



**Failure to clean up after your dog could result in a £1000 fine**

To report incidents of dog fouling call the council's Customer Service Centre on 01799 510510

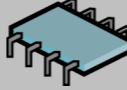
Alternatively, fill in an online form at [www.uttlesford.gov.uk/animalfoulingreport](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/animalfoulingreport)

\*This does not include recycling bins  
It is preferable to take it home and use your black lidded bin



**Microchipping and Dog Tags - Are you aware?**

You are probably aware that UK Law states that all dogs must be microchipped however, are you aware that the law also states that all dogs must have a tag. The tag must include your surname, full address and telephone number. The number of animal wardens is reducing and this additional information means that if somebody finds your dog they will know where to return it straight away. Please also remember that if you have a change of address to make sure that you update the microchip details immediately and also make sure that you purchase a new tag.



## MOBILE LIBRARY



**Wednesdays - (School)**  
**10.40—11.10**

15th June 2022  
6th July 2022  
27th July 2022  
17th August 2022  
7th September 2022

Due to the council rearranging the schedules there are now no visits to Holloway Crescent.

The visits are on Wednesdays outside the school.

Essex Council are continually reviewing the usage of the library bus, so USE IT OR LOOSE IT!



**VISITS are due every 3 weeks**

[www.essex.gov.uk/Libraries-Archives/](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Libraries-Archives/)



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CALL 105**

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**0800 31 63 105**

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# Leaden Reading



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## JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The sun shone, the music played, the singer (Donna Edmondson) sang, the people danced and they all enjoyed their picnics with free ice creams and cake, the bar was also open. Children played on the grass with competitions to try to win chocolates. Cricket and badminton was also being played.

About 120 residents turned up. What a great tribute for our Queen.

The finale was the lighting of the Beacon by Dave Clayden—a long serving Parish Council Chairman who retired last year. This was co-ordinated with the many hundreds of beacons around the country at 9.45pm.

Thanks to the Parish Council, the Village Hall Trust and the Village Social Club who organised the event and who provided the event at no cost to all.



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There are lots of people involved in various organisations throughout the village. Most give their time for free, helping to organize weekly gatherings, meetings and events.

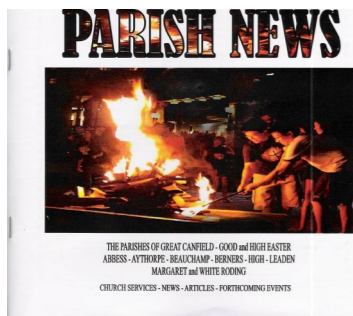
All organizations would love to see some new faces. Yes it might be a bit scary first time, but a first phone call and chat will break the ice and ensure that the welcome mat is there to greet you.

SO GIVE ONE A TRY.

*Thanks to all contributors to the magazine.*

**MORE REQUIRED**

Last date for contributions for August by 10th July please.



Contact Phil Sutterby to order your copies of the Parish Magazine.

£10.00 for 12 mths - 12 issues (6xChurch)

Want to make a comment on the Leaden Reading? Want to make a contribution?

Would you like to see something different? If no-one tells me, I don't know!

Please e-mail : [leadenreading@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:leadenreading@yahoo.co.uk)

**The Who's Who of the Village**

(Tel no 01279 unless stated)

Parish Council Chairman:	Phil Sutterby	876274
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Rodings Primary School	Colin Raraty (Headmaster)	876288
Fire Liaison Officer	Mark Nevill	876384
Roothing Quilters	Joan Clarke	01245 231559
Cloghams Cricket Club	Dave Bardell	877969
	Ray Bell	876045
The Art Group	Dorothy Saville	01245 231701
Roding Brownies	Hilary Freeman	876638
	Terry Bell	876045
Rainbows	Steph Green	01245 231362
Rodings Horticultural Society	Derek Saville	01245 231701
Rodings Walking Group	Phil Sutterby	876274
Bowls Club	Paul Perkins	876388
Church Events	David Tregunno	876601
St Michael's Church	Rev'd Robert Stone	07726 719288
Friendship Club	Jackie Eldridge	876350

Watch out for Events Happening in the monthly Parish News, the Village Notice Board or The Village Hall Notice Board

**Kemi Badenock M.P.**  
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See her website for surgery dates  
See page 28 for more details



**Cloghams Cricket Club -  
Rebuild of Club House**

When the clubhouse was re-opened in March, winter had taken its toll. The thatched roof which had been on for over 25 years had leaked everywhere. The ceiling had fallen down in many places and the walls were stained and damaged by the rainwater.

After costing the work it was sadly apparent that it would need far too much money to replace the thatch, so it was decided that to replace the roof using the skills of several club members.

The picture below shows the roof during the stripping process. Once the straw had been taken off it was discovered that various pests had got into the rafters and several had been affected with wet rot.

It was interesting to find, as shown in the photographs, that the roof had been built many years ago by forging tree trunks to make the rafters.

All work is scheduled to be completed by the end of June.

Meanwhile cricket continues with good results so far. After 6 fixtures, won 4, lost 1, no result 1. Cloghams are 5th.

Already Robert Crouchman has hit 3 centuries in trying to retain his award of highest run scorer from last year. Let's hope these positive results continue.





# HOW WE CAN HELP.

WE CAN REFER YOU TO THE FOLLOW ORGANISATIONS AND MORE



**Parenting Support Project**



**Adult Learning**



Activity groups for people with Dementia or Memory Problems

Feeling Good, Caring Well

Action for Family Carers  
Young Adult Carers (ages 16 - 24)



Build confidence & feel less isolated



Adult Mental Health Wellbeing Team



Free Home Water Efficiency Check



Home Help Service



Help, advice and guidance for carers and sufferers



My Weight Matters –How to loose weight

NHS—Health Checks



Help with clothing and equipment for your baby



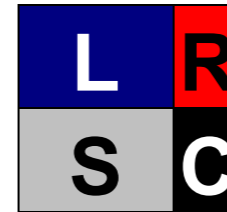
Little Goslings Children's Centre

Spangles Children's Centre



British Lung Foundation  
Breathe Easy

AND LOTS MORE ORGANISATIONS Tel: 0300 500 1895 E-M



# What's on in the Village Hall



**SUPERFAST FIBRE WI-FI HAS BEEN INSTALLED BY GIGACLEAR IN THE HALL UNDER THEIR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHEME WITH ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL**

**UPLOAD AND DOWNLOAD SPEEDS OF OVER 400mbps ARE BEING ACHIEVED, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HIRERS**

## Ride London



A resident (left) of Leaden Roding, passing through the village enroute to finishing the ride in 6hrs 30 mins.

The most bikes ever seen in the village converged on us on the last weekend in May.

There was an elite race on the Saturday, followed by a family bike ride on the Sunday in which thousands of men, women and kids took part.

The village hall became a refreshment point for them all.

### HIRERS OF THE VILLAGE HALL

We are again taking bookings for the use of the hall. During the lockdown the hall has been deep cleaned and is looking at it's best. Hand sanitisers have been installed to follow Government recommendations regarding Covid19 hygiene.

Speak to Keely Robinson 07921 611347 for current rates and availability.

See page 4

[You may be charged for any damage or for any additional cleaning or repairs](#)



**OUR PRIZE IS STRUCTURE CHANGING**

**More chances to WIN from 17 August 2019**

- WIN cash prizes from £25 up to the £25,000 Jackpot
- The more numbers you match, the more you WIN!
- We still receive 50p from every ticket sold via our lottery page – a further 10p goes to other local causes
- Support us from just £1 a week and help make a real difference to our community

**60% goes to good causes**

**£25,000 Jackpot!**

To start supporting visit:

[www.essexlottery.co.uk](http://www.essexlottery.co.uk)

and search for: **Leaden Roding**

Players must be 16 years and over and physically based in the UK



# SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE HALL CHARITY

Now you can support the village hall and you could win yourself £25,000!

