



SOUTHMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council Report January 2021

Happy New Year.

Looking ahead to a hopefully more normal 2021, it was agreed at the Parish Council meeting held on 8th February 2021, that the Christmas lights would be in the village again for Christmas 2021.

Members also voted to see a return of the fantastic firework display that was held in 2019. This will be provisionally booked in the hope that the event will be allowed to go ahead. Should we still be in restrictions the event will be put on hold until 2022.

King George V Memorial Field – Vandalism has yet again taken place, not only were the individuals breaking lockdown rules they have also caused unnecessary damage and expense to the parish.

The Community Protection Officers have been moving people on from the park who are using the area to walk their dogs. Please be advised dogs are not allowed at King George V Memorial Field.

Please be aware that CCTV is in operation at the King George V Memorial Field, any images obtained regarding antisocial behaviour or vandalism will always be forwarded to the Police and Community Protection Officers.

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 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 or telephone 07954370846.

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

During January 2021 14 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 Monday 15th February 2021 to Sunday 21st February 2021 inclusive.

A last note: The next Parish Meeting will be held via Zoom on the 15th March 2021 at 6pm, Please see notice boards or website for details.

Best Wishes,
The Clerk.