowe, seconded: Cllr Porrett**

22/0155 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Members of the council are subject to the Local Authorities Code of Conduct Order 2007 (SI 2007/1159) (The Revised Code) with the additional, non-mandatory, section 12(2). There were no pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to items on the agenda to be recorded.

22/156 CRESSING COMMUNITY MAGAZINE - Mr Tilbury updated the Parish Council on the recent survey that had received a positive response. The preference was for a hardcopy magazine delivered to all houses in the Parish rather than on-line, although it is proposed that an on-line version continues. Some residents had offered to assist with delivery and these will be contacted. Unfortunately, there were few offers to assist with production.

The current team will continue to produce the magazine whilst seeking volunteers to take over the roles of Editor, Advertising and Treasurer.

The Chairman proposed that the Clerk take on the role of Treasurer and it was agreed that Mr Tilbury will follow up outside of this meeting.

The Chairman requested that the Clerk make contact with Cressing Sports & Social Club to enquire why they no longer submit items or advertise their events in the magazine. **Action: Clerk.**

Further discussion by Councillors to be held at the November meeting.

22/157 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - The Clerk confirmed that no items had been raised for discussion at this meeting. Any matters reported by residents are responded to and actioned within 24 hours.

22/158 REPORTS OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Cllr Thorogood reported on Local Highways Panel applications:

- i. Footway improvements to B1018 – the Local Highways Panel considered the cost of delivery estimated at more than £19,000 to replace the cinder path was not value for money. This has been referred back to the design team for alternative options. Cllrs discussed how this had been outstanding for a number of years and suggested that the delays were caused by the various planning applications in that area, including superstore in the Retail Park and the development of 5 houses between Braintree Road and Long Green, all of which included improvements to the roadway and footpaths and all were currently stalled. Cllrs hoped this could be quickly resolved.
- ii. Speed surveys had been undertaken along Ashes Road, all of which showed average

speeds were less than 50mph. Cllrs expressed their surprised and asked if it is possible to move the speed signs further along so that vehicles were able to reduce speed a further distance before approaching the Lanham Green Road junction.

- iii. Poor visibility at the junction of Lanham Green Road and Ashes Road – Cllr Thorogood was asked if Essex Highways could contact the resident of The Ashes with an order to cut back the hedge that blocks visibility of oncoming traffic from Ashes Road.

District Cllr Abbott reported:

- i. Closure of Long Green Road – whilst the scheduled date to repair the potholes near to the Waste Station, these had not yet started. Cllr Abbott will follow up and post an update on Cressing Farms Facebook pages.
- ii. Proposed solar farms in Cressing – Cllr Abbott attended the exhibition and public consultation, but refrained from commenting due to his position on BDC Planning Committee.
- iii. BDC are considering raising recycling targets from 60% to 75%. A consultation will be held.
- iv. Warm rooms – Essex County Council and BDC are working together to implement an urgent scheme.
- v. Incinerator – So far, the abnormal load routed through Cressing and Silver End was not as big as had been advised. Future movements will be monitored. Whilst efforts are being made by Indaver to prevent HGVs and large vehicles not complying with the approved route, it is expected that some will ignore those recommendations and use other routes. Note: the Clerk advised that Indaver are in discussion with Essex Highways to install additional signage for the approved routes.
- vi. BDC housing supply has dropped to 4.8 years, this means all development applications must be assessed against this. BDC will not be defending some development appeals that have been submitted. This is likely to result in some larger development applications being submitted.

Cllrs Thorogood and Abbott, together with members of the public, left the meeting.

22/159 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14TH September 2022 were confirmed as a true record with no amendments required. Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded Cllr Haines. The Chairman signed the Minutes.

22/160 PLAYING FIELD – The Clerk advised that regular inspections of the field and play equipment are being undertaken and any issues dealt with immediately. Dog fouling remains an ongoing issue, despite the number of bins available on the field.