The Essex Lottery has recently been launched and if you go to the “Leaden Village Hall Trust” page, from the home page, a proportion of your entry fee will go towards the upkeep and improvement of the village hall.

Draws are still taking place.

**PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ENTER, GO VIA THE LEADEN VILLAGE HALL TRUST PAGE.**

[www.essexlottery.co.uk](http://www.essexlottery.co.uk)

**A BIG “THANK YOU” to those who already support the lottery.**

**ALL FOR £1 MIN. A WEEK.**

Contact the Leaden Reading by e-mail with any news, what's on, what's happened  
[leadenreading@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:leadenreading@yahoo.co.uk)  
 Want a copy of a photo? Send your request to the above email

**KEMI BADENOCH MP**

*Serving the people of Saffron Walden, Great Dunmow, Stansfeld, Thaxted, Rural Chelmsford and Surrounding Areas*

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**0207 219 1943**

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Saffron Walden

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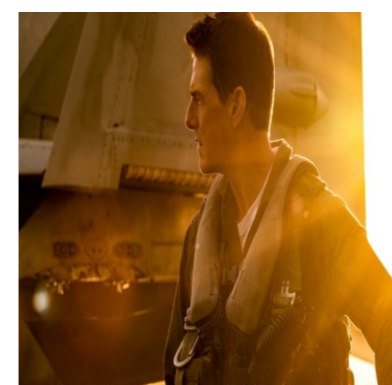
**Everything Everywhere All At Once**  
 7.30pm Friday 17 June  
 7.30pm Saturday 18 June



**The Road Dance**  
 5pm Sunday 19 June



**The Drover's Wife: The Legend of Molly Johnson**  
 7.30pm Monday 20 June



**Top Gun—Maverick**  
 7.30pm Friday 24  
 7.30pm Saturday 2pm  
 2pm Sunday 26 June



**Lancaster**  
 7.30pm Sunday 26 June



**Between Two Worlds**  
 7.30pm Monday 27 June

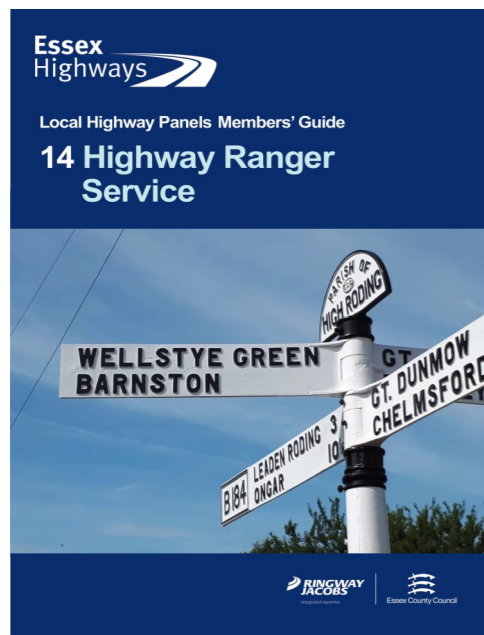
14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 14.1 The Clerk reported that launch of DigiGo – a new bus service for all residents in Uttlesford and other districts where residents can book the bus either online, by telephone or via an App which can be downloaded. The transport provided is one of the first fully, on-demand electric minibus services in the UK.
- 14.2 The clerk reported that between meetings it was reported to her that a drain cover had been stolen from the road in Lordwood View causing a hole large enough for small children or pets to fall into. Once reported the drain was temporarily repaired within an hour to ensure there was no danger incurred and fully repaired within two weeks.
- 14.3 Between meetings a resident contacted the clerk to clarify the dates for the fortnightly green skip visit to the school on Sundays as, when comparing the dates, they were different on the village website and the Parish News. It was found that the dates published in the Parish News were incorrect but as the clerk does not publish the dates in the Parish News, she will look into how to make them correct. She assured the resident the dates on the website, the village notice board and those published in the Leaden Reading are correct.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE DATES FOR 2022.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Future meetings: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022



**Essex Rangers**

There are minor improvements that could be made to the highway across the County that are not necessarily highway defects and would not meet the maintenance criteria but that would make a huge difference to the appearance of the local area. These types of works are best carried out by the Highway Ranger Gangs, typically consisting of two people and a van. The Highway Rangers Service is dedicated to provide practical support to the LHPs. The Service is funded through the ECC Revenue Budget and is carried out either directly, via Essex Highways, or in Partnership with the Borough, City or District Council.

Sadly Leaden Roding Parish Council have been informed that the Uttlesford Rangers Team are regularly receiving criticism and on occasions abuse when they visit villages. For many years Uttlesford Rangers have provided a solid and professional service and we are lucky to have such a skilled and dedicated team representing the district so it is a shame when they are faced with such negativity when going about their jobs.

**The Parish Council would like to politely request that residents be courteous and respectful all contractors as they go about their jobs in our village.**

**Leaden Roding Bowls Club**

The club is open to all so if you fancy a game come along to the club night on Friday evenings from 8pm. Before lockdown friendly matches, usually on Wednesdays, took place every couple of weeks against other village clubs, anyone of any skill level is welcome to take part. Most evening matches also includes a supper, raffle and a bar at some venues. We hope these matches will resume soon but have no date to return yet. Friendly matches between club members take place most Friday evenings.  
 More details from Paul Perkins  
 01279 876588



**Best Signs of Spring**

Whilst delivering the last Leaden Reading I came across this beautiful cherry blossom tree in Hollaway Crescent

There are more of these trees around the village. If you come across any scenes in the village you would like included in the next edition of the Leaden Reading please feel free to email to leadenreading@yahoo.co.uk and we will do our best to include them.

**HIRE LEADEN RODING VILLAGE HALL FOR YOUR PARTIES, EVENTS, MEETINGS ETC**  
 USE OF FULLY STOCKED KITCHEN &  
 IF REQUIRED YOU CAN HAVE THE BAR OPEN (FOR AN  
 ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF £25.00)  
 PRICES: Weekdays £8.50 per hour  
 Weekends £9.00 per hour  
 Saturday Evenings 7.00pm until midnight £90.00

**SPEAK TO KEELY ROBINSON TO BOOK—07921 611347**



## RODINGS BROWNIES

Meet Monday Nights from 6pm until 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Brownies is open to girls of 7 to 10 years.

Contact Hilary Freeman on 01279 876638 or Terry Bell 01279 876045



## RODINGS RAINBOWS

The Rainbows meet again in the Village Hall between 4.00 until 5.30pm on Monday evenings after school.

Rainbows in open to girls 5 to 7 years.

Contact Steph Green 01245 231362



## First Rodings Brownies

Among other crafts, games and making a Fathers Day gift, Rodings Brownies have been busy during the last couple of months preparing for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We have made models of the Queen looking very glamorous in her tiara (see photo below bottom right). Each Brownie designed a congratulations note for the Queen and they were all put together on the front of a giant card which was sent to Buckingham Palace for the Queen to enjoy and to show how much she is appreciated (see photo right).

We also prepared Union Jacks and attached them to the bus



shelters in the village, the village Notice Board and the village sign (see photo above).



£320.00 to R C Bell – printing of Leaden Reading (March 2022)

£218.72 to EALC – annual subscription

10.2 The clerk reported that prior to the above payments being made the Parish Council bank balances are: Current account - £11,901.87  
Deposit account - £344.90

### 11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

11.1 The following planning application was circulated to Parish Councillors between meetings for comments:

St Michael and All Angels Church, Stortford Road – Sections 73A Retrospective application for the replacement of collapsed shed with a converted container storage facility with the proposed installation of a community toilet – *no objections*.

