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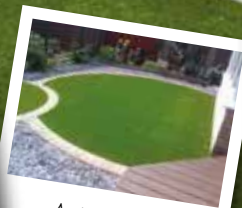
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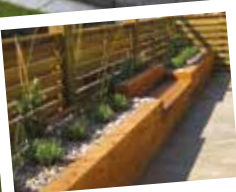
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Dear fellow Springfield Resident,

Welcome to the 2019/2020 Annual Report for Springfield Parish Council, incorporating our Spring/Summer Newsletter.

The Parish Centre had to close its doors in March due to the unprecedented lockdown. At the time of writing, I anticipate that we will have welcomed back the pre-school in June and seen the re-opening of the library in July. Hopefully the other facilities can re-open shortly too. I know that this much appreciated community facility has been missed.

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Cllr Ms Susan Sullivan

Chairman, Springfield Parish Council

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Chairman's Report 2019/2020

Welcome to the 2019/2020 Annual Report which provides an overview of Springfield Parish Council's activities on your behalf over the last 12 months.

This has been another busy year. We had Parish Council elections in May 2019 which were uncontested and welcomed three new Councillors, Rose Moore, David Havell and Mandy Girling (co-opted). You can see them later in the report.

Two longstanding Parish Councillors, Paul Hutchinson and Duncan Lumley, chose to stand down at the election. Both have been strong supporters of the people of Springfield and have in the past served as Mayors of the City. I thank them both for their long service and work on behalf of you all.

Your Council has continued to monitor and control all aspects of expenditure with a sharp focus on value for money. As a result, we have been able to reduce the annual parish precept by £1.24 (2.41%) which I am sure will be welcome news. More details are available from the Finance & Policy Committee later in this publication.

The number of residents in the parish continues to grow as a result of the development of Beaulieu. We welcome all our new neighbours and hope that they quickly settle in and build friendships. As a result of the new homes, we have received funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy and are working on projects that will enhance our parish offerings.

We continue to work with the Essex County Council's library team. Following their consultation on branch libraries across the county, we are confident that we will get a good result for our branch.

Sadly we had to cancel plans for this year's Annual Parish Assembly. All Councillors missed the opportunity to meet with our residents. Please remember that you are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings which are currently being held on-line as a result of social distancing guidelines.

The links are published on our website and displayed on our noticeboards.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Clerk Mrs Barbara Larken and her team. My fellow Councillors join me in paying tribute to their hard work and support.

We especially thank them for their flexibility in continuing to work during the lockdown to ensure continued support to all our parishioners.

Cllr Ms Susan Sullivan

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NHW holds very well attended regular meetings whereby crime prevention and good advice is shared. Our local Councillors attend as do representatives from our local policing team.

Springfield is a low crime area but not crime free and members are encouraged to promote a good neighbour ethos. Report all crime. NHW is also in contact with all our local schools sharing the latest crime trends and youth problems being experienced by our communities.

The latest crime trend involves vehicle exhaust damage and theft. Catalytic convertors are being stolen from Hybrid cars and other vehicles. The convertors contain some rare metals which are very valuable up to £2000-£3000 an ounce. Hybrid cars run mostly on an electric motor and a petrol engine, using the electric motor for propulsion means the cars catalytic exhaust becomes less polluted. Thieves have discovered this, and it makes the convertors contents more valuable.

Cars most at risk are some Lexus RX 400h models (2005-2008), the Honda Jazz, the Toyota Auris and Prius. New car convertors now contain less rare metals. If you own one of these models seek advice from your car dealer on how to make the exhaust more secure.

Long term car parks are a hotspot for this type of crime, including Broomfield Hospital.

Please contact **neighbourhoodjim@virginmedia.com** if you require any advice or information on NHW.

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Library members also made over 1,800 bookings on our Peoples Network computers. These are amazing figures for a library which is mostly community led and staffed by volunteers.

As you are aware, we are living and working in different times due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. This has altered the service we offer to our customers. At the time of writing Springfield Library has reduced opening hours Tuesday 10am – 1pm Thursday 10am – 5pm and Friday 10am-1pm. For all the up to date information regarding what Essex Libraries is providing please visit libraries.essex.gov.uk. Many of our services are available from home via our website or our YouTube channel including rhyme times and book reviews.

In order to continue to provide this service, we are looking for additional volunteers to support the library. We ask for a regular commitment of at least 2 hours a week and for you to be over 18 years old. Interested? Then please pop into Springfield library and have a chat with a volunteer or visit our website libraries.essex.gov.uk to register your interest.



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The community led library has all the features of an Essex Library; a fantastic range of choice in adult fiction and non-fiction plus large print and spoken word titles are also available for loan. For the younger generation there is a wide range of books, starting with Board Books for the very young, leading onto the Picture books where we meet Elmer, Pepper Pig and Percy the Park Keeper amongst the shelves. There are many starting to read books perfect for young readers to practice their skills. When a child becomes more confident, a wide range of longer length or chapter children's fiction are waiting to be loaned on the shelves. There is also a comprehensive selection of Young Adult fiction. To assist with homework there are shelves of children's non-fiction where questions about Tudors, Dinosaurs and how to look after your rabbit can be answered.

