

NEWSLETTER



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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL 2016/2017 TPC Responsibilities:

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY	REMIT		COUNCILLOR
CHAIRMAN			Carol Pratt
VICE CHAIRMAN			Geoff Bagnall
FINANCE COMMITTEE	Report & recommendations to full Council	4	Carol Pratt, Geoff Bagnall, Richard Cheetham, Sue Sprules
PLANNING COMMITTEE	Report & recommendations to full Council re Planning Applications, Housing Policy/Local Plan, Stansted Airport, SSE PC Liaison, coordination of consultations responses.	4	Carol Pratt, Pat Burnett, Jackie Cheetham, Tricia Barber, Geoff Bagnall
HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT			Clerk reports to Highways & TPC
SPORTS FIELD			John Green
RECREATION GROUND			John Green
RIGHTS OF WAY/ FOOTPATHS/LAND	Rights of Way/Footpaths/Land Tree Warden, Flich Way	2	Tina Domigan, Trevor Allen , John Green
MOLEHILL GREEN *	Green, Hall & Community		Carol Pratt & Trevor Allen
POLICE LIASON/PUBLIC SAFETY			Trevor Allen
PUBLICITY	Notice Boards, Website, Newsletter, Grapevine, Press		Via Clerk/Jackie Cheetham
NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION			John Green
REGIONAL/NATIONAL POLICY			Geoff Bagnall & Jackie Cheetham
EMERGENCY PLANNING	Coordinating key contacts & resources		Pat Burnett, Clerk & Asst Clerk
SCHOOL HOUSE WORKING GP	Consider the future (Use & Ownership)		Carol Pratt, Tricia Barber, Trevor Allen, Tina Domigan, Pat Burnett, Linda Steer
STRATEGIC PLANNING	Facilities, services & Neighbourhood Planning		Geoff Bagnall, Jackie Cheetham, Linda Steer, John Green

*NOTE: Cllrs. Carol Pratt & Trevor Allen are trustees of Molehill Green Village Hall

TPC REPRESENTATIVES:

REPRESENTATIVE	COUNCILLOR/RESIDENTS
Essex Assoc. of Local Councils	Jackie Cheetham, Richard Cheetham, Carol Pratt
Area Forums	Tricia Barber
Parish Passenger /Transport Gps	Phyllis Altham (resident)
Priors Green Community Hall Liaison	Geoff Bagnall, Carol Pratt, Pat Burnett
Priors Green (LCPC & TPC)	Jackie Cheetham, Geoff Bagnall, Sue Sprules
Takeley History Society & School	Trevor Allen
Silver Jubilee Hall	Carol Pratt
SSE Parish Liaison Group	Tricia Barber, Richard Cheetham
Health Provision	Sue Sprules, Linda Steer
Takeley Youth Club	Linda Steer
Takeley Primary Schools (x2)	Sue Sprules

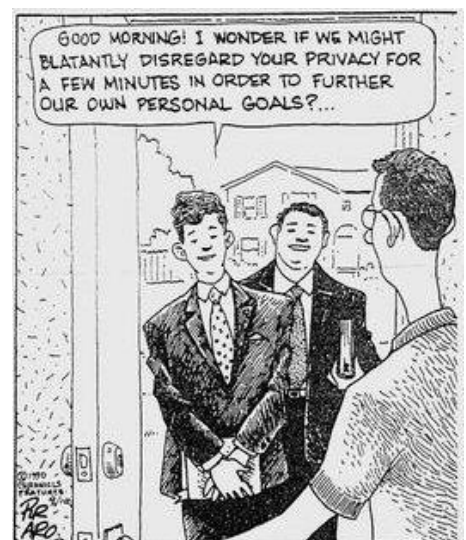
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Editorial

In which the editor gets hypothermia, has an abusive if intellectual discourse on his doorstep, throws tea all over himself, is attacked by a Swedish toilet, has a violent philosophical debate with a satnav, gets frustrated by parking and recounts an horrific crime involving a frozen chicken.