11.2 The following decisions to determine the following planning application was made between meetings:

New Cottage, Dunmow Road – Proposed erection of 1 detached dwelling including alterations to existing vehicular access – *refused*

11.3 Between meetings more concerns regarding building work/preparations were brought to Uttlesford's attention after a 'Prior Notification' was brought to the Parish Council's attention for Barn adjacent to Chalks Farm, High Easter Road. Uttlesford have informed the clerk that the situation is being monitored with a representative visiting the site, unfortunately they could not gain access at the time of the visit.

11.4 The decision has been made for following planning application subject to an appeal to Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State has been made:

3 Leaden Hall Barns, Stortford Road – erection of an additional external storage building – *refused*.

### 12. FOOTPATHS

12.1 In a statement to be read at the meeting, Cllr Sutterby reported:

The following issues are still outstanding.

Footpath 1 - bottom of Longsted Lane, the footbridge detached from concrete base (defect number 3523027).

Footpath 5 – bridge over river Roding in need of repair – this work was due to commence on 6<sup>th</sup> May (defect number 3213425).

### 13. MEETING WITH CLLR LEE SCOTT \_ HIGHWAYS

13.1 Due to unforeseen circumstances the Chairman was unable to attend this meeting with the clerk so Cllr Bush took his place. The clerk reported:

- Cllr Scott stated he was determined to improve the process of repairs after issues have been reported to Highways with any dangerous issues taking priority. He stated that due to financial constraints any cosmetic issues will be of low priority.
- He stated any emails sent to him with regard to Highways issues will be dealt with swiftly and he will reply promptly.
- Speeding is a priority; Cllr Scott has instigated a team of Highways Officers to be able to conduct speed checks and legally issue speeding fines and points: this will take place imminently and regularly across the county.
- Flooding on the Highways will also be a priority.
- He is aware that new building developments cause issues with road surfaces and flooding and is looking into the possibility of charging a Bond to all new developments in Essex where it will be returned to the developer once the development has been finished only if the roads on and adjacent to the site are left as they were before the building work started.
- Cllr Scott stated that when he took over as the representative for Essex, there was only one Highways Enforcement Officer employed to oversee the whole of Essex. Now more Enforcement Officers are in place across the county to oversee any Highways issues.
- He is aware that large vehicles driving through country lanes are damaging the roads and is looking into asking Google Maps to exclude small country lanes from any Satellite Navigation routes.
- Cllr Scott stated he is aware that not all residents affected by Ride London are happy for Essex to host the event. He will be hosting more meetings before the event and will be happy to take answer any comments/criticism or feedback.
- Cllr Scott finished by stating he is looking forward to working with Parish Councils in the future to improve their experience when dealing with Highways issues.

9.8 Field opposite the school—a resident clearly remembers a footpath to the right of the field in the past—at a previous Parish Council meeting it was reported that Cllr Wareham found that public footpaths cannot be changed unless it has been agreed with the County Council or Central Government. Cllr Barker referred this to Public Rights of Way for advice and was told there was never a footpath at the location. As the resident was adamant a footpath was there years before, Cllr Barker will seek further information—no further information received at this time.

- 9.9 At the last meeting the clerk was asked to get in touch with the headmaster of Rodings School to express concerns a resident reported when witnessing a child crossing Dunmow Road alone while the parent was not paying attention, since then the clerk witnessed a similar incident herself at the same spot. The clerk has tried to contact the headmaster to ask request he asked parents to be more vigilant when taking/collected their children from school but has not yet had a reply.
- 9.10 Cllr Barker has confirmed that the request for the speed limit of 30 mph on Dunmow Road to be extended is awaiting approval.
- 9.11 The Chairman reported in a statement to be read at the meeting that parking by cars on the pavement from the car showroom is still proving a problem periodically. Cllr Wareham stated he has recently witnessed a resident with a pram having difficulty walking on the footway at the car showroom due to vehicles parked on the pavement. After discussion it was decided that any photographic evidence of cars blocking the footpath outside the car showroom and shop will be reported to the police.
- 9.12 Due to illness the defibrillator training evening book at the village had been cancelled at short notice, it will be rearranged shortly.
- 9.13 The damaged village sign outside Bridge Cottages, Stortford Road previously reported to Highways has not yet been fixed.
- 9.14 Flooding on Ongar Road discussed at the last meeting cleared once the farmer of the field adjoining the road cleared the ditch.
- 9.15 The damaged sign outside the fire station which has previously reported to Highways has been examined three times by Highways representative but not yet been fixed.
- 9.16 After accepting the quote from J Kenney for work to be carried out to clear overgrown trees, hedges, concrete and debris from the grass verge starting opposite the roundabout and finishing at the church on Stortford Road, the work commenced but had to be stopped for a resident's safety when he stood in front of the heavy equipment in an effort to stop the work as he did not agree it needed to be cleared. After discussions with the resident, where the resident became aggressive and abusive, the Chairman agreed to stop the work, Parish Councillors will discuss at the next meeting if work further down Stortford Road should be recommenced. Fortunately, J. Kenney charged the Parish Council for the work that had been done and not for the full quote. J. Kenney Services stated on the invoice:

*Unfortunately, due to the fact that I was not able to complete the works as per my original quotation with regard to clearing back vegetation and making the verges clearer, and tidying them of roots, concrete and debris, and subsequent comments that it would possibly allow travellers to park, and my Staff being abused verbally by a member of the public I feel it better that I invoice the Parish Council for work done to date and I will not complete the entire job. This is the first time that this has happened since I started my company in 1989, and I am bitterly disappointed but trust you all appreciate my concerns regarding the criticisms coming our way. I charged for the part clearance works you see.*

Parish Councillors present expressed their disappointment that J Kenney Services were subjected to this behaviour and have apologised to Mr Kenney and his staff.

9.17 A meeting organised by Cllr Barker to discuss arrangement made for the Ride London event on 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> May going through the village took place at Leaden Roding Village Hall which was open for residents of Leaden Roding and surrounding villages to attend. Councillors and the clerk who were present at the meeting expressed their disappointment at the lack of respect addressed to the representative of Ride London by some residents of Leaden Roding and others who attended.

## 10 FINANCE

- 10.1 Cllr Bush proposed that the following cheques be issued, this was seconded by Cllr Whitehead and carried unanimously.
- £17.00 to Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust – hire of hall
  - £1,656.00.00 to J Kenney Services – Stortford Road verge clearance – part cleared (see above).
  - £588.00 to Bullfinch Gas Equipment – purchase of Jubilee Beacon
  - £150.00 to JB Ices – Part payment for ice cream for village Jubilee celebrations
  - £37.86 to Party Delights – bunting/decorations for Jubilee celebrations



Uttlesford  
District Council

## UPDATE ON OUR SERVICES

**Community Response** If you're someone who needs some extra support or you're looking to help the community, please get in touch. The number **03333 408 218** is available Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

Email: [communityresponse@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:communityresponse@uttlesford.gov.uk).

### Green Homes Grants

Grants are available to homeowners to improve your homes energy efficiency.

Look at the Energy Saving Trust website.



St Clare are bringing their experience in palliative care to the streets and are opening up a drop-in centre in the Salvation Army rooms in Abbey Lane, Saf-ron Walden 10am—3pm every third Thursday of the month.

### .Free appointments with a planning professional

Residents and small businesses can now book 15-minute appointments through the Uttlesford District Council website to speak to a planning officer about any smaller-scale development projects to their home or business.

Appointments will be available on a Monday and Thursday, between 2pm and 4pm.

This service – which will run initially as six-week pilot project – is part of the council's commitment to improving the planning service for individual residents and other small business users.

Book appointment on-line at [UDC Booking System \(bookinglive.com\)](https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/udc-booking-system)





### I can't find a service?

We are working hard to identify as many local health and wellbeing services as possible – but if something is missing or you can't find a service you need – please get in touch via email at [info@frontlineuk.org.uk](mailto:info@frontlineuk.org.uk).