For pre-schoolers, come along to Rhyme time on a Thursday afternoon 2-2.30pm and join in with rhymes and stories. (currently suspended due to the social isolation regulations but you can still join in with our online rhymes – follow us on Facebook, Chelmsford Central Library for your local libraries or Essex Library Services for the countywide information)

The Peoples Network has computers where library members can log on and access the internet, apply for jobs and read and send emails. Recently the People's Network was updated to Windows 10 machines to improve the customer experience. Currently printing is suspended but keep informed of the changes via our website libraries.essex.gov.uk

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Every summer, Essex Libraries runs the Summer Reading Challenge. This is a free reading scheme from the Reading Agency where children are encouraged to read 6 books over the summer holidays and receiving stickers for each book they read. Once completed there is a certificate and a medal for the triumphant reader.



This year's theme is The Silly Squad and runs until September – this year the scheme is run totally online via The Reading Agency website [visit summertimechallenge.org.uk](http://visit.summertimechallenge.org.uk) sign up and get reading!



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Springfield Parish Council continues to manage the Chelmer Village Hall charity through a management committee of parish councillors. The hall is a charity and is for the benefit of all parish residents.

The management committee has continued their programme of refurbishment and improvements. This year the following work has been carried out:

- Replacement wooden sleepers for the outside area
- Relaying the front pathway
- New signage to clearly identify the hall for customers
- A new water heater for the downstairs kitchen and replacement taps
- Improvements to fire signage around the building
- Upgrades to the fire alarm system to ensure ease of emergency light testing and upgrades to the release mechanisms on the front doors.

Recently the Premises & Facilities Manager at Springfield Parish Council helped us by applying for a Big Lottery Grant to replace the internal doors. We were delighted to hear recently that a grant of £10,000 had been awarded. Thank you to all involved in applying for this grant.

At our AGM in July we were delighted to rename the recently refurbished committee room 'The Roy Smith Room' in memory of one of our fellow councillors and management committee members. Roy's family joined us to unveil a name plaque. This is a fitting memorial to someone who worked hard to keep the hall open.

The Roy Smith Room is an ideal space for small meetings or events. Whilst the Main Hall is an excellent venue for its regular activities it can also be booked for private parties, with optional extras such as a pre-booked licensed bar and buffets available on request.

Hall bookings can be made by contacting the booking administrator on 07716 790510 or email cvhbookings@hotmail.co.uk. Just leave a short message and the booking clerk will get back to you.

Finally, the management committee would like to thank all the parish council staff for their hard work in ensuring the improvements to the hall continue, as well as the booking administrator and caretaking staff for their contribution in ensuring this valuable asset to Chelmer Village remains available and open for all the community to use.



Springfield community garden

Situated at the rear of the parish centre car park is the Springfield Parish community garden.

Like all keen gardeners we are looking forward to leaving the cold of winter behind and welcoming in the warmer weather so that we can start to enjoy the outside again.

Grateful thanks and much appreciation goes to our volunteer gardener, Pat whose hard work ensures that the garden always looks its best and to our latest volunteers, Arthur and Margaret, who come along on Thursday mornings to assist Pat. Along with the financial support of the parish council and the assistance of the parish council handymen the garden continues to flourish.

We welcome visitors to come and enjoy the garden; as a place of relaxation, to take your lunch from the cafeteria, or sit and enjoy a coffee and cake away from the humdrum of daily life.

The warmer weather brings an increase in the maintenance of the garden and as they say 'many hands make light work' so should you have any spare time, particularly on a Thursday morning, come along! Any help would be greatly appreciated from just sweeping to light weeding, helping with planting to some light digging.



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A wide range of activities take place at the Centre each week such as pre-school, Afternoon Clubs (Bingo, Indoor Bowls, Tea Dance), various types of fitness classes for all ages, language classes, Tai-Chi, Brownies, Guides, Springfield Art Group, Springers A.O.D.S., Badminton, Aerobics, Lace making, Tumble Tots, Kumon, Springfield Camera Club, Knitting Machine Club, Pilates, Line Dancing, Children's Ballet, Sounds Right Phonics, Little Stars Theatre, Tokon Kai Karate and Freestyle Rock n Roll.

Contact details for these clubs/organisations can be found later in this publication, on the Parish Council notice boards or look at our web site **www.springfield-pc.gov.uk**.

Chelmers Village Hall

Chelmers Village Hall, located in the Village Square, Chelmer Village is also available for hire most weekends for functions, parties, and events.

Currently there is availability for licensed functions on Saturday evenings and as previously mentioned the bar manager will provide buffet refreshments, etc., for pre-booked events on request.

Currently a pre-school hires the hall during the day, Mondays to Fridays. Various groups hire the hall in the evening such as carpet bowls, dance clubs, various types of fitness and exercise classes, a karate club and a drama group. Some availability remains for bookings on weekday evenings.

