HULLBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL Spring 2021

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter

Hullbridge Parish Council hope that you are all keeping well and safe. Unfortunately, we are still under restrictions and we would urge all residents to only meet up in family groups or with one other for exercise. Please wear masks as required and social distance. Hopefully more residents will be invited to have their injections over the coming weeks.



We had to cancel our 2020 Christmas Fayre, but we still ran our competitions and the winner of the "Best shop Window" was

The Broadway Grill The "Chairman's Christmas Card Competition" winners were : Abigail Chandler and Austin Adams

Well done to all the winners.

We hope that this year our fayre will run, so please SAVE the DATE - Saturday 4th DECEMBER 2021 Christmas Fayre between 3-6pm. Bookings are now been taken for stalls/pitches, also if you are interested in performing please contact us.

Parcels for the Elderly (80+) Thanks to Parish Council staff we were able to send out over 260 parcels just before Christmas and they were greatly appreciated. If you are 80 or over, please contact

us if you are not already on our list so you can make sure you receive your parcel this year; this is open to everyone no matter of your financial situation. (One parcel per household).



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Council Tax - We have kept the Parish Council increase to a minimum still maintaining Best Value for residents and providing Services under our remit which includes a free carpark, toilets, allotments, open spaces and additionally security patrols. The increase is 1.54% resulting with Parish Council Band D portion being £78.17 an increase of 3.5 pence per week.

Parish Counc<u>il Elections - May 2021</u>

The 2020 Elections, due to the pandemic, did not happen, but this year it is likely that they will take place including the Parish Council Election. Are you interested in becoming a Parish Councillor? This is a volunteering position and is a good way to make decisions to benefit the Community. You have to be 18 years old, an Elector and live or work in the village. If interested please contact the Parish Clerk.

Rochford District Council—01702 546366 Out of Hours Emergencies 01268 527317 HARP (Helping Southend's Homeless) Any donations of non-perishable items can be put in the collection box at the Parish Office. Citizens Advice Bureau -0344 477 0808, Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4pm http://www.citizensadvicerochford.org.uk Heart Watch First Responders Volunteers are required—please contact Cllr J Chaffin. Wheelchair / Walkers—Short Term Loan provided free. the Parish please contact Council Office. Essex Police (www.twitter.com/EssexPoliceUK), Police:Email:hullbridgenpt@essex.pnn.police.uk Mobile:07710046161 Tel: 101ext. 490535 Crime Stoppers-0800 555 111- Call anonymously about crime / anti social behavior Defective Street Lights / Highway issues-Highway / Street lighting on adopted roads please report to Essex County Council online https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us/report-all-issues.aspx Or 0345 6037631—lights on unadopted roads to the

Parish Office.

Office open <u>currently by appointment only</u> but usually Monday 12.30.—2.30 pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10 am—12 noon

Clerk to the Council: Admin Assistant Maintenance Staff

- Anne-Marie Bates
- Juliette Mullett
 - Brett Wilson / Jake Lillywhite

Cllr Miss A Marriott Chairman) Cllrs Mrs.L Campbell-Daley, J. Chaffin, D. East, D. Jeffery, Cllrs I. Kenlin, P. White, D Heales, Ms. S Thomas Cllrs Michael Hoy and Stuart Wilson

Cllr Carole Weston

Cllr D Elwell (Vice Chairman)

Member of Parliament Mark Francois MP

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Kendal Park Nature Reserve

We are really pleased that our pond project is completed and the water issue seems to now be resolved and residents and visitors are enjoying this space, including our newly installed picnic table. A lot of work has been carried out in the Reserve to enhance it for wildlife, but also for the public to enjoy. Local open spaces are so important especially with the pandemic, to take exercise and to get some fresh air, but we would urge you to try and keep to the existing footpaths whilst adhering to the social distancing rules. This year our aim is to replenish the cockle shells across all of the footpaths in the reserve, as in places it is worn and patchy; installing one bench near to the Smugglers Den entrance; (this is the last new bench for the Reserve and Rose Garden) and we will also be spreading wild flower seed in the open meadow area to encourage bees, insects etc.

Anglian Water Works

Councillors had a site visit recently and have been assured that the 3 month proposed works starting in March will not be detrimental to wildlife or the reserve and only three small holes will be dug in the reserve with the main one being adjacent to the sub station, this will feed the new pipe. Neighbouring properties will not be affected and any disruption will be kept to a minimum. The Esplanade, a new pipe will be fed underneath the road from the farmers field, so again disruption will be minimal. The entrance next to the Simila Restaurant will be closed for a short period, but the footpath past Smugglers Den will be kept open. We will keep you informed as information is received. Please keep all dogs on a lead and pick up after them—this is a bylaw of the Reserve .