### If I request a call back or I'm referred through the system – when should I expect to be contacted?

We ask services to contact people within 3 working days, but we hope it will be quicker than that. If we see that you haven't been contacted within 6 working days we will contact the service on your behalf and chase them up.

### Are my details on the system safe?

We had a lot of help from Information Assurance officers in the NHS, EPUT and Essex County Council to ensure the system is as secure as we can make it. We only ever collect information from you to make a good referral, we only hold your data for a maximum of 90 days, and we use the same level as encryption as on-line banking services. If you want a copy of any information held on the system under your name, please make a 'Subject Access Request' to [info@frontlineuk.org.uk](mailto:info@frontlineuk.org.uk).

### Who runs Frontline?

Frontline was designed by Uttlesford Citizens Advice, but it is really a large community project where organisations and services sign up to improve people's knowledge and access to local services. Frontline in west Essex is funded by Essex County Council and the NHS's West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group. Uttlesford's Council for Voluntary Services is helping to run the services.

### I want to give some feedback on a local service - how would I do this?

Great! Good and bad feedback is really important to understand and improve local services. It can also be used to help funding arguments and identify gaps in services. We collect feedback in various ways – you can give a service a thumbs up or down through the website or via our mobile app. If you have been referred by an organisation, and agree to give service feedback, we may contact you via email or over the phone.

### Can I contact someone about Frontline?

Please send all questions, complaints or comments to [info@frontlineuk.org.uk](mailto:info@frontlineuk.org.uk) or call 01799 618 855. Emails will be responded to within 10 days.

### What if I have a family member or know someone who would find Frontline helpful, but they have no access to the internet?

If you know of someone who cannot access the internet and they need help finding a local service - Healthwatch Essex is available from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday on 0300 500 1895 (calls to this number are charged at your local r

If you run a service in West Essex that you think will be appropriate for Frontline, please click on the sign in/ register button on our homepage. After you register your email, please go to the provider 'about' section and read up on the questions and answers section...we think we have covered most things.

### 5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

None

### 6. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR)

#### 6.1 AGAR Return 2021/22

6.1.1 The meeting considered the current system of internal control, including monitoring of finances and agreed that these were satisfactory.

6.1.2 Cllr Bush proposed that the Parish Council approves the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 AGAR) for the year 2021/22 as prepared by the clerk. This was seconded by Cllr Whitehead and carried unanimously.

6.1.3 Cllr Whitehead proposed that the Parish Council approves the Annual Accounting Statements (Section 2 AGAR) for the year 2021/22 as prepared by the clerk. This was seconded by Cllr Wareham and carried unanimously.

6.2 Cllr Whitehead proposed that Leaden Roding Parish Council exempts itself from a limited assurance audit as it meets all the criteria for claiming exemption as set out in section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015. This was seconded by Cllr Wareham and carried unanimously.

6.3 Allison Ward, the Clerk for High Easter Parish Councils is completing the internal audit, her report will be circulated, and any points considered.

### 7. MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 were proposed by Cllr Bush as a true record, seconded by Cllr Wareham and carried unanimously. The minutes were signed by Cllr Whitehead.

### 8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

None

### 9. CLERKS REPORT

9.1 The clerk reported that the organising of the celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee is continuing with representatives from the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee and Social Club Committee making final arrangements. The clerk will print leaflets for every household and will be delivered nearer the time by the organisers. The Jubilee Beacon has been delivered and a deposit has been made for the ice cream van to be in attendance (see invoices Finance below), a large Jubilee celebration cake, bunting, children's games and prizes have also been ordered. The clerk will pay all invoices from Parish Council funds and then split the final total between the three committees.

9.2 Damaged soakaway at the corner of Dunmow Road and Holloway Crescent – not yet fixed, the clerk has reported again.

9.3 Damage to footpath at entrance to Holloway Crescent by Finale driveway – the clerk will report again.

9.4 Blocked drains outside 10 Holloway Crescent have been reported – unclear whether the drains have been cleared - the clerk will find out.

9.5 The clerk has asked that Uttlesford remind residents of Holloway Crescent not to park on entrance road to Willow Green as it obstructs access for emergency vehicles – this has been monitored, it appears that an ambulance would definitely be able to gain access and a fire engine, although tight, would also be able to gain access.

9.6 During a meeting with Cllr Lee Scott, Councillor of Highways attended by the clerk and Cllr Bush (see below for full report), the clerk explained that a VAS sign approved by Highways for Dunmow Road was included in the Local Area Panel projects budget about two years ago and was then removed stating that there was nowhere to place the VAS sign as the footpath on Dunmow Road is too narrow. Recently the Parish Council has been advised by the same Highways Officer that a VAS sign can be installed at the same site at the expense of the Parish Council. The clerk stated she would like to know why the original approval for the financing of a VAS sign for Leaden Roding was deleted. After the meeting Cllr Barker provided Cllr Scott of written evidence. Cllr Scott will look into why the original request was deleted from the Local Area Panel list and will also look into whether Highways are able to install a VAS sign on the Parish Councils behalf and if so, the cost (if Highways do not relist this to be installed at their expense).

9.7 After confirmation that local police officer Russ Hinkins would be attending tonight's Annual meeting, the clerk will make enquiries as to why he did not attend.



## 6. GRASS CUTTING REPORT

John Kenney took over the grass cutting contract for the first time this year and Parish Councillors are pleased with his work throughout the village. The yearly annual invoice paid for his work was £2,244.00 with VAT due to be reclaimed. All the contracted areas have looked tidy and neat over the year.

## 7. PARISHONERS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

A resident attended the meeting to address concerns to local Police Officer Russ Hinkins who was due to attend the meeting. Unfortunately, PC Hinkins was unable to attend without much notice. The clerk will pass the resident's concerns on to Essex Police:

There have been two instances when a vehicle owned by the resident has been vandalised by having ball bearings fired at the windows. The first instance was in March 2020, although reported to the police with a request for somebody from Essex Police to attend nobody did. The second instance was in October 2021 after the window had been repaired, this was again reported to Essex Police, at the time the resident requested that the police request from the fire service any CCTV footage they may have as the vehicle was parked nearby but footage was too far away to be clear. On 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021 the resident received a telephone call from a member of the police giving her advice on security but although a member of the forensic team attended the sight the resident did not receive any visits from Essex Police regarding the vandalism and she stated she thought this to be very unsatisfactory. She stated that a large percentage of council tax is taken to fund Essex Police and she felt the village was not getting value for money. She would like the Parish Council to make a suggestion that there should be a Police office located nearer to the Rodings so that crime in this area can be dealt with in a more efficient and timely manner.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

# LEADEN RODING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Leaden Roding village hall.

**Present:** Cllr Mike Whitehead (Vice Chair), Cllr Mrs Ann Bush, Cllrs Dave Wareham

**Members of the public:** 0

### 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Due to a planned medical procedure, Chairman P. Sutterby was absent from this meeting but had previously confirmed that, if asked again to take the post as Chairman, he would accept. Cllr Whitehead proposed that Cllr Sutterby be re-elected Chairman for the forthcoming year, this was seconded by Cllr Wareham.

### 2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Wareham proposed that Cllr Whitehead be elected Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year, this was accepted by Cllr Whitehead before being seconded by Cllr Bush.

### 3. ELECTION OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

The following representatives were elected for the year 2021/22

Village Hall Trust - Cllr McIntock  
 Public Transport - Cllr Bush  
 Tree Planting - Cllr Sutterby  
 Footpaths - Cllr Sutterby  
 Road Safety - Cllr Wareham  
 Essex Police - Cllr Whitehead

### 4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Chairman Phil Sutterby (planned medical procedure), Cllr Jim McIntock (planned medical procedure), District Councillor Susan Barker



## PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE

It has come to the attention of the Parish Council that green waste is being deposited in ditches within the village. Residents are asked to use the monthly Green Waste Skip for all green waste. Alternatively residents can apply to Uttlesford for a green waste bin for their own use at a fee of £40 per year.

