

# 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, various 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 full administration including financial budgets, forecasts and accounts and makes sure the Council is working legally and within their remit, we also organise the Christmas Fayre and carry out a lot of the maintenance throughout the village and manage Kendal Park Nature Reserve. The Office provides information to the Community and assists with any concerns/ideas from residents and we manage our Website, Facebook page and Noticeboards.

### Report by the Chairman of Hullbridge Parish Council

In May 2018 I was elected Chairman and I have attended a number of events both in an official and an unofficial capacity. Over the last year we have had a couple of Member changes and I would like to take this opportunity to thank

Cllrs Deniz Borg and Danny Gatehouse for their input and also welcome Mr. Darren Heales and Ms. Sian Thomas who are now valued members of the Parish Council. This Parish Council has worked hard for the interests of its residents and we have made representation on a number of outside bodies, including the Essex Coastal Forum, ECC Transport, Citizens Advice Bureau and the Rochford Hundred Association of Local Councils.

Malyons Farm Development Reserve Matters was agreed in January 2019 and works have now started, although the scheme is currently delayed by 10 weeks due to issues with the utility works, once these works are completed the Lower Road roundabout will be finished. House building should start in July / August with the Rawreth/Hambro Hill roundabout starting in March/April 2020, a bridleway connection will be built adjacent to this roundabout. There is currently an Archeological dig taking place in the Northern part of the development (3<sup>rd</sup> Phase), digs have been completed in the 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> phases and have been discharged so now ready for development. We continue to have regular meetings with Barratt David Wilson (BDW)

and raise the concerns of residents also to make sure the Section 106 Agreement funding for Youth facilities is delivered. We along with Rawreth Parish Council have now requested that Rochford District Council instigates a Boundary Review so the whole development is within the Hullbridge Parish, this will promote cohesion with the existing village and will be beneficial to the Community.

The Remembrance Services are very important to the Parish Council and this year we laid Wreaths at the Hullbridge / Rayleigh / Hockley Services. We and BDW are currently discussing the possibility of building a new listed War Memorial representing all three Services, we hope it will be on land to the right hand side of the development entrance. We would like there to be an area to sit and reflect, lay flowers and in the future local Remembrance Services held there. The Village sign on the corner of Watery Lane will remain in situ as will the time capsule.

I would like to thank my Vice Chairman Cllr D Elwell and fellow Councillors for their efforts and support over the last year, also to the Clerk to the Council and her staff for the efficient administration and the maintenance around the village. Cllr Miss A Marriott

# Your Parish Precept

2019/20



Hullbridge Parish Council's Budget for 2019/20 is £164,450 which equates to **£72.06**

For an average Band D property per year:

Which is only: **£1.39 per week**

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

## Finance/ Policy / Appointments Committee

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.

We have a 5 year Financial Forecast and Action Plan and have adopted and updated our Policies and Procedures. Our budget for 2018/2019 was £154,148 and this was spent on a number of responsibilities.

Some of which were:

- Floral baskets/planters
- Allotments
- Free use of Pooles Lane car park
- Managing and maintaining Kendal Nature Reserve
- Events including the Christmas Fayre
- Street lighting in un-adopted roads
- CCTV in the car park and Ferry Road

- Maintenance of street furniture, Rose Garden, village Memorial, some grass verges and footpaths (5/12).
- Recreation Ground Toilets (April-October)
- Play Ground Improvements

The Parish Council also continues to provide support to a number of organisations including Essex Air Ambulance and Citizens Advice Bureau.

We do have a **grant scheme** where organisations can apply <http://www.hullbridgepc.co.uk/grant-assistance-application-f/>

This Parish Council agreed to fund up to three Special Police Constables and we are pleased to announce that Special Constable Daniel O'Connell has volunteered to Police Hullbridge for at least 16 hours a month. He started on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 and we will be holding a joint launch with the Police on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 which coincides with National Volunteer's week.

We hope that you will join us and give SP O'Connell a warm welcome when you see him in the village. If you witness any anti-social behaviour then please Report it by email or calling 101. The Hullbridge Team can be contacted via 101 ext. 490126 or **Mobile:** 07813953703

Email : [castlepointandrochfordcpt@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:castlepointandrochfordcpt@essex.pnn.police.uk) or [Daniel.oconnell@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Daniel.oconnell@essex.pnn.police.uk)

Website: <https://www.essex.police.uk/your-area/castle-point-rochford/>

Twitter: **EPHullbridgeCSC**

## **Income & Expenditure**

Attached our Income & Expenditure Accounts.

Clr David Jeffery

## **General Purposes Committee**

Under this Committee's remit it looks after the Parish Council's street scene assets, which includes Parish street lights, teen shelter, public seating, notice boards, bins, War Memorial, village signs, green gym, bus shelters and play equipment.

**Pooles Lane car park** we are pleased that this is continuing to be free. Unfortunately our maintenance staff are continuing to pick up a large amount of glass and rubbish left there each day.

Over **190 Christmas parcels** were delivered to the elderly residents, contributions were given by Riverside Primary School and the School Council kindly packed them.

If you are 80 this year or if you know of someone then please contact the Parish Office.

## **Allotments**

We have 130 plots which are all enjoyed with a wealth of crops grown. Let us know if you would like to go on our waiting list. We hold an Annual Competition in July which proves to be very popular and was **won in 2018** by:

### **1st Place**

Mr. Ellis (plot 91/92)

### **2nd Place**

Mrs. Stone (plot 32)

### **3rd Place**

Mrs. Oates (plot 33)

Take a look in the Hullbridge Garden Association shop adjacent to the Co Op in Ferry Road which is open for all your Allotment / Garden / small animal needs. Opening Times: Wed 10am-noon Fri 6-8pm, Sat. 2pm-4pm and Sun 10am-noon. For six weeks April – June it is also open 10am – noon Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri.

