



COGGESHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk Report: September 2022 – Philippa Potter

- The death of Her Late Majesty The Queen took us all into a period of national mourning, which required the Parish Council to follow the official protocol pertaining to local authorities through this time until after the State Funeral. These plans have been in place for a while, and I am pleased to say that the small duties the Parish Council needed to perform took place smoothly.
- Meetings due to be held during the period of national mourning are being rearranged.
- Planning: The Parish Council's planning application for the change of use from allotment land to cemetery land is now out to public consultation via the Braintree District Council website. The application number is: 22/02445/FUL.
- Office redecoration: Currently working to starting w/c 3 October, but this is still to be finalised.
- Overgrown footpath, Colne Road – Essex County Council's Highways Rangers were deployed to cut the path earlier this month. The work was started by CPC but was handed over to ECC once we had confirmation they were going to complete it.
- We took part in the recent Local History Event arranged by the National Trust, where they held the main event at Grange Barn, and arranged for locally historic buildings to be opened around the village as well. I opened the Clock Tower, aided by Cllr June Alston, and we talked through the history and the clock/bell mechanism with quite a number of people who were very interested in it. We were only able to open the ground floor of the building, as there hadn't been time to pull together the necessary risk assessments and insurance requirements in time. However, there was quite a bit of enthusiasm from the public to go up and have a look at the clock and the rest of the tower. I am looking into whether it is viable for us to hold such an event.
- Work is continuing with the Community Payback Team, who have made quite a difference to the cemetery over the last few months, and we are working with them to cover other areas in the parish as well.
- The Parish Council will be represented at Markshall Estate by our Chair, Cllr Ian Hagger, at the unveiling of a blue plaque to Mary Honeywood this weekend.

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