## Garden Bin Collections

The individual Green Waste Bin Collection continues. If you would like a bin for your home go to the Uttlesford D C. website.

Bin collections are on **GREEN Bin Days**

Green Waste collections from your home costs £40 for a full year.

(See the Uttlesford DC website for an application form. Bins are collected every two weeks.)



**For all Bin Collections,  
please put bins out by 7am**

(In periods of Bad Weather/High Winds please ensure your bin cannot get blown away)



Website to visit for more information:

[www.lovesessex.org](http://www.lovesessex.org)



## GREEN WASTE COLLECTIONS AT RODINGS SCHOOL

**SUNDAYS 4.00PM –4.30PM**

12th June  
26th June  
10th July  
24th July  
7th August

21st August  
4th September  
18th September  
2nd October  
16th October



# REDUCE RESTORE RECYCLE

## Welcome to our new e-newsletter from our Recycling Team.

You are receiving this email as you previously signed up for one of our Waste & Recycling e-newsletters.

This is a regular feature to keep you up to date and includes information and advice from other trusted sources, in addition to any changes to your waste and recycling collections.

## The importance of clean recycling



Contamination of your recyclables happens when incorrect items are placed in your recycling bin.

When this is not identified at point of collection it can cause an entire lorry load of good, clean recycling to be rejected. Where spotted, we may not collect your recycling in order to prevent contamination of the entire lorry load.

Unfortunately, during COVID-19 the contamination levels within household recycling bins increased – and is continuing to be of concern.

Recycling charity [Wrap](#) estimates a tonne of contaminated recycling costs around £93 to dispose of. With an average lorry load of recycling weighing approximately 5 tonnes, each contaminated load of recycling costs the council over £460.

The most common things that are wrongly put into recycling bins are **black bin bags, nappies, food waste, textiles and electrical items**.

Please help us reduce contamination by checking what can and cannot be placed into your green lidded recycling bin.

Check our [Can I recycle it?](#) page to check individual items, or email [wasteaware@uttlesford.gov.uk](mailto:wasteaware@uttlesford.gov.uk) if you cannot find the answer or for further information.

## Top 5 ways to cut down on food waste

- **Don't over buy** – keep track of what you've bought and used. WRAP suggests taking a 'shelfie' – a photo of your fridge and cupboards to remind you of what's there
- **Check the use-by dates of fresh food when you buy it** – these are the dates to take notice of, rather than the best-before dates. Only buy what you can use before it expires
- **Plan ahead** – think about what you're going to cook and how you'll use the leftovers
- **Get to know your grocer** – they will have plenty of advice on how to use up leftover veg
- **Love your freezer** – use your weekends to batch-cook and freeze

You can also consider [home composting](#).

13.5 Cllr Barker has invited 2 representatives from our Parish Council to a meeting with Cllr Lee Scott – Essex County Councillor for Highways - to discuss Highways matters between 5.30pm and 7.30pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at Foakes Hall Dunmow. Other representatives from local Parish Councils have also been invited. The Chairman will attend and if no other Parish Councillors are available the clerk will fill the second place.

## 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE DATES FOR 2022.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021(Annual meeting)

Future meetings: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

## LEADEN RODING PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Leaden Roding Village Hall

Present: From the Parish Council: Vice Chairman Mike Whitehead, Cllr Ann Bush, Cllr Dave Wareham and the clerk Terry Bell

1 Member of the Public

1. VICE CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME, Cllr Whitehead opened the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Chairman Phil Sutterby, Cllr Jim McIntock, County and District Cllr Susan Barker

3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT – In Chairman Philip Sutterby's absence due to a planned medical procedure the clerk read a statement previously prepared by the Chairman:

Speeding continues to be a problem through the village. Most drivers respect the speed limit during the week but on Saturday and Sundays some motorists and motor bikes show no respect to the 30-mph speed limit.

Planning applications continue to be circulated online for Parish Councillors views.

Thankyou to our part time fire service for looking after the village and surrounding area. Thankyou to the residents who help with litter picks. Thankyou to the Councillors for their support through the year and also to the Parish Clerk. Thankyou to Cllr Susan Barker for advice and help through the year.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2020/21

The receipts in the year were the £6,500.00 precept and £193.00 VAT refund, outgoings were slightly less - £5,779.13. An outstanding invoice of £320.00 for the last financial year for the printing of the Leaden Reading would have increased the outgoings to very close to the precept amount.

The Parish Council issued two donations in the year; it was decided to once again donate £25 as a prize for the Christmas lights competition which has proved popular in the last couple of years; another donation of £25 was made as a thank you to Leaden Roding firefighters who gave a public demonstration free of charge on how to use a defibrillator

Fixed assets remain at £23,272.

11. RIDE LONDON – WEEKEND OF 27<sup>TH</sup> TO 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

11.1 The Clerk has spoken to one of the organisers of Ride London and reported the following details:

- On both days the race/ride will go through Leaden Roding causing road closures.
- On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> it is the ladies’ elite race which will cause rolling road closures throughout the route of the race and it is expected that the road through Leaden Roding will be closed between 12pm and 1pm for approximately 20 minutes.
- On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May the event is a family ride with a bigger impact on the roads which will be closed for most of the day. At this time, it is expected that the road through Leaden Roding will be closed at approximately 7.00am and will reopen at approximately 3.00pm.
- The event is definitely going to take place. Essex County Council have agreed to host the event without public consultation.
- Negotiations are taking place for the event to be televised.
- The family ride is expected to raise £12,000,000 for charity and is at no cost to the tax payer. It is also expected to bring trade to local businesses along the route.
- Leaflets with information about the weekend closures will be delivered to every household on the route but not to the homes on the side roads off the village. The Parish Council can ask for more leaflets to deliver ourselves if we feel the event has not been advertised enough beforehand.
- Over the weekend before the event, representatives will tour the route leaving leaflets on cars parked on the route explaining that the cars will be removed if they are parked there the following weekend.
- The only route out of Leaden Roding when the roads are closed are from High Easter Road.
- The organisers are happy to host a meeting nearer the date to discuss the event if the Parish Council think necessary
- The Ride London website can be accessed to gain more details and will continue to be updated as more information is advertised.

12. CLEARING OF SHRUBS/HARDCORE/RUBBISH FROM GRASS VERGE FROM BROWNLOWS CLOSE TO OPPOSITE THE CHURCH – STORTFORD ROAD.

12.1 The clerk presented a quote from J Kenney Services of £4,280.00 for:

Cutting back the overhanging vegetation and scrub around the area opposite the Village Shop, back to the main hedge line. Clear all arisings and rotovate, stone bury and return the ground back to grass, including seeding throughout. Clear the roadway along to the houses from the bend of all the debris laying in the grass from the currently cut grass to the fence boundary. Removal of all arisings, rotovate and level and reseed throughout. From the houses to opposite the Church, cut back the overhanging vegetation hard to re-establish the verge, again to be prepared and seeded. If accepted the work could be carried out in mid-March.

After consideration it was unanimously decided to accept the quote. The clerk will contact J Kenney Services to arrange a date to start.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 The Clerk has reported to Highways the damaged sign outside Bridge Cottages, Stortford Road which appears to be caused by the recent high winds.

13.2 Cllr McIntock reported that Ongar Road – approximately 100 metres from the junction of Stortford Road is flooded with rain water appearing to be draining onto the road from adjacent fields. It appears the landowner has been examining the problem so hopefully it will be resolved soon. The clerk will monitor the flooding and report to Highways if necessary.

13.3 The clerk reported that she has received notice from Highways Streetwork Team of the intended closure of Wash Road, due to commence on 16<sup>th</sup> March for 3 days. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while Gigaclear undertake repair ducting.