Like the proverbial unwanted guest, winter hangs around and demands our attention like a sulky child as it alternately freezes or soaks anyone who is foolish enough to venture out. Without a doubt, hibernation should be mandatory! I mean, what intelligent entity would choose to venture out? Even polar bears need woolly hats at this time of year and Beloved lets out little groans of despair when she opens the curtains and sees snowflakes fluttering down from a pewter sky. I am reminded of my distant schooldays when we *had* to turn out for football every afternoon. Visible lack of enthusiasm was a crime that left one open to sneering ridicule and demeaning punishment. "Play up, play up," Matron would screech from the touchline, wrapped up in layers of coats and scarves which gave her near-spherical proportions. "You're not hurt. Get up, boy!" The master in charge of the game would rush about like a maniac, his spindly legs protruding from his shorts which were topped by an ancient tweed jacket that flapped like a tattered pennant in the arctic wind, giving him the air of a deranged scarecrow. He exuded a horrible enthusiasm as he galloped about, letting out random blasts on his whistle that sounded like a bird having an epileptic fit. No, I was just incrementally expiring from frostbite and boredom. I'd wander disconsolately round the freezing football pitch, wondering how long the purgatory would continue. To this day, I can't understand the apparent enjoyment that so many people seem to derive from such pastimes. But, hey, it takes all sorts.

Meanwhile, life has continued for me in its usual surreal way. Only a few weeks ago, the doorbell rang and when I answered it, I was confronted by a pair of smartly dressed individuals who, smiling invitingly, thrust what looked suspiciously like a religious tract in my direction. Now, I should add at this point that I had only just got up and still wore a theatrical pallor about my manic face. I was clutching a mug of tea and was trying to work out if I was alive or not. I fixed them with a deranged stare as I motioned for them to take back their literary offering.



Yuswarreyouwant?” I croaked as tea dribbled down my beard.

“Do you think that there is an intelligence controlling the universe?” Said one of the smartly dressed, smiley and very, very earnest characters.

Cue for me to choke on my tea. “Of course there bl***y is!” I exploded.

“Haven’t you ever heard of white mice?” This eruption of bile made one of the impeccably dressed souls retreat rapidly with all the finesses of a stunned penguin, which is a Good Thing as the slamming front door narrowly missed his nose. It has recently been decorated (the door, that is, not his nose) at some expense and I really would not have enjoyed the chore of removing the impression of his proboscis from the shiny new paint. By the time that I wiped up the tea that I had thrown all over myself, I needed to go back to bed. No. Not to sulk. To recover my composure, don’t y’know.



And if one ventures out, there is no hiding place from the random assaults of everyday life. Allow me to elaborate. Beloved and I were walking through one of the many identikit shopping malls which seem to have overtaken our towns when we were accosted by a lanky individual who was collecting for cats. What sort of cats, I know not. Now, I am very fond of our feline relatives, but Beloved does not share my feelings. Benign tolerance probably sums up her attitude. The hopeful individual stepped out into her path and waved a leaflet at her. “Do you like cats?” he inquired hopefully. “No,” said Beloved, impaling him with a glare that would qualify as a military grade laser beam and continued on her way without missing a step. Hopeful individual just stood there, bemused, confused and speechless. Maybe his felines were hurt. Now, you would have thought that Beloved’s discouraging reaction would have had some lasting effect but oh dear, no! The next day, in the very same place, we were approached by the same hapless miscreant asking exactly the same question. I can only conclude that the gentleman had a short-term memory problem, didn’t believe her or was not quite human. By which I suggest that, possibly, he might have been some sort of charity droid that had been programmed to wear potential punters into gibbering submission over a period of years. Well, maybe.

And speaking of shopping precincts, I was electronically assaulted on my last trip to a certain Swedish purveyor of furniture and meatballs. Needing to use the toilet facilities, I found my way down a long corridor, past the mother and baby changing room (which had a pictogram on its door which looked like a fair representation of an alien autopsy) and hence to the gentlemen’s retiring room. Well, the facility was eerily deserted, a sort of sanitary Marie Celeste. It’s one of those clever places where the lights come on automatically when you enter – something to do with saving the planet, one assumes. Well, there

I was, ensconced in the privacy of my cubicle, when all the lights went out. Magnifique, mais ce n'est pas la guerre! Well that's not exactly what I said. If memory serves me correctly, it was slightly more colourful. More like "Ce stupide gazouille vient d'eteindre les lumieres?"

No appeals or pathetic squeaks from me brought any response and I was left to fumble about in the dark. Deeply, deeply inconvenient for a convenience! Anyhow, I eventually emerged from the cubicle and could just about make out a faint glow that signified the direction of the exit, having drenched myself trying to wash my hands in the dark. At that moment, all the lights came on as some poor unsuspecting soul entered the palace of convenience, came face to face with me looking glazed, ruffled and dripping wet, took one startled glance and hastily went back the way he had come!



