

HULLBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

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Your Parish Council

Hullbridge Parish Council consists of 13 Members who volunteer their time for the benefit of the Community and attend our monthly Full Council meetings, Committees, Sub Committees and Working Groups, which together assist in the efficient smooth running of the Council. From our Parish Council Office, the Clerk to the Council and her Team provide a service to the Community providing information to residents, in person also via our website, Facebook page and Noticeboards, we also answer an array of queries. Staff provide full administration for the day to day running of the Council, including all financial matters, Health and Safety and making sure the Council is working legally and within their remit. The Parish Council maintains numerous footpaths and open spaces throughout the village including the management of Kendal Park Nature Reserve and the Rose Garden. The maintenance staff take great pride in keeping the village a nice place to live.

Staff: Clerk to the Council, Nicola Harding
Assistant Clerk, Julie Mullett
Maintenance Staff: Brett Wilson / Jake Lillywhite

Report by the Chairman of Hullbridge Parish Council

In May 2021 I was elected Chairman and since then I have attended a number of events in this capacity. In May 2021 Hullbridge also welcomed a new Parish Council and we have had lots of new ideas and input that we hope to bring to the village. We continue to work hard for the interest of the residents of Hullbridge and have recommenced our Councillor Surgeries so that residents have an opportunity to speak directly with their Councillors about the issue that matter to them. We will also be hosting Police Surgeries at the Parish Offices at various times throughout the year, details of these events will be put up on our notice boards and social media pages. We have recently strengthened Councils links with Riverside Medical Centre and Riverside Primary School to keep us updated with local issues.

The maintenance staff have been working hard to repair the damage done by vandalism to the pond in Kendal Park and we hope to return this to its former glory in time for this coming summer.

We will also be advertising events and competitions to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee details of these will be available on our noticeboards and social media.

I would like to thank my Vice Chairman Ian Kenlin and fellow Councillors for their continued support during this last year. I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Council to thank the Parish Council Staff for their hard work and efforts in the administration and maintenance of our village.

Cllr D. Elwell

Your Parish Precept

2022/23

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Hullbridge Parish Council's Budget for 2022/23 is £197,958 which equates to **£1.31**

increase for an average Band D property per year:

Which is only: **£0.025 per week**

The Members of YOUR Council are working for you the ratepayer to give you Best Value" for money

Finance

The Parish Council strives to achieve “Best Value” for all its expenditure, whilst abiding by our financial regulations ensuring we get good value for money and obtaining the most competitive prices.

Our budget for 2021/2022 was £182,941 and this was spent on a number of responsibilities.

The Parish continues to support a number of organisations including Essex Air Ambulance and the Sunflower Café.

We do have a **grant scheme** where organisations can apply for a small grant – please contact the Clerk for more information.

Income & Expenditure

Our Income & Expenditure Accounts will not be ratified until later on in the year. Electors will have an opportunity to view the accounts and dates will be displayed.

Pooles Lane car park / Toilet, we are pleased that this is continuing to be free. Unfortunately, our maintenance staff are having to deal with increased vandalism in this area which is disappointing.

Over **250 Christmas parcels** were delivered by the Council, the local Green Star Co-op supported us in achieving this, and these were well received by those residents who are 80 and over.

If you are 80 this year or if you know of someone then please contact the Parish Office to make sure you/they are on our list.

Allotments

We have 135 plots which are all enjoyed with a wealth of crops grown. This year’s Annual Competition was a success and was won by S. Oates Plot 33. If interested in a plot then please contact the Parish Office.

Best Frontage Competition

2021 took place and the winners were Mr. & Mrs Smith of Grasmere Ave.

Hanging Baskets / Planters

Hullbridge Parish Council continues to maintain the plants along Ferry Road The flowers are supplied by a Local Nursery (Riverside) and are in full bloom between May and September.

Litter / Dog Fouling

Please help keep “Hullbridge Tidy” and use litter bins and dog bins which are throughout the village. Please note that doggy bags can be put in **normal** rubbish bins.

Street Light Issues

The Parish Council manages all the Street Lights in un-adopted roads, so please report to us of any issues.

Adopted roads please report to Essex County Council.

Wheelchairs /Walking Frames

Our popular free service is continuing, so if you require a short wheelchair/frame loan please contact us.

Highways / Footpaths

Issues can be reported to Essex County Council online via their “Tell Us” page <http://www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-roads.asp>

Annual Christmas Fayre

2021 didn’t take place but we still ran our competitions. Well done to those who took part. The winners of the **Chairman’s Christmas Card Competition 2021** were Hattie, Lyla and Vienna.

The Best Shop Front window was won again by “Broadway Grill” Well Done.

We are hoping that in 2022 the Fayre will be held on **Saturday 3rd December 2022 between 4-6pm** at Pooles Lane car park / HCA with the Lights being switched on by our local churches. This will be a smaller event than in previous years but will be very much planned and kept with community spirit in mind . Please check our noticeboards and social media for more information nearer the tie.

Parish Full Council Meetings

These are usually held on the 2nd Monday of each month (excluding August) at the Hullbridge Centre at 7.30pm. All Residents are welcome.

Councillors: D.Elwell (Chairman) I. Kenlin (Vice Chairman), Mrs. L Campbell-Daley, Miss A. Marriott, D. Flack, P. White, C. Agius, Ms H.Gilbert K. O’Brien , Mrs J. O’Brien, M. Hale, Mrs A. Hale, M. Hoy