13.4 The Chairman reported a Highways sign by the Fire Station blown down during the recent storm.



**New on-demand electric minibus service for residents in the Uttlesford, Braintree and Chelmsford area including LEADEN RODING**

Residents in Uttlesford, south Braintree and north-west Chelmsford areas can now access an exciting on-demand, fully electric minibus service called DigiGo. One of the first of its kind in the country, the service responds to demand rather than having set routes, with minibuses able to divert on and off journeys for passenger collection and drop off.

DigiGo connects rural communities in north Chelmsford, including Felsted, Little Dunmow, Barnston, **Leaden Roding**, Good Easter, Pleshey, Great Waltham, Little Waltham and Great Leighs to popular locations such as Chelmer Valley Park and Ride, Broomfield Hospital, and Writtle University College.

Meanwhile, the service in south Braintree connects villages, including Great Notley, Black Notley and Rayne, to Braintree Bus Interchange, Braintree Railway Station, Braintree Community Hospital, Springwood Industrial Estate, Great Notley Country Park and many other locations.

The new service operates seven days a week, from 7am to 10pm and caters for everyone; students, families, the elderly, and people travelling to work, with accessible minibuses available for people with disabilities, providing a flexible and environmentally friendly service for people who do not live close to public transport routes.

To book an on-demand journey, residents can download the TravelEssex planning app via their phone’s app store or visit [www.digigo.uk](http://www.digigo.uk). After ordering, passengers can pay for their journey via the app and track the location of their minibus in real time. Tickets for the service can also be pre-booked up to seven days in advance.

It’s easy to book a DigiGo journey via the [TravelEssex app](http://TravelEssex.app).

**Book** - Select your pick-up and drop-off points within our operational areas and pay on the app.

**Track** - Watch on your smartphone as your designated vehicle makes its way to you in real-time.

**Ride** - Hop on and off you go!

A journey can be booked to travel on-demand or up to 7 days in advance. Bookings are made and paid for on the TravelEssex app, where you can also track your vehicle in real time before and during the journey. All DigiGo drivers are enhanced DBS checked

**Operating times**

DigiGo operates 7 days a week, from 7am until 10pm everyday - we’ve got you covered for evenings and weekends!

Excluding Bank Holidays

Download and install the TravelEssex app from [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.travel.essex) or [Apple App Store](https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/travel-essex/id1488888888)

Distance	Adult	Under 18	Concession
0 to 2 miles	£2.50	£1.87	Free
2 to 4 miles	£4.00	£3.00	Free
4 to 6 miles	£6.00	£4.50	Free
7+ miles	£8.00	£6.00	Free

Concession's travel for free after 9am on weekdays and at all times at weekends. Before 9am on weekdays the standard fares apply. A young person on DigiGo services is classified as under 18 years of age.



## Do you restrict your use of power because you are worried about the bills?

Getting into arrears with your energy supplier or being forced to cut back your spending on food or other essentials can be bad for your physical, financial and emotional wellbeing.

Warm Homes Essex is a new service set up by Citizens Advice to provide practical advice and support to people who are finding it hard to heat their homes.

Our experienced, professional advisers can help in a number of different ways:

Making sure you are receiving all the benefits you are entitled to

Helping you with fuel debt if you have already fallen to arrears (in some cases we can apply to trusts and foundations to help pay these off – giving you a fresh start)

Energy saving around the home

Switching suppliers – working out which energy tariff is the best one for you

Helping you to join an oil club

Access to grants for energy saving improvements – we can help you find the best scheme and help you apply

Access to emergency fuel payments

**For more information speak to Kaleigh, our specialist energy adviser, on 01799 618858 or email [warm-homes@uttlesfordcab.cabnet.org.uk](mailto:warm-homes@uttlesfordcab.cabnet.org.uk)**

## The rising cost of heating your home

Over a quarter of homes in Uttlesford use Oil or LPG to heat their homes. Due to the recent situation in the Ukraine, heating oil prices and supply have been severely disrupted; prices continue to be very high and volatile, ranging from 90ppl to 150ppl.

During these unprecedented times, you may wish to consider ordering smaller quantities or waiting to top-up if possible. If you do need to place an order, it's even more important than usual to shop around to ensure you are getting the best price. You can do this on one of many price comparison websites:

[www.oil-club.co.uk](http://www.oil-club.co.uk)  
[www.boilerjuice.com/](http://www.boilerjuice.com/)  
[www.fueltool.co.uk/](http://www.fueltool.co.uk/)

**Joining your local heating oil club** is another great way of finding savings. Speak to your Parish Council or neighbourhood group. Or visit the Uttlesford District Council website for more information:

<https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/article/5783/Set-up-or-join-an-oil-club>

**With the price of oil at an all-time high, the risk of theft rises.** Make sure your heating oil is covered under your household insurance so that if thieves do strike, you will be able to make a claim to replace not just the lost oil, but also cover the cost of any repairs to the damage thieves may have done. However, be aware that most insurance companies will expect you to install some preventative measures, such as tank alarms, security lighting and other deterrents to try to stop your heating oil from being stolen.

**LPG is an alternative to heating oil for those not on mains gas.** Whilst fuel prices are higher than oil, boiler and tank replacement costs are much lower. You can find more information here:

<https://www.theheatinghub.co.uk/oil-verses-lpg>

**If you are struggling to heat your home and pay for oil, LPG, mains gas or electricity,** the team of energy specialists at Uttlesford Citizens Advice are here to help. They can check your benefit entitlements and offer advice on energy efficiency measures and home improvement grants. They can also provide support to manage fuel related or any other debts and access emergency funds on your behalf, if needed.

**If you would like to help people get the advice and confidence they need to tackle their problems,** Uttlesford Citizens Advice would love to hear from you! The local charity is in urgent need of volunteers who would like to train as advisers and someone with a background in accountancy or finance to join the board of trustees as Treasurer.

Your Local Oil Syndicate is :

Contact Marcelle [rodingsoilsyndicate@outlook.com](mailto:rodingsoilsyndicate@outlook.com)

the timetable promptly Parish Councillors unanimously decided to once again fund the green skip visits for 2022 accepting the timetable of 30-minute visits once a fortnight. The clerk has advertised the timetable on the village notice, board, village website and the March edition of the Leaden Reading.

7.11 The clerk received a letter of thanks from the Cllr Bush on behalf of her son and his family, one of the joint winners of the Christmas lights competition:

*My son Keith of 1 Leaden Hill Cottages has asked me to write to you with regard to the Christmas Lights competition in the village.*

*He would like to express his thanks to the Parish Councillors who judged the competition and awarded him joint first prize. He said that he always enjoys the challenge of seeing exactly how many lights he can put on his property!! He would like to express his thanks to the Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust Committee for the £25 prize which he received and to let you know that this money has been donated by him to the charity MIND to help with the good work they do with regard to help they give to people with mental health issues.*

*I personally, as a Parish Councillor, would like to say that it was once again a pleasure to see the village so "lit up" at Christmas. Some of the displays could be seen for miles. Certainly ensured that Leaden Roding was noticed. What a lovely impression people travelling through the area would get.*

## 8. FINANCE

8.1 The Chairman proposed that the following cheques be issued, this was seconded by Cllr Bush and carried unanimously.

£17.00 to Leaden Roding Village Hall Trust – hire of hall

£2, 244.00 to J Kenney Services – grass cutting fee for 2021.