For further information please call the booking line on **07716 790510** and leave your details with a short message or email **cvhbookings@hotmail.com**. The booking clerk will get back to you.

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Planning committee

Members of the Committee: Councillors Guy Brazendale (Chairman), Ms Shelley Byrne-Lagrué, David Havell, Brian Jeapes, Andrew Potts.

The Planning Committee meets fortnightly throughout the year to discuss planning applications received from Chelmsford City Council as the Local Planning Authority. These can range from residential alterations to large commercial developments and infrastructure projects. The comments submitted by the Committee, along with those from other consultees, are then considered by the City Council when deciding whether applications are approved or refused. During the last 12 months, the Committee has considered 161 applications.

The Beaulieu development has continued to proceed apace during the last year, with the following schemes being put forward:

Zone J: 82 residential assisted living apartments and communal facilities, which was welcomed by the Committee.

Zones K & L: 300 dwellings comprising flats and social housing. This scheme initially generated significant concern from Parish residents and, as a result, the Committee submitted a number of objections which related mainly to the apparent concentration of affordable housing in this particular area rather than across the development as a whole; and the design of the dwellings in relation to the street scene, together with possible overlooking of existing properties. The application was subsequently amended, was debated at length by the City Council's Planning Committee in August, and the Parish was pleased to conclude that its concerns had largely been addressed.

Zones O & P: 111 residential dwellings with a mixture of 1-5 bed properties. The Committee was satisfied with the proposed percentage of shared ownership units proposed for this zone.

Along with other Parish Councils, the Committee continued to be consulted about the Draft Local Plan which will guide growth and development from 2021 to 2036 for the entire City area. The Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State has stated, following her consideration of the Plan, that it could be found 'Sound', subject to a few main modifications which were discussed during the Summer. For Springfield, the Committee welcomed the reassurance given concerning the preservation of Listed Buildings, in particular New Hall School, the retention of open space to the north of Channels golf course and the requirement for affordable housing in new developments.

It was also recommended that the quotas given in the previous draft of the Local Plan concerning accessible, adaptable and wheelchair-user dwellings should be retained rather than revised. These and other responses are currently being considered by the Inspector.

The Council was delighted to hear that a £218m Forward Funding Housing Infrastructure Fund bid submitted for the new rail station and Chelmsford North East bypass had been confirmed by Government, which will ensure that the new homes being built in Springfield and beyond will be properly supported by sustainable transport networks and job opportunities. The project must be completed by 2024/25 to use the fund awarded.

Finally, thanks are due to Council Members and Officers for their dedication in supporting the high volume of work associated with this Committee.

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Recognitions

In this Annual Report we recognise the following staff members.

Liz Edwards has volunteered to be one of our parish-supported Community Special Constables.



The Chairman, Cllr Susan Sullivan along with Vice Chairman Cllr Christine Garrett and Clerk to the Council Barbara Larken were proud to attend her attestation ceremony to see her receive her warrant card from Essex Police Chief Constable B J Harrington.

Springfield Parish Council was also proud to recognise 25 years' service to its Handyman in Charge, John Revill. John is a familiar character with many residents in our community, as he travels throughout the parish with his colleague Ryan.



Keeping the area clean and tidy and the parish council would like to thank him for his many years of hard work and dedication to the community.

Recognition is also given to the following for their services to the community.

At the Pride of Essex Sports Awards Ceremony last year Shirley Hume won the Unsung Hero Award for her work with the setting up and running of the Springfield Youth Group.



She also received recognition at the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Community Safety Hero Awards which recognises people from across the county who have made an outstanding contribution to community safety.

Shirley was not only the overall winner of the safety hero award but was also voted the People's Choice Award winner.

Congratulations Shirley.



Recognition also goes to Springfield residents Graham Clarke and Louise Alderman, ably assisted by her daughter Sydney, who received Community Hero Awards from Chelmsford City Council. They can regularly be seen around Springfield litter-picking and helping to improve their local environment.



A public vote also saw Graham elected as Environmental Champion in Chelmsford City Retail Campaign's CM15TMAS Awards. Love Your Chelmsford's Rebecca Moss and Suzanne Lawson with City Cllr Jude Deakin, Cabinet Member for Safer Chelmsford, presented the awards to Graham and Louise.
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Environment & leisure committee

During the past year the committee has been very busy working on your behalf to enhance the appearance of the parish.

The council has received many reports around litter and dog waste problems and requests from residents for the installation of additional litter and dog waste bins. Following these requests, the committee contacted Chelmsford City Council to seek their approval to install bins in areas where currently there are no bins or very few. The council's handymen are monitoring these areas and report any increase in problems to the parish council.

Reports were also received concerning the litter bins opposite Springfield Primary School which were in a very poor state of repair due mainly to their age. The committee was happy to install new bins to replace these.

Chelmsford City Council has been in contact with the parish council regarding a pilot scheme to jointly create posters for display that would encourage people to use the litter bins provided or take litter home. The committee is currently looking into this.

Fly tipping has continued to be a problem throughout the parish. This has resulted in a few bins having to have lids put on them to prevent trade waste being deposited. The handymen continue to monitor all areas and report any occurrences of fly tipping.