- i. Changing rooms – The Clerk continues to chase BDC for a response, but the S.106 Officer is on annual leave. The Clerk will make contact once she is back in the office. In the meantime, CSSC are being kept updated.
- ii. Seating – delivery is anticipated at the end of October, but a response for installer is awaited from BDC.
- iii. Playing field equipment – an issue has arisen in that the space earmarked for the equipment has been marked out for a new junior football pitch and CSSC advise this cannot be moved. The Clerk is looking at a possible solution and will advise Cllrs accordingly in due course. **Action: Clerk**

22/161 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP – Deferred to next meeting.

22/162 PARISH COUNCIL OPEN DAY - The Clerk confirmed arrangements and a rota was agreed for Cllr attendance. County and District Cllr had confirmed their attendance. Cllrs Porrett, Rowe and Drury confirmed their availability to arrange the room and set up the displays.

22/163 DUST CART AND LITTER PICK - Arrangements were confirmed and notices posted for Saturday 22nd October.

22/164 FINANCE

- i. **Annual Governance and Accountability Statement:** The RFO confirmed the closure letter had been received with a comment that the AGAR was not accurately completed before submission to review - 'Information received from the smaller authority indicates that assets totaling £54,000, had been omitted from the prior year Box 9 figure. The assets have been included in the current year Box 9 figure appropriately.' The RFO explained that this could be attributed to timing of delivery and payment for goods happening across the year end. Cllrs acknowledge and accepted the closure letter.
- ii. **Progress against budget:** The Clerk/RFO referred to the reports issued with the Agenda. There were no queries, and it was resolved to accept the reports. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Rowe, all in favour**
- iii. **A motion to approve bank reconciliation on 30th September 2022: It was resolved** that the bank reconciliation statement at 30th September be approved. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded: Cllr Rowe, all in favour**
- iv. **A motion to approve September 2022 Payments/Cheques:** The list of payments and cheques to be signed against September expenditure was presented. There were no queries, and it was resolved approve the payments. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded Cllr Rowe, all in favour.** Cllrs Lawton and Haines signed the cheques.
- v. **A motion to approve August 2022 Payments/Cheques:** The list of payments and cheques presented against expenditure incurred in August was approved, and it was resolved to approve the payments retrospectively due to the cancellation of the formal Parish Council Meeting in September. **Proposed: Cllr Porrett, seconded Cllr Rowe, all in favour.** Cllrs Lawton and Haines had signed the cheques following agreement by email.
- vi. **Streetlights:** The Clerk/RFO has received a quote for reducing the hours that the streetlights are on to compensate in part for the rises in energy costs. Currently the Parish council pays 50.86p/unit of energy. This will rise to more than 80p/unit in September. The 71 street lights are operated by individual sensors that switch on at dusk and switch off at dawn. There is a retrofit sensor that can be installed on the lights to switch on at dusk and switch off around midnight and then on again at 5.30am until dawn. These cost £60.00 each (plus VAT) [£4,260]. By not using the electricity for 5.5 hours a day (38.5 hours a week) per light fitting would not only reduce the electricity bill but increase the longevity of the lights. Cllrs discussed whether this was a suitable solution for Cressing and felt that many residents would prefer to pay the higher charges to keep the lights on all night. **It was agreed** that the Clerk should put an item in the Community Magazine to seek residents' views. This will also be one of the consultations at the Open Day. **Action: Clerk**

22/165 PLANNING

- A. To **note Appeals determined** by the Planning Inspectorate: None advised
- B. To **discuss Appeals submitted to the Planning Inspectorate:** 290978 – Il Salice (The Willows) – no decision yet
- C. To **note Applications Determined by Braintree District Council or withdrawn:** None advised
- D. To **discuss Applications received by Braintree District Council:**
 - i. 22/02180/FUL | The laying out of a battery storage facility, intermediate substation, cabling,

fencing, access tracks and associated drainage infrastructure on land adjacent to Braintree 400kV substation | Land Adjacent To Electricity Sub Station Site Braintree Road Cressing Essex - *no comments to make*

