



# **SOUTHMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Parish Council Report November 2020**

Have you seen the Christmas Lights in the village? Unfortunately we can't build on the success of last year's light switch on due to Covid but, we felt it was very important that we increased the lights this year so Father Christmas would know that the children of Southminster have been extra special this year, not complaining when they have missed out on so much. Lets all keep our fingers crossed that next year we can have the village switch on again and maybe a Christmas Fayre.

A remote switch on will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020, Thanks to Cllr Wyn-Davis and Cllr Anderson for all your hard work.

Thank you to Martyn & Toni Monks, Ken Neale and Andrea Neale who kindly tidied the war graves in the village ahead of Remembrance Day, Lest We Forget.

Southminster Parish Council have been award a grant of £1000 from the Essex Locality Fund, this will be used towards a project planned at Jubilee Woods for the community.

Councillor Vacancy – Would you like to get involved with your local community, are you interested in what happens in your village? We currently have one vacancy, Please contact the Clerk for further information.

Allotment rents are now due, Please contact the Clerk to make payment or see the noticeboards at the allotments for further information.

There are currently vacancies at Pantile Hill and Pump Mead Allotments, please contact the Clerk should you wish to rent one.

Parish Meetings – Meetings are still being held, they are virtual meetings using Zoom. Should any parishioner wish to join the meeting please contact the Parish Clerk before 3pm on the day of the meeting to obtain the meeting ID and Password.

Parish Office – The Parish Office has been closed, however the Clerk is working from home, please email [southminsterpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:southminsterpc@yahoo.co.uk) or telephone 07954370846.

High Street Toilets – The toilets will be closed until further notice.

During October 2020, during 6 Trucam patrols, 18 offenders were caught. Four penalty charge notices were issued and 127 vehicles were moved on, when a vehicle is moved on, it means that the allocated five minutes before a notice can be issued has not been met. Disabled drivers displaying a blue badge are permitted to park on double yellow lines for up to three hours.

Potholes, road surface and footpath issues can be reported online via Essex Highways or please contact the Clerk with any concerns to report.

Please note that dog waste can be put into litter bins as well as dog waste bins. Thank you to all Parishioners who do pick up after their dogs, please can I remind everyone that it is an offence not to pick up after you dog and should you be caught a fine will be issued. Please also note that King George V Memorial field does not permit dogs.

Please report to the police/parish office if you are a victim of crime. The Parish Council would like to stop this anti-social behaviour increasing. Community Protection Officers can be reached on 01621 875850 or 07808093464.

Best Wishes, The Clerk.