A list of footpaths in need of repair, particularly between Littell Tweed and Barnes Farm Schools, an area prone to flooding, was

forwarded to Essex County Council, at their request, to be included on their priority list of works to be carried out.

Following an update from the Local Highways Panel the committee recommended that the potential scheme regarding the "Beeleigh Link at junction with Cusak Road, to prevent vehicles parking on the verges" remains on the waiting list to be actioned.

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE day on 8th May it was agreed that three memorial benches would be located throughout the parish. Locations suggested are Chelmer Village Green, the Green in Lawn Lane and Beaulieu Park in the new community garden area. Permissions are being sought with Countryside to confirm the location.

CHELMER VILLAGE GREEN

Managed on behalf of Chelmsford City Council, the village green is a well-used open space, its neat appearance being much appreciated by residents.

This year the committee, jointly with Chelmsford City Council has seen improvements to the basketball area. The committee is investigating the possibility of having signage at the beginning and end of the footpaths on the green warning pedestrians of oncoming cyclists and asking cyclists to ring their bell when approaching pedestrians.

Following a competitive tendering process the committee is pleased to report that an outdoor gym with seven pieces of equipment will be installed on the green which will be suitable for the whole community to use. At a cost of £35,000 the funding has been provided through CIL tax contributions.

The village green, along with Springfield Parish Centre, is one of the venues for the popular 'Play in the Park' programme of sports and activities undertaken in conjunction with Chelmsford City Council.

Last year, 197 children attended the days organised during the Easter holidays and 1402 took part in the summer holiday scheme. Dates have already been booked for the current year, as outlined elsewhere in the Report.

ALLOTMENTS

The allotment site in Brookend Road South, Chelmer Village, comprises 22 plots which can be hired from the council, and offers a relaxing environment in which to cultivate fresh home produce. Last year the parish council was able to provide mulch free of charge for the allotment holders to use. The committee seeks, through regular monitoring, to ensure that the plots are kept neatly tended.

The committee also continues to oversee the production of the Council's quarterly newsletter, the Springfield Pump, which is distributed to every household within the parish at no cost. It contains details of activities within Springfield, community reports and advertising for local businesses.

Finally, thanks are extended to the Parish Council handymen, the volunteer Public Rights of Way Officer (on whose information footpaths are kept clear for use), committee members and Parish Council staff for their much-appreciated efforts during the past year.

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The Trustees represent Chelmsford City Council, Springfield Parish Council and the Parish of All Saints' Springfield.

Current Trustees are:

Ex Officio: **The Reverend Susan Iskander**

Appointed by the Chelmsford City Council:

Councillor Ian Fuller

Councillor Chloe Tron

Councillor Robin Stevens

Appointed by the Springfield Parish Council:

Councillor Yvonne Spence (Chair)

Councillor Richard Lee

The Trustees met on the 27th June 2019 and the 24th October 2019

At the June meeting the Trustees:

Approved the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2019;
Received a report from the Treasurer;
Noted that there were no new applications for grants.

At the October meeting the Trustees:

Approved the following grants:

- a grant to Farleigh Hospice of £3,500 in support of Springfield residents who had received care from the Hospice
- a grant of £1,000 towards a resident's fund-raising appeal for a Hypo-Hound for a diabetic child,
- a grant of £2,224 for a computer programme for a Lego coding Club to engage pupils' basic computer skills.

All applications are judged by the Trustees on merit. Applications must live within the boundary of the original parish of Springfield. This includes the Parishes of All Saints', Holy Trinity, St Augustine's and the Church of Our Saviour.

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Hearing Help Essex

New chelmsford resource centre now open!



Hearing Help Essex, a Chelmsford based not-for-profit charity, is pleased to announce the opening of a brand new spacious and accessible Resource Centre on Monday 6th July, located in popular Moulsham Street, as part of their response to the Covid-19 Pandemic. After months of lockdown, the Charity has worked hard in making provision to resume its services in a safe and socially distanced environment to support the many people across Essex who have acquired hearing loss and wear NHS Hearing aids.

NHS Hearing Aid Support, the cleaning and re-tubing of hearing aids, Information, Advice, and Guidance services will be offered to clients who are in need of vital help. Anyone new to hearing loss, who is perhaps feeling isolated will also derive benefit from talking to the friendly team. Appointments must be booked in advance and are available Monday-Friday, between 9:15am and 4:00pm.

Sophie Ede, CEO, Hearing Help Essex comments:

"We are delighted to be back to doing what we do best and look forward to seeing as many

people with hearing loss benefit from our fantastic new Resource Centre. It is important for Hearing Aids to be re-tubed and cleaned every 4-6 months to ensure best efficiency and benefit to wearers".

The organisation is committed to helping people that remain shielding or are housebound and who are in essential need. If visiting the Resource Centre is not possible, the Charity hope that a doorstep service can be provided in the near future.

All visits to the Resource Centre and doorstep service are by appointment only. If people have an urgent issue with their NHS Hearing Aid/s, they should contact their nearest NHS Audiology Department for advice.