£560.00 to Uttlesford District Council – Green skip visits in 2021

£52.80 to Rural Community Council for Essex – annual subscription

8.2 The clerk reported that prior to the above payments being made the Parish Council bank balances are: Current account - £14,705.87

Deposit account - £344.83

## 9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

9.1 The following planning application was circulated to Parish Councillors between meetings for comments:

5 Brownlows Close – Demolition of rear conservatory, erection of single-story rear – *no objections*

New Cottage, Dunmow Road – Proposed erection of 1 detached dwelling including alterations to existing vehicular access – Parish Councillors' comments were:

*Access of vehicles onto a busy road particularly if vehicles need to reverse out due to lack of space.*

*Entry and exit from parking area onto a busy road.*

9.2 Between meetings a 'Prior Notification' was brought to the Parish Council's attention for Barn adjacent to Chalks Farm, High Easter Road, although the Parish Council had not been given details by Uttlesford, the Parish Council was given the opportunity to give comments. Parish Councillors' comments were:

*Leaden Roding Parish Councillors have concerns regarding the entrance / exit to the property as it is directly on a blind bend as you come into the village. Although the application states "existing entrance / exit", could you please look into when this entrance/exit was approved as for many years there did not appear to be an entrance there at all but since the land has been made ready for development the owner has installed a gate and has taken the shrubbery away to widen the access. Although the piece of land is just within the 30mph limit Parish Councillors think it would prove very dangerous to exit plot.*

## 10. FOOTPATHS

10.1 Cllr Sutterby reported:

The following issues are still outstanding.

Footpath 1 - bottom of Longsted Lane, the footbridge detached from concrete base.

Footpath 5 - Leaden Hill, timber is rotting on the bridge over the river (ref 2711562).

Cllr Barker will continue to look into both issues as they have been outstanding for some time.

- 6.6 The Chairman reported that builders' vehicles were being parked on the grass at the entrance to Leaden Close but after a polite notice put on the vehicles by a resident, this seems to have stopped.
- 6.7 Cllr Wareham stated that vehicles from the car show room blocking the pavement outside the showroom are again proving to be a problem. Photos of the vehicles are being taken to report to the police and the Uttlesford Policing Team.
- 6.8 The Chairman stated that the clothing bank located at the Fire Station since 2015 has, to date, collected 10 tonnes of clothing which has raised £1,972.00 for charity.
- 6.9 The Chairman has been asked to host a defibrillator training evening in early May on behalf of Aythorpe Roding and High Roding Parish Councils, Leaden Roding residents will be welcome to attend.
- 6.10 The Chairman has arranged a village litter pick for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April meeting at 9.00am at the village hall.

7. CLERKS REPORT

- 7.1 The clerk reported the first meeting to organised village celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee has recently taken place. Representatives from the Parish Council, Village Hall Committee and Social Club Committee were all in attendance. It was decided to organise a bring-your-own evening picnic on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June from 4.00pm. An ice cream van will be in attendance to serve a free ice cream to all attendees, there will be live music, a Jubilee cake to be shared, games, the bar will be open, teas and coffees will also be available. The evening will finish with the lighting of a Jubilee Beacon at 9.45pm. The clerk will pay all invoices from Parish Council funds and then split the final total between the three committees.
- 7.2 Damaged soakaway at the corner of Dunmow Road and Holloway Crescent – not yet fixed, the clerk to report again.
- 7.3 Damage to footpath at entrance to Holloway Crescent by Finale driveway – reported but not yet repaired
- 7.4 Blocked drains outside 10 Holloway Crescent have been reported but not yet cleared.
- 7.5 The clerk has asked that Uttlesford remind residents of Holloway Crescent not to park on entrance road to Willow Green as it obstructs access for emergency vehicles – this will be monitored.
- 7.6 The clerk has enquired as to whether Highways are able install a VAS sign on the approach to the school on Dunmow Road and if so, the cost – no reply at this time.
- 7.7 The clerk has requested that the 30mph signs on Dunmow Road be extended further towards Aythorpe Roding. Cllr Barker has confirmed this has now been submitted to the Local Highways Panel for consideration.
- 7.8 The clerk confirmed that local police officer Russ Hinkins will be attending the Parish Council's Annual meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May to discuss concerns/answer questions on police matters. The clerk requested that Parish Councillors email her any questions they have for him so she will collate and pass on to PC Hinkins in advance so he can research any answers if necessary.
- 7.9 Field opposite the school, a resident clearly remembers a footpath to the right of the field in the past– at the last Parish Council meeting it was reported that Cllr Wareham found that public footpaths cannot be changed unless it has been agreed by the County Council or Central Government. Cllr Barker referred this to Public Rights of Ways for advice and was told there was never a footpath at the location. As the resident was adamant a footpath was there years before, Cllr Barker will seek further information.
- 7.10 Between meetings the clerk was emailed from Uttlesford, a list of dates for 2022 Green Skip visits. This year the visits are proposed for 30 minutes every 2 weeks instead of the monthly visit for an hour as in previous years. As Uttlesford requested an acceptance of



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 Great Dunmow  
 Essex CM6 1DA  
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## How to get help from Uttlesford Citizens Advice

The last 18 months have been hard on many of us. It is estimated that more than 3,000 households in Uttlesford are already struggling to pay their bills or cutting back on food or their use of gas or electricity to pay for other household essentials.

If you are worried, you are not alone. Please get in touch with our team of trained advisers for help to access:

- Universal Credit & Disability Benefits
- Benefits for working families
- Support for carers
- Help from your local council, such as council tax support
- Help to save money on your energy bills & grants to improve energy efficiency
- Budgeting & debt support
- Employment advice & access to support for job seekers
- Support with housing and homelessness issues
- Emergency funds for prescriptions and other household essentials
- Local foodbanks and children's clothes banks
- School holiday support

Remember, you don't need to be on benefits to ask for our help. **Our advice is available to everyone and is always free, confidential and impartial.** We will work with you to overcome barriers and solve problems that may be preventing you from sleeping well at night.

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**Facebook: Friends of Roding Primary School**

**Facebook: Leaden Roding Village**

**Facebook: Leaden Roding Fire Station**

**Facebook: St Michael and all Angels Church, Leaden Roding**

**Facebook: The Axe & Compasses**

*(please inform us of any other sites of interest to be listed)*

**Please be aware that there are several other sites which use the Leaden Roding name which have adverts from organisations outside of the village, advertising events etc outside of the village**



## RODINGS SCHOOL

### Young Voices to a Platinum Jubilee and Welcoming New Friends

The lovely thing about the summer term at Rodings is that many of our special events happen at this time of year. This year has been no exception.

We have the most amazing choir led by the very talented Miss Raban. They put events on all year round including concerts and showcases at Fun days etc. However, the highlight of their year is Young Voices at the O2 in London.

Rehearsals start in September, learning new songs and some very intricate choreography. On the day they travel to the O2 for final rehearsals with the other schools involved before putting on a 7pm show to thousands of parents.

The children and their families love this event so much and it was amazing to return to the O2 for the first time in two years.

The Choir are currently putting an album together which will be accompanied by a music video. True professionals!

Well done to Miss Raban and the other adults involved for their hard work and dedication.

#### Jubilee celebrations

We love an opportunity to have a party at Rodings and the Platinum Jubilee was no exception. The children dressed up in red, white and blue before enjoying a street party with traditional fish and chips for lunch.

It was an amazing atmosphere and a lovely way to celebrate this historic event.

#### New Friends

We have all been distressed by the terrible scenes that have emerged from Ukraine and the thought of having to flee our homeland to seek safety and shelter seems unthinkable in this day and age.

Over the past few weeks we have welcomed children who have fled Ukraine and are being hosted by local families. Once again the generosity of local residents has been humbling. Whether it has been as a host family, donating clothing and home essentials or offering English lessons, the community in the Rodings has pulled together once again.

The children are doing well and we look forward to learning more from them.

#### Change to Admission Applications

From April 1st 2022 Essex County Council will no longer be responsible for mid-year applications at Rodings. These applications will become the responsibility of the school. The idea is that children transferring schools can be processed more efficiently, making the transition between schools smoother. Mid-year applications are classed as any application that is not in the normal application cycle e.g. when children start in reception class at the age of 4 years old.