### **Best Frontage Competition**

Every year we run this competition, in 2018 the winners were:

**1st Place**

38 Grasmere Ave

**2nd Place**

Spring Song, The Avenue

**3rd Place –**

Tahiti, The Avenue

**Highly Commended**

20 Pevensey Gardens  
12a Hockley Park

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you for making Hullbridge being in bloom.

### **Hanging Baskets / Planters**

Hullbridge Parish Council continues to maintain the plants along Ferry Road and last year's baskets provided a lovely floral display.

The flowers are supplied by a Local Nursery (Riverside) and are in full bloom between May and September. Cllr E Smith

### **Parks / Open Spaces / Conservation / Footpaths Committee**

Kendal Park Nature Reserve, we have continued to make improvements and we are just in the process of finishing the installation of a new pond / bog area with a pond dipping

platform and seating/picnic area. We will be having an official open day over the next couple of months.

Thanks to Hullbridge Scouts who have made a number of bird boxes which we have put up and also Essex Wildlife are monitoring the Owl box we have had installed.

The footpaths have had another layer of cockle shell and we have continued this along the River footpath to the Recreation Ground and filled in muddy areas on the other footpaths that we manage.

We endeavor with our Management Plan to secure the future of the Reserve and make it an oasis for wildlife.

If you are a dog owner please can you keep your dogs on a lead in the Reserve also clear up after them.

The Recreation Ground is a great facility and is popular and enjoyed by residents and visitors. We continue to be in partnership with Rochford District Council to maintain and improve this open space. The footpath link to the Dome to provide a circular walk is still being investigated and we are hoping the scheme that Natural England and funds that RDC have just been awarded for a Coastal path project will assist us.

### **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.

**HARP** – we are still taking in donations at the Office.

### **Wheelchairs /Walking Frames**

Our popular service is continuing and we provide a free loan service so please contact the Office if you require this service.

### **Annual Christmas Fayre**

2018 Fayre went very well and enjoyed by many, thank you to all those who participated.

In 2019 the Fayre will be held on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**between 3-6pm** at Pooles Lane car park / HCA with the Lights being switched on by our Special Guests at 5.45pm.

There will be a variety of stalls, entertainment and activities not forgetting Santa arriving by horse drawn carriage (sponsored by Cooks Carriages) and a Santa's Grotto (sponsored by the HCA).

If you would like a stall / be part of the Entertainment or help at the event, then please contact the Clerk.

Every year we give a **grant** to a Charity or Community Group and in 2018 a donation was given to the **Parkinson's Cafe**.

The winner of the **Chairman's Christmas Card Competition**

**2018** was **Harrison Lobb**

Well Done and to all those who sent in their entries.

### **The Best Shop Front window**

was won by **Perfect Vision**

We will be running these Competitions again this year.

This year we have invested in additional Christmas lighting and new displays which will be put up along the length of Ferry Road and will include Pooles Lane car park.

### **Parish Safety Volunteers /**

**Heart Watch** Cllr White is fully trained as a Parish Safety Volunteer and he can visit your home and fit “free” fire alarms and provide safety advice. If you would like a visit then please contact Essex Fire and Rescue Service on 0300 303 0088 or visit [www.essex-fire.gov.uk](http://www.essex-fire.gov.uk)

Cllr J Chaffin is a member of Heart Watch who continues to provide such an important service, new Members are needed. If you call Emergency Services at night please make sure you light up the property so finding it is made easier.

### **Parish Full Council Meetings**

These are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month (excluding August) at the Hullbridge Centre, Windermere Avenue starting at 7.30pm. Residents are welcome to attend to forward their ideas and concerns.

### **Highways / Footpaths**

Issues can be reported to Essex County Council online via their “Tell Us” page

<http://www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-roads.aspx>

We also report and chase up numerous issues.

### **Emergency Plan**

We are in the process of putting together a Village Emergency Plan, if you are interested in volunteering your expertise or equipment that could be used in such an event please contact the Clerk.

### **Parish Councillors 2018/2019**

Cllr. Miss A Marriott  
(Chairman also Chairman of the Parks, Open Spaces, Conservation and Footpaths Committee)

Cllr D Elwell  
(Vice-Chairman)

Cllr. D Jeffery  
(Finance and Personnel Committee Chairman)

Cllr. D East (Planning Chairman)

Cllr. E Smith (V.Chair Planning and Chairman of General Purposes Committee)

Cllr I Kenlin

Cllr fK Ager

Cllr J. Chaffin

Cllr. Mrs. L. Campbell-Daley

Cllr D Elwell

Cllr. Mrs. W. Stevenson

Cllr P White

Cllr D Borg (resigned November 2018)

Cllr D Gatehouse (resigned January 2019)

Cllr D Heales (appointed January 2019)

Cllr Ms S Thomas appointed (March 2019)

### **Parish Staff**

Anne-Marie Bates  
Clerk to the Council / RFO

Julie Mullett  
Administration Assistant  
Martin Bewers  
General Maintenance Officer  
Jake Lillywhite – Assistant GMO

### **District (Hullbridge Ward) Councillors 2018/2019**

Cllr Mrs. D. Hoy  
Cllr M. Hoy  
Cllr S Wilson

### **County Councillor 2018/2019**

Cllr Mrs. Carole Weston

### **Member of Parliament**

Mark Francois MP

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