Government social distancing guidelines are applied to all pre-arranged visits, with the right safety procedures in place and will be shared in writing prior to attendance.

To make an appointment: Tel: **01245 496347**
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Public Rights of Way Report

Regular inspections of footpaths within the Parish to identify issues such as broken stiles, restricted access, etc, have taken place throughout the year.

On 14th June I reported overgrown bushes and trees inhibiting the footpath that leads between Frances Green and Beaulieu Boulevard in two places. This was on the Beaulieu Park estate. One of the overgrown areas was also a section of the footpath that is part of the Centenary Circle, long distance path that encircles Chelmsford. I'm pleased to report that both areas were cleared quickly.

I am also pleased to report that overgrown trees and bushes on the paths that lead from the now demolished White Hart public house to Chancellor Park and then on to the Chelmer Navigation (FP's. 16 & 17) were cleared in early July, without the need for me to report them.

I attended the Environment & Leisure Committee on 9th September and notified the attendees that the perimeter path at the NW of Beaulieu Park had been tarmacked and converted in to a mixed used, cycle and walking path. This path is now well used by children attending the new Beaulieu Park School.

It was disappointing in early October to find evidence of drug misuse at the footpath bridge that runs under the A12 at the bottom of Chancellor Park and onwards to the Chelmer Navigation. I took photographs and reported it to the police web site.

Whilst the police did not reply (although I received an automated crime reference number), the drug paraphernalia had been cleared when I re-visited a few days later.

On November 18th I reported that a number of wooden posts had been erected depicting 'Beaulieu Park Trail', on the Beaulieu Park estate. Each post has a QR code on it that will provide information about the area. The posts also have a badge attributing them to 'Beaulieu Park Estates Management'. The signs stretch as far as the bridleway that runs to the south of Bulls Lodge Quarry (quite a long way from BP) and the full trail is approximately three miles long.

On January 18th I reported that travellers had returned and set up camp at the top of the dead end road on the Sheepcotes Industrial Park where it abuts Footpath 16. How they moved the concrete blocks that had been placed there to prevent them returning was a mystery. It appears that they were moved on fairly quickly.

One positive to come out of the current pandemic is that I have observed our Public Rights of Way getting much more use. It is extremely pleasing to see so many more individuals and families enjoying them (whilst observing the Government's guidelines).

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HEART AND SOLE WALKS

There are three health walks organised by Friends of Heart and Sole and support by Chelmsford City Council.

These run regularly from Beaulieu Park, Springfield Parish Centre, and Chelmer Village by Asda. Average weekly attendance at the walks are 45, 20 and 25 walkers respectively.

PLAY IN THE PARK

This is the Council's free play scheme that visits venues across the city during the Easter and Summer school holidays. Activities take place regularly in Springfield and the cost is subsidised by Springfield Parish Council.

In 2019, 22 sessions took place at Springfield Parish Centre and Chelmer Village with 1,818 children attending.

There were 22 sessions planned for Easter and Summer in 2020. Unfortunately, the Easter sessions were cancelled this year but it is hoped that some of the Summer sessions will take place.



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Please be advised that Essex Highways have launched a public presentation about the Chelmsford North East bypass and Springfield station.

Such information would, in usual circumstance, be held at several events throughout the area. This will not be possible during the present time. The link below will take you to a virtual presentation. It includes a good deal of information about forthcoming proposals.

A formal planning application will be submitted in the future, but this presentation allows early comment on the project and will help highway officers to review any potential difficulties.

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Finance & Policy Committee

Members of the Committee: Councillors Mrs Yvonne Spence (Chairman), Ms Shelley Byrne-Lagrué, Mrs Christine Garrett, Neil Gulliver, Richard Lee, Ms Susan Sullivan.

The Finance & Policy Committee looks after the spending requirements of the Council, known as the precept. This is a proportion of Council tax paid by each household. The committee focus on maintaining this spending at a low level without compromising the level of service. The committee also review and monitor internal and external audit processes, with accountants, PKF, providing an external audit service to the authority. Other items that the committee focuses on are staffing levels, management legislation such as standing orders and financial regulations, which ensure the Council functions within correct procedures. The parish employee team consists of 13 regular members of staff with a further 4 support employees who are called to

help from time to time. Grateful thanks go to them all.

In addition to the budgeting process undertaken by the Finance committee a sum of money known as CIL tax (Community Infrastructure Levy) is received by the council from Chelmsford City Council, for each new residential unit built in the parish. The significant building that has been undertaken in recent years at Beaulieu has seen an increase in this funding pot being given to the parish. As a result of this the parish has been able to bring new facilities and upgrade existing ones. Also, from this fund an outdoor gym will be installed for everyone at Chelmer Village Green. The Council very much hope you will enjoy using the equipment.