We have opened up a dedicated page on our website for parents to apply for places. The link can be found here: [Rodings Primary Mid-year Application Form](#)

If we do not have a space then the application will be forwarded onto Essex County Council who will find an alternative school space for the child.

This application link does not apply to people that want places in reception for September 2023. These applications will still be dealt with by Essex County Council. The application window for these places will open in November 2022.

Take care!

Mr Raraty - Headteacher

## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL & COUNCILLORS

Clerk for the Parish Council - Terry Bell Tel. 01279 876045 e-mail [terrybell19@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:terrybell19@yahoo.co.uk)

### LEADEN RODING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at Leaden Roding village hall.

**Present:** P.Sutterby (Chair), M.Whitehead (Vice-Chair), Mrs Bush, J. McIntock, D.Wareham and District Councillor Susan Barker.

#### Members of the public: 2

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

None

#### 3. MINUTES

3.1 The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were proposed by the Chairman as a true record, seconded by Cllr Bush and carried unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

#### 4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

4.1A resident expressed her concerns when she witnessed a parent who had collected a young child from Rodings School walking a fair distance in front of the child, then without looking at the child, crossed Dunmow Road with the child doing the same at a distance behind him, the resident was very concerned that if there were cars in the vicinity an accident would have occurred. The Chairman asked the clerk to contact the headmaster to express these concerns and ask if he would request that parents be more vigilant with regards to road safety when dropping off or collecting children.

#### 5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

5.1 Cllr Barker was very pleased to report that 2 local landowners have dug up to 6 feet of ditches by the church searching for drainage pipes to try to alleviate the flooding problems on Stortford Road. The work they have done appears to have resolved the flooding problem at this time. The clerk will email the landowners to thank them.

5.2 Cllr Barker stated that an application for an extension of the 30-mph speed limit on Dunmow Road towards Aythorpe Roding has now been submitted to the Local Highways Panel.

5.3 Cllr Barker reported that for the next financial year Council Tax has increased from 3.09% to 4.4% per household. She stated that low-income households will be able to claim rebates of up to £150.

#### 6. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

6.1 Cllr Bush reported that the heating in the flats in 5 to 15a Holloway Crescent is not working at this time. Residents tried calling the emergency telephone number to report this but there was no reply. The clerk will email Uttlesford to enquire if there are any changes on how Uttlesford Council tenants report problems in an emergency.

6.2 The Chairman reported that there were no knives handed in at the recent Knife Amnesty organised at Leaden Roding Fire Station recently.

6.3 After discussing with the Headmaster at Rodings School, the Chairman reported that during speed testing by police assisted by some of the school children on 19<sup>th</sup> January, a number of people were stopped with 5 drivers due to be prosecuted.

6.4 The Chairman confirmed that, as advertised, the Green Waste skip visited the school layby, Dunmow Road for the first time this year on 6<sup>th</sup> March (see below).

6.5 The chairman reported that after recent storm damage a tree blown over into Dunmow Road opposite the Granaries was made safe and then removed within 24 hours.



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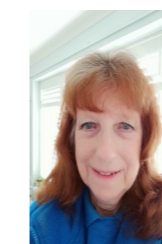
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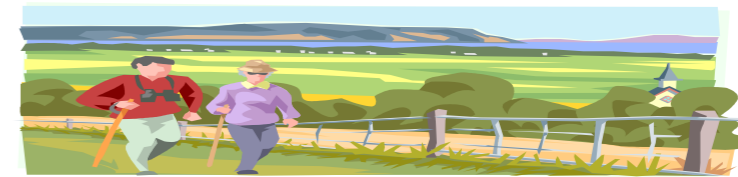
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## Rodings Walking Group 2020

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Up and coming walks are 3rd July Morton Church,, 7th August Pleshey Church, 4th Sept Felsted Church.

### Mutts in Distress, (Little Hallingbury) News

Unfortunately, Merlin who I featured in the March edition is still looking for his forever home. He remains happy at Mutts but he would really love a home of his own. In the meantime, I will continue to take him to his training class as he loves it so much!

#### Fundraising

I continue to help fundraise for Mutts in Distress. For those of you who don't know we have a "Mutts in Distress Sales Group" on face book where myself and two others sell various items. Most of these items are new and we sell them at bargain prices with 100% of the money going towards helping the existing dogs and to help rescue more dogs. These items include household items, jewellery, toys, games, jigsaws, craft items and much much more, in fact just about everything! We have even sold tickets to concerts which have kindly been donated to us. If you wish to have a look, please

join our page and help us to help them. Items can be collected from myself in Leaden Roding if requested.

#### Dogs for Rehoming

##### Peter



Meet little Peter. Peter is a young Jack Russell Terrier. We don't know what happened to him as he was found as a stray but he is a very scared little boy. Because of this Peter will need a very special and understanding quiet, calm home with no children and where he won't be left for too long. He will probably benefit from living with another small dog who can help teach him that the world is not a bad place but he cannot live with cats. Peter is not a dog who is ready to sit and cuddle just yet, he will need time to be allowed to settle at his own pace and come to you when he feels ready. He will need safe

places around the house, somewhere to hide or even a crate where he can go to if he feels overwhelmed. Peter would like a secure rear garden where he can explore when he feels ready because at this stage going out for a walk on a lead in the big wide world is too stressful for him.

I have been working closely with Peter and he is making progress. He is now learning to walk on a lead and he is beginning to trust me. It just shows what a bit of patience and understanding can do. I can pick him up and he will lay in my arms. He is going to make someone very happy when he grows in confidence.

People often ask me how I cope with volunteering at a rescue centre. My answer is always the same, I deal with it by giving the animals as much love as I can whilst I am there, like all the volunteers and staff do. Every little step is a big step for dogs like Peter, and believe me it is so rewarding to see even just those little steps.

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### Ghost

Ghost is an absolutely stunning looking large sized dog. He is 4 years old and absolutely adores people and loves attention! In fact, he has a very cheeky and fun personality! Ghost would love a home with an active family who could take him on lovely long walks. He does jump up and because of this and his size he will not be rehomed with small children. Although Ghost is fantastic with people, he can be unpredictable with other dogs and due to this we cannot mix him with any other dogs. Neither can he be rehomed with cats or small furries.



If you are interested in adopting Peter or Ghost or in fact any other dog we have at Mutts in Distress, then please do not hesitate to contact me on 07921 611347 or e-mail me at keelyrobinson@live.com

Keely Robinson (Leaden Roding resident and volunteer for Mutts in Distress)

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**Residents of Leaden Roding and surrounding villages**  
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**Tuesday 12th July 2022**  
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In June members of the Community Police visited the village handing out update leaflets on the work they do.

**Uttlesford Updates**

PC Sampson and PCSO Morris have been out in the parishes of Littlebury Green and Great Chesterford carrying out speed checks. The highest speed reported was 48mph in a 30mph.

PCSO Morris and PCSO O'Donnell Smith attended the Repair Cafe event in Radwinter. They spent the day marking property and speaking to residents.

Local PCSO Natalie Smith visited Great Dunmow primary school to speak about her role and answer any questions the children may have. She then spent the afternoon on foot patrol in the High Street and Doctors Pond areas of Great Dunmow.

The Saffron Walden Town Team and Essex Police Fraud Prevention Team visited the WI in Saffron Walden to carry out a fraud and personal safety talk. The talk covered a range of topics including: credit card scams, rogue traders, burglary advice and vehicle safety.

The Community Policing Team attended the Walden Walk event being held in Saffron Walden by the Rotary Club to raise money for local charities.

The Uttlesford Community Safety Partnership have worked alongside Great Dunmow Town Council to fit a permanent knife amnesty bin within the town, this is the first of its kind in the Uttlesford district. The bin is situated in White Street, Great Dunmow.

Follow us on our Uttlesford Facebook page for more local updates.

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