- ii. 22/02206/ECCDAC | Consultation on Essex County Council - Details pursuant to Condition 21 Odour Management and Monitoring Plan for planning application ref: ESS/02/19/BTE (Continued operation of the Waste Transfer Station with varied conditions) | ECC Waste Transfer Station Cordons Farm Long Green Cressing Essex CM77 8DL - *no comments to make*
- iii. 22/02437/PLD | Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed development - Stationing of mobile home ancillary to main dwelling. | 20 Mill Lane Cressing Essex CM77 8HN – *concerns to be raised of the access to the structure having to be made through the house or via narrow alleyway to the rear. In the event of an emergency involving the elderly occupant this could cause vital delays to rescue to treatment being given. The entrance to the alleyway is narrow and parking is of real concern. The property already has two additional structures in the rear garden in addition to this application.*
- iv. 22/02322/SCR | Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 - Screening Request (Regulation 6) - Solar Farm | Land At Cressing Farm Witham Road Cressing Essex **Removed from BDC site**
- v. 22/02502/DAC | Application for approval of details as reserved by Condition 3d (Post-Excavation Assessment) of approved application 16/02144/OUT. | Land Adjacent To Braintree Road Cressing Essex
- vi. 22/02498/FUL | Erection of 2 pairs of semi-detached two-story 3-bedroom dwellings (4 total) with associated parking, landscaping and garaging together with related operational development. | Crix House Braintree Road Cressing Essex CM77 8JB – *objection to be submitted: access to B1018 and properties not in keeping with streetscene.*
- vii. 22/02555/FUL | Erection of 1No. two-storey 6-bedroom dwelling, with detached garden store. | Birds Barn Polecat Road Cressing Essex CM77 8PH **Removed from BDC site**

22/166 INFORMATION EXCHANGE - The Clerk advised of a letter proposing the return of donation to Cressing Community Hall Fund £3,783.36 as the Charity was in the process of being closed. Cllrs were requested to consider how this could be used to benefit the community of Cressing.

22/167 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NOVEMBER AGENDA:

- i. Community Policing
- ii. Highways – discussion with Essex Highways
- iii. S Plenty and Parking Project
- iv. Cressing Community Magazine
- v. Parish Paths Partnership
- vi. Open Day feedback
- vii. Cressing Community Hall Fund – return of donation
- viii. Warm Spaces – prior to meeting Clerk to seek views of CSSC.

22/168 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 9th November 2022, 7.00pm at St Barnabas Hall, Claud Ince Avenue, Cressing, CM77 8HG. Any items for inclusion on the Agenda to be sent to the Parish Clerk to be received no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 1st November 2022.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Dates of 2022 meetings			Dates of 2023 meetings		
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A MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Autumn, I have to admit, is my favourite season. I enjoy collecting conkers or pressing brightly coloured leaves. Chrysanthemums are my favourite flowers, and I enjoy the unique autumn smell when walking through the woods. That distinctive smell - though loved by many, is nothing other than the smell of rotting leaves, of plants decomposing. And yet, that slightly sweet and mouldy smell, and the scent of wood fires burning generate warm and cosy feelings and evoke memories of comfort and of wellbeing.

It is strange to think that this season like no other is about endings and about goodbyes. Saying goodbye to another summer, to warmth and long sunny days. The most profound and widely shared goodbye of all was of course the passing of the late Queen Elizabeth II. Then at the end of October on All Souls Day we remember our loved ones who died, yet still live on in our hearts. And in November we pay our respects to those who paid the ultimate price in armed conflicts on Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday. Autumn in all its glory is inescapably about saying goodbye and about letting go.

I have often wondered how people whose climate does not include the seasons as we know them, experience life. The rhythm of winter, spring, summer and autumn seems to mirror the rhythm of life itself, and we learn instinctively that for everything there is a season and a time, that nothing lasts forever. That sounds both final and sad, but it does not have to be.

We have been talking and thinking a lot about change at church recently, and not all changes are welcome, as yours truly can attest. Change for the better goes unnoticed and often unacknowledged, but change which is introduced by someone else and takes away something dear to us is painful, especially when it supersedes a vision or a custom which once blazed brightly.