2019 – 2020 (Current Year) (Figures given below are based on unaudited accounts)

Total Income: £631,599		Total Expenditure: £592,299	
Precept :	£383,146	Finance & Policy:	£235,553
Interest on Investments :	£3,405	Public Loan Repayments :	£68,593
Parish Centre :	£183,386	Parish Centre:	£255,069
Events :	£663	Events :	£899
Allotments:	£406	Allotments:	£315
CIL Tax:	£60,593	CIL Tax:	£17,231
		Environment & Leisure:	£14,639

2018 – 2019 (Previous Year)

Total Income: £622,074		Total Expenditure: £536,233	
Precept :	£384,191	Finance & Policy :	£231,023
Interest on Investments :	£4,011	Public Loan Repayments :	£71,106
Parish Centre :	£172,850	Parish Centre :	£218,368
Events :	£568	Events :	£1,100
Allotments :	£352	Allotments :	£245
CIL Tax :	£60,102	CIL Tax :	£1,241
		Environment & Leisure :	£13,150

Premises Committee

The Premises Committee oversees the Parish Centre in North Springfield.

We continue to maintain and upgrade its facilities. The lighting in the Bowers Hall has been replaced with dimmable LED lights which has been well received by the users of the hall. Sadly, we did suffer some building subsidence which meant we had to fell some of our lovely trees and then redecorate after the repairs were completed.

Our most recent room, Daffodil, has already proved a success with customers but there is still space available during the week and at weekends. Our six other rooms and the Library continue to be well used. The cafeteria 'Heaven Sent' is also popular as a place to meet friends and chat.

The Committee has decided to use part of our Community Infrastructure Levy to upgrade the front doors on the old part of the building with automatic doors and to replace all internal fire

doors to ensure that the building complies with the latest health and safety regulations. Fencing was also renewed. I am especially pleased that we have installed a community defibrillator at the front of the building. It will be a possible lifesaver for visitors to the Centre and the local community.

The Parish continues to support the weekly afternoon clubs for senior citizens. We subsidise the Indoor Bowls Club, Bingo and the regular Tea Dances as well as the Springfield Youth Group. If you have a spare afternoon, live in the parish and would like to join in with any of these social activities please call or visit the Centre for details.

Lastly, thanks are due to our service supervisors and cleaning staff for the excellent work they do in maintaining your Centre to a high standard of cleanliness and functionality.

Springfield Parish Council Meetings

All meetings are open to members of the public and are held at:
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July		
Monday 20	7.30pm	Full Council
Monday 27	6.45pm	Planning
Monday 27	7.30pm	Premises
August		
Monday 10	6.45pm	Planning
Monday 24	6.45pm	Planning
September		
Monday 7	6.45pm	Planning
Monday 7	7.30pm	Environment & Leisure
Monday 14	7.00pm	Finance & Policy
Monday 21	6.45pm	Planning
Monday 21	7.30pm	Premises
Monday 28	7.30pm	Full Council
October		
Monday 5	6.45pm	Planning
Monday 19	6.45pm	Planning

Beaulieu Estate Management

Beaulieu Estate Management (BEM) is a subsidiary of national land management charity, the Land Trust, set up specifically to manage the green infrastructure and public open spaces at Beaulieu, Chelmsford, a vibrant new development bringing together inspirational architecture and landscaping.

A wide variety of green open spaces have been created such as The Great Park, The Heath and The Chase as well as a number of pocket parks, community gardens and attractive street planting.

Delivering the same charitable outcomes as its parent charity, BEM delivers the management of these community spaces in such a way that it improves the mental and physical health and wellbeing of residents, provide education and training opportunities, allows environment and biodiversity to thrive, boosts the local economy and brings the community together.

As well as maintaining the amazing open spaces, Beaulieu has a dedicated Community Engagement Officer responsible for running an annual events program and being available to answer and assist with queries from local residents. Some of the seasonal events involve an Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Community Picnic and a visit from Father Christmas.



Beaulieu Community Trust

The new Community Centre in Beaulieu is now thriving. It has been leased by the parish to the Beaulieu Community Trust, which manages the building on behalf of the community.

The board of trustees has nine members, three of whom are appointed by the Parish Council. This year the parish re-confirmed its trustees as Cllr Susan Sullivan (Trust Chairman), Cllr Ian Fuller (Trust Secretary) and Cllr Yvonne Spence. Other trustees are Emma-Jane Carrington, Joel Gowan, Dan Pierce, Maxine Talbot and David Thoms (Trust Treasurer).

There is one vacancy for a resident trustee on the board and volunteers are invited to contact the trust by email to secretary@beaulieutrust.co.uk for more information.



What's On at Springfield Parish Centre

Below is a list of events that take place at Springfield Parish Centre, St. Augustine's Way, Springfield, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 6GX.

