

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
CHAIR'S REPORT ON COUNCIL ACTIVITIES 2020-2021**

Activities;

The Parish Council met 4 times in 2020/21.

The main activities and issues are as follows;

- i) Street Cleaning Partnership; agreement was made with BDC to receive additional funds for litter picking, maintenance of the playing field, pond and other amenities in the village.
- ii) Planning Applications; several were received during this year, one objection was raised by the councillors
- iii) Verge cutting; the parish clerk administered the contracts in accordance with the schedule as laid down by E.C.C. Highways Dept. The Council objected to the BDC proposal to adopt a single cut of verges, in the autumn
- iv) The contract for cutting the cemetery grass and the village hall grass was awarded to a resident of Belchamp Walter. While it is still early in the contact positive feedback has been received.
- v) The Village Emergency Plan was reviewed and updated.
- vi) The Council decided to join the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme.
- vii) A defibrillator was installed in the village telephone box. The Parish Council thanks the Village Hall Committee for a substantial contribution (£1,500) towards its cost. The Council would also like to thank Mr. Roy Llwelllyn and Mr. Mick Shepherd for repainting and repairing the telephone box.
- viii) The playing field fence was repaired and the bus shelter was repainted.
- ix) Mrs. Sara Perez was co-opted to the council.
- x) The Council thanks Mr Colin Doman for performing the independent review of the financial report

Financial Report;

- i) Balances Community Account at 31 March 2021 was £ 6,672
 Reserve Account £ 2,438
 Playing Field Restricted Fund £ 122
 Total Net Balances at year end £ 9,232
- ii) The budget for 2021/22 has been set with the aim to have zero increase in the parish precept paid by each household.

In Conclusion;

Our thanks are due to our District Council representative Cllr. Ilona Parker and to our County Council representative Cllr. David Finch for their support and attendances. In particular the Council thanks Cllr. David Finch for his service over the years.

Signed
Councillor Jane Walker Chair

19th May 2021