**We are pleased to announce that Theydon Mount has a new Parish Council!**

**Your Parish Council comprises of five longstanding, like minded local-residents who have rural values at heart:**

**Heather Brady** – a long-standing Parish Councillor and also District Councillor. She has a wealth of experience and sits on the Planning Committee.

**Keith Farrow** – our second long-standing Parish Councillor with a professional background in land use and landscape and worked for Essex County Council in planning development until he retired.

**Peter Connell** – a newly elected Councillor who is a senior partner with a local solicitors offering our parish council valuable legal knowledge.

**Hilliard Brewitt** – a global retail executive now a part-time retail consultant and a Pension Trustee.

**Patrick Bamford** – a semi-retired accountant with a wealth of experience in project development and financing.

**Our Key Objectives:**

* **At a strategic level** your parish council will support sympathetic and appropriate development that is not detrimental to the parish but will oppose exploitation of the Green Belt that is harmful to the parish and environment.
* **At a local level** we will strive to keep the parish residents informed of issues that will impact them.
* **Lobby the Highways Authority** to mend potholes and otherwise keep our lanes in good repair.
* **Encourage the clearance of litter** and vigorously press for the prosecution of ‘fly tipping’ and the dumping of waste.
* **Support and encourage initiatives** for road safety and visual amenity, endeavor to keep hedges in good trim.
* **Undertake** appropriate landscape enhancement programme, planting trees and encouraging the establishment of hedgerows to form wildlife corridors and encourage the maintenance of public footpaths and rights of way through the parish.

Theydon Mount is a small spread out community with 175 residents on the electoral role. A primary objective of your new Parish Council is to keep residents informed of issues that could impact you.

We are also very keen to increase Community Spirit and hope to hold events to bring us all closer together. One idea is to re-introduce the annual parish barbeque and make it a fun event for all ages!

Our new logo – the phone box at the junction of Mount Road and Mount End Road, was adopted by the parish some years ago and was recently refurbished. We would love to hear your ideas for putting the phone box to use: e.g., maybe a book swapping library, seed exchange or the inclusion of a map of the parish?

If you have suggestions or questions, please contact us at[**theydonmountparishcouncil@gmail.com**](mailto:theydonmountparishcouncil@gmail.com)