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Day/Times	Club Name	Contact Details
MONDAY		
8 am – 4pm	TIDDLYWINKS PRE-SCHOOL	Zoe Perry - 01245 463245 Tiddlywinks123@btinternet.com
10.30 am – 12.30pm	MS MONDAY CLUB Multiple Sclerosis Group	Ann Davis - 07548898945 brentwoodchelmsford@mssociety.org.uk
12.45-14.45	YOGA	Kim Brunning - 01245 477136 brunningkim@btinternet.com
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5pm – 6.30pm	6th SPRINGFIELD BROWNIES	For details of 6th Springfield Brownies and Guides, please enquire to: office@girlguidingesssexne.org.uk
6.30pm – 8pm	6th SPRINGFIELD GUIDES	
7.00pm-9.00pm	POLE-ABILITY FITNESS	Tamsin Hills tamsin.l.hills@gmail.com
7.00pm-9.00pm	AL-ATEEN Starts 3rd Feb, once a month, first mon of the month	Julia julia.208watson@btinternet.com
7.15pm – 9.15pm	AL-ANON	0800 0086811
7.30pm -9.30pm	SPRINGFIELD ART GROUP	
8pm – 10.30pm	SPRINGERS Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society	
8.30 – 10.30pm	BADMINTON New Bowers Badminton Club	Duncan Jarvis - 07834 391 775 trekduncan@gmail.com
TUESDAY		
8 am – 4pm	TIDDLYWINKS PRE-SCHOOL	Zoe Perry - 01245 463245 Tiddlywinks123@btinternet.com
9.30-12.30	HEADWAY ESSEX SUPPORT GROUP (starts Feb 19th 2019 then every third Tuesday)	Angie O'Toole 01206 768797
9.45-11.45	YOGA	Kim Brunning - 01245 477136 brunningkim@btinternet.com
1.30 pm – 3.45pm	BINGO SPC Afternoon Club	Duncan Lumley samcat11@virginmedia.com
6.45pm-9.15pm	PILATES CLASS	Fiona Storkey 07957 870446
7.15pm – 8.10pm	HI-LOW AEROBICS	Jose 07876016943
7.30pm – 9.30pm	LACE MAKING CLASS	Mara 01245 492427
8pm – 10pm	WING CHUN KUNG FU	Mark Solomans marksolomonssifu@gmail.com
8.15pm – 9.10pm	INSANITY fitness	Jose 07876016943

What's On at Springfield Parish Centre

Day/Times	Club Name	Contact Details
WEDNESDAY		
8 am – 4.00pm	TIDDLYWINKS PRE-SCHOOL	Zoe Perry - 01245 463245 Tiddlywinks123@btinternet.com
9.30am – 3.00 pm	PROVIDE-Paediatric Speech and Language Therapy service **NEW STARTS Jan 8th ***	Ruth Overton 01245 673131
9.30am – 2.15 pm	TUMBLE TOTS	Tracy - 07507718562
9.30am -13.30 pm	BABY COLLEGE NEW (starts 8th January)	Tegan Maguire - 07871119037
10am – 11am	WOMEN'S WALK	Meet in the car park at 10am-free to join.
3.30pm – 5.30pm	KUMON After school Maths and English	Eirini - 07534 812489 Chelmsfordnorth@kumoncentre.co.uk
6pm – 10.45pm	SPRINGER'S Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society	Jackie Bates - rjbates@gmail.com
7.30pm – 10.30pm	SPRINGFIELD CAMERA CLUB	Graham - 01245 261550 Valerie - 01787 273709
7.30pm – 9.30pm	SPRINGFIELD CRAFT CLUB (Bi monthly)	01245 360062
8pm-9.30pm	SALSA D'LITE	Alexandra Woodcock - 07831 650618
THURSDAY		
8 am – 4pm	TIDDLYWINKS PRE-SCHOOL	Zoe Perry - 01245 463245 Tiddlywinks123@btinternet.com
10am – 12pm	NCT TODDLER GROUP	55.eileen.m@gmail.com
1.30pm – 4pm	CARPET BOWLS SPC Afternoon Club	Duncan Lumley samcat11@virginmedia.com
13.45 – 15.45	ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY- SINGING GROUP (Every first Thursday of the month)	Karen - 01245 260911 Karen.petch@alzheimers.org.uk
4.15pm – 6.45pm	LITTLE STARS (4.30pm – 6pm) LAMDA (6pm – 6.30pm)	Vicki - 07743 650845 backstage@littlestarsuk.co.uk www.littlestarsworkshops.co.uk
6.45-9.15pm	PILATES CLASS	Fiona Storkey - 07957 870446
7.45pm – 9.15pm	LINE DANCING (beginners/mixed ability)	
FRIDAY		
8 am – 4pm	TIDDLYWINKS PRE-SCHOOL	Zoe Perry - 01245 463245 Tiddlywinks123@btinternet.com
9.30am-12.30am	JO JINGLES- NEW CLASS starts 3rd May	jojinglesbraintree@btinternet.com
9.30 – 11.45am	BABY BALLET	Laura Watkins - 07534260067 babyballet.co.uk
9.45 - 11.45am	SPANISH CLASS NEW (starts 8th January)	Valentina Botto - 07801896812
1.45pm – 4.00pm	TEA DANCE SPC Afternoon Club	Duncan Lumley samcat11@virginmedia.com
4.00pm – 7.15pm	CHILDREN'S BALLET Weston School of Dance	01245 287638 office@theweston.dance
4.30pm – 8.30pm	HIP HOP (12 to 18 years) Weston School of Dance	Elisabeth Weston - 01245 287638
7.15pm – 10.00pm	SPRINGFIELD YOUTH GROUP (11YRS-17YEARS)	07561 842070 Club Mobile