A wise mentor taught me once that every vision, and every custom has its place, and when a new one springs up in its place, it does not mean that the old was no good or is discarded, or even that the new one is better. It's just different, and hopefully right and fitting for now. Of course tomorrow this new change will once again become custom and tradition, itself to be replaced by something else in the future.

And so we live in a peculiar tension: among the seemingly unchangeable and dependable - historic buildings, art and music which have stood the test of time, and the new. Surprising, ever evolving with new ideas and people. Not to ignore or lessen the past, but to build on it. Because we all know that the rotting leaves will enrich the soil and allow new plants and seeds to grow and to flourish.

It is obvious that we need both. When it comes to faith in God, we are assured that Jesus is the rock on whom we can build our lives: 'Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday and today and forever.' (Hebrews 13.8) And when confronted with a painful past and reality, the prophet Isaiah comforts us with these words: 'Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.' (Isaiah 43.18-19)

If I have learnt anything I believe we need both, the old and the new, continuity and change. And most of all to navigate the tension between both together: with grace, humour and imagination, because the next season is surely coming.

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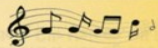
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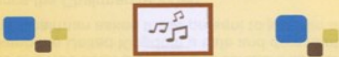
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GARDENING NOTES FOR NOVEMBER

The time of year is upon us when most jobs in the garden involve clearing and weeding. Try and leave your vegetable area until November, if you clear and dig now [and we are still experiencing mild weather] the weeds will grow with vigour. If you do dig it's a good idea to leave the turned over ground in a rough condition so the winter frosts can break down the clods of soil into friable ground which can be broken up with a fork or spade.

Pick any top fruit before it falls to the ground, apples and pears can be stored in a cool, dry and frost-free shed, do check on them regularly and place the fruit so it does not touch, this reduces the likely hood of mould spreading.

Clear up fallen leaves from lawns and borders where they can smother small, herbaceous plants. Be particularly careful around rose bushes as leaves can harbour black spot, old rose leaves should be put in the recycling bin. Roses can be pruned back to shape them before taking off half this year's growth in November preventing wind rock.

Next, a few recommended bulbs to plant. Allium, which are a member of the onion family give good height to a planting scheme. Daffodils or narcissi to give them their correct name are now available in a number of variants and heights. Tete-a-tete are a dwarf type, vibrant yellow they make a good front to any border. Carlton or King Alfred are really old varieties, they have stood the test of time and make a good back drop to a planting scheme. Tulips, Red Riding Hood look good in pots and containers. Some of the large Parrot tulips make a statement in clumps when planted in an herbaceous border. Hyacinth and crocus are good for random planting in pots and grass areas respectively.

Plant or shrub of the month, for me has to be Abelia. This hardy shrub is available in a variegated leaf form and has a bright pink flower, a splash of colour in the shorter, autumn days.

Keep warm out there!.....The Arborist





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2 tbsp olive oil	2 onions, peeled and chopped
1 green pepper, deseeded and chopped	
3 sticks celery, sliced	2 level tsp mild chilli powder
2 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed	2tbsp tomato puree
14oz (375g) can tomatoes	1/2 pt (300mls) veg. Stock
2 x 414g cans red kidney beans	1lb (500gms) potatoes, peeled
4oz (125gms) butter	2 level tsp. Paprika
Parsley to garnish	

1.5 Litre ovenproof dish

Method:

Set to fairly hot – 400F/200C, gas mark 6

Heat the oil in a frying pan, add half the chopped onion, all the green pepper and celery.

Cook over a moderate heat until the vegetables are softened.

Add the chilli powder and half the garlic and cook for 1 minute.

Stir in the tomatoes, tomato puree, stock and drained beans.

Bring to the boil then pour into the dish.

Slice the potatoes and arrange slightly overlapping on top.

Melt the butter in a small pan, add the remaining onion and garlic and cook for 2 -3 minutes.

Stir in the paprika then spoon over the potatoes.

Bake in the centre of the oven for 1 1/4 hr. until the potatoes are cooked and golden. Cover the dish with foil if potatoes are browning too quickly before being cooked through.

Garnish with parsley and serve hot with salad.



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