

Paglesham Parish Council Newsletter Issue 3 Winter/Spring 2024

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Welcome to the Winter / Spring edition of the Parish Council newsletter!

Who are the Parish Councillors?

Parish Councillors 2024-25:

Mr. D Whittingham (Chairperson)

Mr. K Bench (Vice- Chairperson)

Mr. S Cane

Mr. M Corr

Meet the Parish Councillors:



David is married with two grown up boys and three grandchildren. He has lived in the village for over 30 years and served on the PVPA for 11 years, 7 as Chairman. He has also served as a Parish Councillor since 2004 and is currently Chairman. Other interests include: playing golf; badminton; walking. He is passionate about Paglesham, its history and way of life.



How can you contact the Parish Council?

The Parish Council can be contacted through the Clerk (Mr. B Summerfield) at:

bsummvint@hotmail.com

(Tel:)1702 549308)

What does the Parish council do?

Paglesham Parish Council consists of 5 councillors and 1 member of staff. The parish council strives to improve the quality of life for the residents of the village. All parish councillors form part of the Paglesham Village Trust (PVT) and are therefore trustees of the village.

What is the Parish Council responsible for?

The Parish Council is responsible for the following:

- Street lighting
- Maintenance and updating of noticeboards
- Maintenance of the village defibrillators
- Providing grants to local community groups
- General village maintenance
- Consulted on all local parish planning applications

Complaints about public rights of way (footpaths) should be forwarded to B Summerfield at the above address



Kevin Bench has had links with Paglesham over a period of 12 years. He is keen to be involved with village life and he currently serves on the PVPA as Chairman and on the Parish Council in the role of Vice- Chairman.



Stephen Cane has lived in Paglesham for more than 20 years. He is married with two grown up children and three grandchildren. Now semi-retired, he spent his career working in the financial sector in the City of London.



Martin Corr was born and grew up in Hullbridge before moving to Paglesham in 1997 with his wife Sam. They have three grown up daughters. Martin loves living in the village and being part of a community whilst also appreciating the tranquillity that village life brings.

When do we meet?

The parish Council meets at least bi-monthly on a Thursday at 7.30 pm.

Where do we meet?

The Parish Council meetings are held at The Mission Hall.

When is our next meeting?

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, 4th April 2024 at 7:30 pm** (all welcome).

News in general:

The Plough and Sail

Car park flooding continues to be a problem after heavy rain at The Plough and Sail. Continued lobbying by the Parish Council and Rochford District Council have resulted in Essex County Council commissioning an investigation into a long-term solution that will prevent the pub car park from flooding in the future.

Frances Field

This green field area has, for some time now, been a village asset, making it available to our community as a site where children can play, a place where families can picnic and dogs can be walked as well, of course, as the location for the Paglesham village show in the summer. The field is regularly maintained by members of the PVT and PVPA so that we can all enjoy the field at its best. Did you know, though, that for a small fee, villagers can hire the field for private functions? Contact David Whittingham if interested on 01702 258616.

HMS Beagle

As a result of funding secured by The Parish Council from Rochford District Council, railings and an information board have been erected by the anchor installation in Frances' Field to commemorate the village's connections with HMS Beagle which Charles Darwin sailed on. Another information board is to be erected soon along the sea wall at the site of the dry dock where the boat was once moored.



Barry Summerfield has been Clerk to the Parish Council since 2014. He has a wealth of experience in parish council matters, serving several local parish councils in this role. On the Parish Council, his primary functions are to advise councillors on all the legal aspects of Parish Council decision making and, as Responsible Financial Officer, to advise and keep up to date all aspects of the Councils' financial transactions.

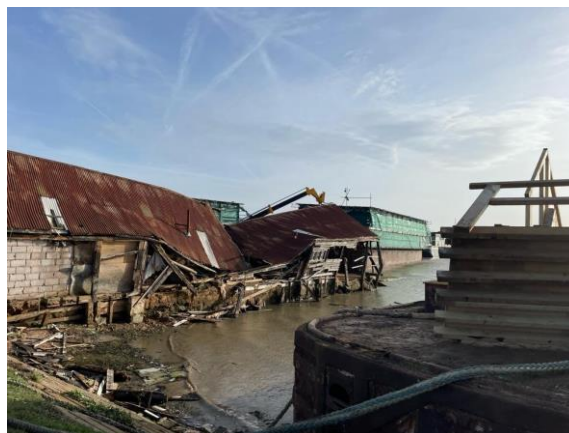
Goodbye Val...

