



THE VILLAGE VOICE

Great Burstead and South Green

Village Council



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Village Council Virtual Meetings

Tuesday 2nd June, 7th July

(see Website/Notice Boards for further details)

STAY ALERT, CONTROL THE VIRUS, SAVE LIVES

Sites for Coronavirus (Covid-19) information :

GOVERNMENT

www.gov.uk/coronavirus

NHS

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

www.essex.gov.uk/topic/coronavirus

BASILDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

www.basildon.gov.uk/coronavirus

VILLAGE COUNCIL CORONAVIRUS DONATIONS

Due to the virus the Village Council decided to donate £250 to the Billericay Foodbank who have continued distributing food during the outbreak to residents of our parish.

Donations of £100 each to St Peters School and South Green Junior school were also made to provide fruit for keyworkers children and staff during the outbreak.

To contact the Billericay Foodbank please call or email:

07707 466262

info@billericayfoodbank.org.uk

VILLAGE COUNCIL'S VIRTUAL MEETINGS

During the Coronavirus (Covid-19) lockdown the Village Council cannot meet in public. Village Council meetings are taking place virtually via a video conferencing platform called Zoom.

Meetings will be taking place at 7.00pm on the first Tuesday of the month. If residents have concerns they would like raised at these meetings would they please contact the Village Clerk who will advise the members of their concern at the next virtual meeting.



COUNCILLOR BOB CHAPMAN'S WORK WITH THE BILLERICAY FOODBANK

One of our Village Councillors, Cllr Chapman, has been helping at the Billericay

Foodbank for quite a while.

His work is particularly welcome at this time as he delivers food from the Foodbank to residents of our parish. Cllr Chapman is careful to observe the distancing rules while delivering food to residents during the Coronavirus outbreak.

The Village Council is grateful for his work, the work of the Foodbank and for the kindness of those who donate to the Foodbank.

THANK YOU TO THE RETAILERS OF SOUTH GREEN, GRANGE ROAD SHOPPING PARADE

Retailers at South Green have been working round the clock to provide food and essentials to our residents during the Coronavirus pandemic. Belchers Butchers, Ben Curtis Greengrocers, Day Lewis Pharmacy, the Post Office, the Codfather fish and chip shop, Martin McColls Newsagents, South Grill, and Tesco Express have provided our residents with outstanding service. The Village Council thanks all these retailers and their staff.

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS & THANK YOU NHS AND ALL KEYWORKERS

Despite the devastating consequences of the Coronavirus residents of each street have expressed their gratitude to the NHS and all keyworkers. On Thursdays at 8.00pm applause, whistles, bangs on saucepans and cheers ring out in thankfulness. The colourful window rainbows created by children also express thanks.

The pandemic has highlighted the vital work of keyworkers such as our refuse collectors. Residents have commented to our Chairman, Cllr Marie Dear, that the refuse collectors are doing so much to keep our village tidy at this time.

VE day saw bunting strung across streets and on homes. Residents were inventive with bunting. Some were flags, some streamers, some balloons but all followed the colour pattern: red, white and blue. In the evening residents exchanged greetings from 2 metres and there was some music and dancing in the streets where social distancing was observed.

These expressions of gratitude to keyworkers and those who served their country brought the community together.

CCTV UPDATE

A great deal of progress had been made with the electrical supply now ready to be connected. However, the Coronavirus pandemic halted work.

When work is resumed the project should then progress further and eventually South Green will have the added security of CCTV.

LINDA WILLINGHAM

It was with great sadness that the Village Council learnt Linda Willingham, one of our longstanding councillors, had passed away.

For several years Linda was responsible for organising and running the Fun Day which had become a most enjoyable day out on the Green for residents. Her dedication to the Fun Day won the admiration of residents and her fellow Village Councillors.

Linda supported many other council projects drawing on her long experience as a Legal Secretary in Billericay High Street.

Linda will be greatly missed.

FUN DAY 2020 CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the Fun Day this year has been cancelled. Stall holders have been understanding and are welcome back next year as the event will be run again in 2021. It will as usual be held on the Sunday immediately before the August Bank Holiday. Further details will follow next year.

CLLR LESLEY COWLES LEAD PLANNING COUNCILLOR

Since joining the Village Council Cllr Cowles has shown an interest in planning applications. Reviewing planning applications within our parish is one of the Village Council's mandatory functions.

Cllr Cowles has kindly agreed to be lead planning councillor. This is especially helpful during a time when the Village Council can only meet virtually.

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ON GOVERNMENT ADVICE DUE TO COVID-19

- THE ELECTIONS THIS YEAR HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. THEY WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT YEAR.
- THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IS CANCELLED. IT WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT YEAR.