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Day/Times	Club Name	Contact Details
SATURDAY		
9am- 11 am	KUMON Maths and English tuition	Eirini - 07534 812489 Chelmsfordnorth@kumoncentre.co.uk
SUNDAY		
09.00-14.00	GATES OF HEAVEN GLORIOUS MINISTRY	churcherkim@yahoo.com
9.30 am – 1.30pm	BELIEVERS LOVE WORLD UKZN2	
2pm-4pm	CHELMSFORD TAMIL-TUITION	
5pm – 7pm	TOKON KAI KARATE ACADEMY	Steve Roberts 07922 752 308

St. Augustine's Way, Springfield, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 6GX. Tel. (01245) 464583

The Springfield Parish Centre is also available for functions and parties. For further information, please call 01245 464583. Please note that some activities do not run during the school holidays.

Springfield youth group

Springfield Parish Council is pleased to support the Springfield Youth Group that meets at the Parish Centre on a Friday evening, 7.15pm to 10pm.

The Springfield Youth Group (SYG) has been open for nearly three years and is run by a committee and staffed by volunteers.

During that time, it has gone from strength to strength and has over 300 registered members

The groups mission is to:

1. Provide an enjoyable, social space and support for young people.
2. Encourage young people to engage with their community.
3. Be inclusive and respectful of young people teaching them respect of the wider community.
4. Encourage young people to be the foundation of a better Springfield Parish.

The youth group serves a dual purpose of accommodating unstructured social interaction among different age groups providing structural classes on various topics in a safe environment and offering advice and support to all.

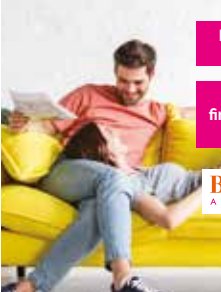
It is a place where they can gain confidence and self-esteem building tolerance of other people's beliefs offering alternative education and enhances their leadership development.

First aid courses have been held and gang information evenings arranged for members and the community which were very well attended. Community police officers gave up their time to meet and socialise with members giving them a chance to communicate with them and learn what their jobs actually involve.



Adult Gym - Boleyn Gardens - Beaulieu

Members at Springfield Parish Council have agreed that they wish to install an adult gym for the community to use at Boleyn Gardens, using CIL Tax contributions and if successful a grant from Essex County Council. Chelmsford City Council has agreed to assist with the project and future maintenance of the facilities. The project is in its early stages. If you have any views or comments please email: clerk@springfield-pc.gov.uk



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- Register at our website **www.chesshomeless.org** for your Fundraising & Ideas Pack
- Invite your friends / family
- Sleep In (or out!), and make a difference for the homeless

Find out more at www.chesshomeless.org/BigSleepIn



What's On at Chelmers Village Hall

Village Square, Chelmer Village, Chelsford, Essex, CM2 6RF Tel: 07716 790510

Day	Times	Club Name	Contact Name	Contact Telephone No
Mon-Fri	9am – 3.30pm (Term time only)	Rainbow Nursery	Monica Burdett	07901 886488
Mon & Fri	7.30pm – 10.15pm	CV Carpet Bowls	Mr John Matthews	01245 256611
Tues	6.45pm – 9pm	Stretch	Carolyn Pink	07789 811067
Weds	5.30pm – 7pm	The Chelmsford Drama Centre	Leanne Johnson	07792 832609
Weds	7.15pm – 8.15pm	Zumba	Gemma Cook	07917 458958
Thurs	4pm – 6.45pm	Weston School of Dance	Ms Elisabeth Swan	01245 287638
Thurs	7.15pm – 8.45pm	Tai Chi	Mr Seng Chng	07986 534733
Saturday (not every Sat)	Various times please check with tutor	Little Learners 11+ Tuition	Jeannette Richards	07913 371053
Saturday	9.30am – 12.30pm	Shinkyu Ltd(Karate)	Amandeep Chodha	07496 095851
Sunday	9am – 10am	YOGA	Mrs. V Jethe	07985 265031
Sunday	10.30am – 11.30am	Aerobics	Mrs Jose Childs	07876 016943

Please check before you attend classes that they are running.

Chelmers Village Hall is also available for weekend functions and parties.

For further information contact the booking line (leaving your details and a short message) on: **07716 790510** or email **cvhbookings@hotmail.com**.

The booking clerk will get back to you.

Website **www.essexinfo.net/chelmer-village-hall**

Play In The Park

Summer Playschemes For 2020 (Subject To Covid-19 Restrictions)

Organised by Chelmsford City Council and funded by the Parish Council. Events are taking place on the playing field next to the Parish Centre and at Chelmer Village Green during various dates in July and August 2020.

These events are now fully booked. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the events for this year had to be pre-booked in advance. Unlike other years, please do not attend either site unless you have already pre-booked with Chelmsford City Council.





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