



COGGESHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk Report: October 2022 – Philippa Potter

- The Parish Council are hosting a talk on Climate Action, by Professor Jules Pretty, of Essex University, on Tuesday 18 October, at 7.30pm, in the Keys Room, Village Hall. All are welcome to come along.
- We have been experiencing an increase in incidences of fly-tipping at the recycling banks in Stoneham Street Car Park. We are working with BDC on further ways to tackle the situation.
- The Recreation Sub-Committee has started work on the refurbishment of the Fabians Play Area. The project will be funded by grants, and monies paid over to the community (via Braintree District Council) from recent housing development. It is currently anticipated that this project will be completed in late 2023/early 2024.
- County Cllr Paul Thorogood has arranged a meeting with Essex Highways Officers which is being attended by Parish Councillors and the Clerk, as a site visit to East Street with regard to the currently proposed dropped kerbs and to discuss the viability of a pedestrian crossing. Other areas such as Stoneham Street and Tilkey Road will also be pursued if time permits on this visit.
- Work is starting on the fencing around the Recreation Ground play area, to repair where the fence is currently rotting and broken, and to then create the extended area to the west to create a seating area. This is beginning week commencing 17 October, weather permitting.
- Councillors are currently researching options for greener energy and energy efficiency at the Village Hall. Grants for solutions will be pursued to assist with funding.
- The Climate Crisis Committee are also developing a number of ideas and initiatives for Coggeshall and are researching various ways that the Parish Council can promote biodiversity, pollinators and nature in general across its land.
- Braintree District Council (BDC) have provided a further bin at the Village Hall Car Park for the Parish Council to use for the bags collected twice a week from the litter and dog bins in the parish. There has been a huge increase in the amount collected and we were struggling to get all of the bags into one large bin for collection by BDC.
- The noticeboard at Market Hill is to be refurbished in the next couple of months and restored to its former glory. The board was donated to the parish by E W King & Co in 1977 to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

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