



# COGGESHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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## Clerk's Report – June 2024

- Our **Annual Parish Council Meeting** was held in May, when Cllr Ian Hagger was re-elected Chair of the Council and Cllr Trevor Plumb re-elected as Vice-Chair. Our Committee memberships were agreed, along with our lead Councillors for various topics.
- Another print run has been made of our **Tourist Leaflets**, which you can pick up at the Museum, Paycocke's House, Grange Barn and Bakelicious, as well as from the Parish Office. These have proved very popular with visitors to Coggeshall and if you wish to have a copy to read about the history of many of our historic buildings but can't find one, please let me know.
- Our **grounds staff** are working hard to keep up with the growth of the grass and vegetation on the land we either own, or are contracted to maintain. Other areas, such as pavements, the public rights of way (PROW) and most roadside verges are the responsibility of Essex County Council (ECC) to maintain. Any problems with these areas can be reported directly to ECC via the online system on their website, which can be found here: <https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us/track-it> . You can also check beforehand whether an area comes under ECC's remit, by using their Highways Information Map, which can be found here: <https://www.essexhighways.org/interactive-maps-and-live-travel-information/highways-information-map> . This tool will show the different highways areas – priority 1 and 2 roads, pavements, remote footways, PROWs, and other responsibilities such as the winter gritting routes. There is also a fabulous volunteer group who help to keep the PROWs passable, and when I receive any reports about these areas, they are passed on to the group to help where they can.  
Our grounds staff will help where they can, but we are not able to take on very much of other authorities' work, otherwise we are not able to cover all of our own. We are not reimbursed financially by those other authorities, which ultimately detracts from the parish.
- You may notice some **tree work** being undertaken at the cemetery and the Recreation Ground in the next week or two and be concerned that it is being done during bird nesting season. I can reassure you that our tree surgeons undertake risk assessments before and during their work, which includes looking for bird nests. If these are found in the area they are working in, they stop and return at a later date, once that nest is empty.

**Philippa Potter**  
Parish Clerk