



# **SOUTHMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Parish Council Report December 2020**

Thank you to Staff and Children at Southminster Primary School for the beautiful displays on the roundabout this year, I hope you agree that they brighten the roundabout.

Have you seen the Christmas Lights in the village?, Unfortunately we couldn'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.

Whilst we are all keeping our fingers crossed for next year's village switch on, now is a good time to share the news that the Parish Councillors have been working on a project for Jubilee Woods, in the early part of 2021 there will be tree felling/maintenance to improve the facility, an additional dog bin installed and the purchase of carved woodland animals to enhance the wood. Southminster Parish Council were gifted a donation of £1000 from County Councillor Pratt on behalf of the Essex Locality Fund, which will be used towards costs. This is an exciting project as many have used various walks around the village during the pandemic and going forward this will be a free experience open to everyone. Thankyou to Cllr Pratt for the donation and Thankyou to Cllr Mische, Cllr Harrold and Cllr Anderson for your continued hard work on this project. There will be further updates as the project progresses and we will be looking for community volunteers to get involved.

Thank you to everyone who takes the time to report street lights or other issues around the village.

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 November 2020, during 3 Trucam patrols, 0 offenders were caught. Two penalty charge notices were issued and 53 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.

The Parish Office will be closed Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 inclusive.

A last note: The next Parish Meeting will be held via Zoom on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm, Please see notice boards or website for details.

Merry Christmas and A Very Happy New Year, Best Wishes, The Clerk.