

## SOUTHMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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## Parish Council Report April 2021

Jubilee Woods has been awarded a donation of £460, from Essex County Council Community Initiatives Mirco Grants Fund, this will be used for a Buddy/Reflection bench.

Picnic benches at King George V Memorial Field and benches at Southfield Way have been painted in preparation for the good weather.

We now have football teams playing on the King George V Memorial field on Saturday's and Sunday's.

There has been vandalism at Pump Mead allotments, the allotments are an enjoyable recreation, please can unsupervised children be discouraged from going into the allotments.

Dog Waste, it has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that someone is dumping large bags of dog waste in public alleyways. This is not acceptable, if you are taking the time to move it from your home to a public area, please find a dog waste bin or a litter bin and put it in there. At the present time, it has been cleared away by Maldon District Council, but it is treated as fly tipping, should this continue, further investigations will be made with a view to prosecution.

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.

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

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.

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 streetlights or other issues around the village.

Pantile Hill and Pump Mead Allotments are now full, should you wish to go on the waiting list, Please contact the Clerk.

Parish Office – The Parish Office is closed, however the Clerk is working from home, please email <a href="mailto:southminsterpc@yahoo.co.uk">southminsterpc@yahoo.co.uk</a> or telephone 07954370846.

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

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

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.