Val McVittie sadly decided to step down from her role as a Parish Councillor in the summer after a period of more than 20 years. In recognition of her dedicated service, an award was made to Val by the Parish Council on behalf of the village. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Val for her valued service and wish her well in her retirement from village politics.



Boat shed at Shuttlewood's Boatyard

The boat shed at Shuttlewood's Boatyard, which is a grade 1 listed building was destroyed reportedly (according to a local newspaper) by the recent high winds. The Parish Council is liaising with Rochford District Council to establish what next steps can be taken relating to the possible restoration of the boat shed so that it will be sympathetic to the original nature of the structure.



Bleed kit

Due to the remote location of our village and, therefore, the inevitable long response times of the emergency services to attend an incident in Paglesham, the Parish Council has secured a bleed kit for the village which is housed in the defibrillator location in East End (the former telephone box in near the Plough and Sail pub). This kit is designed to treat major injuries or control bleeding until professional medical treatment can be received.

Hello Vivien Bczynski!

The Parish Council is pleased to share that vacancy for Parish Councillor created by Val's departure has now been filled following the appointment of Vivien as Parish Councillor. Welcome to the Parish Council team Vivien!

Paglesham oyster pit jetty repaired

The jetty, which once housed a seat overlooking the river but which was destroyed due to a tragic incident a few summers ago, has now been repaired on behalf of The Paglesham Village Trust due to funding provided by Shuttlewood's Boatyard.

PVT oyster pit area

The Parish Village Trust own moorings which are overseen by the Roach Sailing Association. If you have a small boat which you would like to moor in Paglesham, please contact Mark Lyons on 07748 483007 for further information.

Potholes

A survey of potholes was undertaken along the Paglesham Road before Christmas and forwarded to Essex Highways. Please feel free to report any additional potholes to Barry Summerfield at bsummvint@hotmail.com citing the exact location (preferably using the What3Words app)

Bus shelter

A request has been made to the Parish Council for an environmentally friendly bus shelter to be located opposite the Plough and Sail Pub (where the current bus stop is situated). The matter has been referred to the appropriate body and a decision is pending.

Streetlighting

The Parish Council is responsible for ensuring the village is sufficiently well lit at night to guarantee the continued safety of the community. If you notice any streetlights are faulty, please email Barry Summerfield at bsummvint@hotmail.com or telephone on 01702 549308

The Punchbowl

The Parish Council is pleased at the return of The Punchbowl in Church End to the centre of the community following its closure 6 years ago. We as a Parish Council congratulate Sally and Rob Beaumont on their opening in January and wish them well with their new venture. We urge members of our community (if you haven't done so already!!) to pop in and meet Sally, Rob and team, have a drink or two and/or a meal.

Speed limit

The Parish Council, following complaints made by local residents at the speed of certain vehicles into and out of the village, has agreed to support a 30 mile per hour speed limit for the whole of the Paglesham Road. The process of changing a road speed limit is, however, a long and arduous one and can only take effect if there is sufficient support. **Decisions regarding changes to the speed limit can only be made by Essex Highways and so residents who would like a change to the speed limit are requested to contact Essex Highways direct with their complaint.**

Stephenson's bus service

Stephenson's of Essex provide the 60 and 60A services to and from Southend. This service is funded by Essex County Council. Due to budget restrictions, ECC is regularly reviewing the provision of its bus services and if we as a community fail to make the most of this service, we face losing it. Currently a single ticket from Paglesham to Southend is subsidised and capped at £2 (and so cheaper than using the car for the day!!)

Essex Mobile Library Service

Paglesham is fortunate to receive visits from Essex Mobile Library Service on Fridays every 3 weeks stopping opposite The Plough and Sail Pub between 12.15 and 12.45. The visit dates for the rest of 2024 are as follows:

- 15th March
- 5th April
- 26th April
- 17th May
- 7th June
- 28th June
- 19th July
- 9th August
- 30th August
- 20th September
- 11th October
- 1st November
- 22nd November
- 13th December

Trees for the village

The Paglesham Village Trust has secured a total of 10 trees from Essex County Council as part of its *Essex Forest Initiative*. 6 trees have been planted in Frances Field and 4 have been planted in the grounds of the Mission Hall.