That's the problem with the world that we now inhabit: We are surrounded, coddled and abused by a myriad of clever electronic devices that are supposed simplify our everyday existence, giving us what a marketing man might call "an enhanced experience". I mean, we now even have what is known as "augmented reality". Now, without delving too deeply into linguistics that seems like a fair definition of a lie to me.

Which brings me neatly to the subject of our new and very hi-tech satnav (How quickly that term has slipped into everyday usage!). It does wonderful things, I can assure you. As well as being able to know where traffic jams and accidents are in advance, automatically sending you on diversions where necessary, it has the knack of knowing when you're in a bad mood to that it can have fun by involving you in a philosophical argument. Let me illuminate you. Our wonder device has a voice activation facility that enables you to give spoken commands and requests. Inadvertently, the voice command facility was left on and one day, as Beloved was approaching a particularly awkward junction, the satnav screen went dead for a moment as the map vanished and was replaced by a random selection of words. Then a smug female voice welcomed us to voice control and suggested that we set it up or wait until later if the moment was inconvenient. No amount of protest, cursing or jabbing at the screen had any effect. Then, the calm female voice continued, "I'm listening, I'm listening." "Obviously b****y not", I bellowed as I tried to disable it using advanced unarmed combat techniques. "I'm sorry, I didn't understand you," said the condescending voice. Then it continued: "I'm listening. I'm listening."

"No you're b****y not!" I yelled. No amount of swearing and assaulting screen had any effect. Then we tried ordering it to cancel voice operation. Bad mistake. Very politely, it said: "I didn't understand that. Did you mean cancel

the route?” “No,” we both screeched but it was too late. The map vanished from the screen just as the roundabout hove into view. As Beloved grimly navigated a path through the traffic which, in the gloom was like trying to practise ballet steps in the middle of a herd of charging elephants, it continued remorselessly in a sulky tone: “I’m listening, I’m listening,” it kept repeating, maundering on like a drug- addled parrot. Fury turned to desperation as we swiped, cursed and pushed the power switch on and off. Finally, we rendered it unconscious and turned off the sound. Even so, in sullen silence, it stubbornly persisted in trying to turn on voice activation, the map vanishing and re-appearing at random intervals. This, I thought, is how murders come to be committed.

There is little doubt that the power of inanimate objects to make our lives a misery seems to be increasing exponentially. I recently visited a friend who owns a superb and very complex sound system. All the equipment and even the lights in his lounge are controlled by voice activated remotes. Brilliant. Or maybe not quite. It often took a few minutes to work out which piece of equipment was turned on and which remote needed to be used. Having got everything running and sounding superb, he spoke firmly, as though to a not-very-bright child, to an elegant cylindrical device topped by a subtle blue light; “Alexa, lights fifty percent.” The blue light pulsed gently in response and as though by subtle magic, the lights in the room dimmed. Hey, I was impressed. However, the gods do not allow perfection in human affairs and several times, Alexa apologised and said, accusingly, that she hadn’t heard. I quite expected her to tell him to sit up properly and stop mumbling! My friend told me that, one evening when the device had been particularly annoying, he finally reached the end of his tether. “Alexa, you’re p*****g me off,” he had shouted. There was a long pause. Then Alexa’s blue light flicked in a depressed sort of way. “I’m sorry about that” she replied in a hurt voice. She didn’t quite add that she had a headache and felt miserable but, give it a few more years of white hot technological development and Alexa will probably burst into tears and need weeks of psychotherapy before she can resume her duties. You know what I mean: “Alexa, lights on.” “Stop shouting at me. I’m having a breakdown!” and now I come to think of it, I remember that, when purchasing my first computer and enquiring how reliable it was, I was informed that the majority of the computers returned to the store for repair had been thrown out of windows .Those whom the Gods wish to destroy, they first make mad .Then they make them buy computers.

And in a very roundabout way (spot the pun) way, that brings me to the eternal problem of parking in our village. And I do mean eternal, for it has troubled mankind since towns and cities have been in existence. The ancient Romans were quite adept at solving inner city congestion. They simply banned women from riding in carriages in downtown Rome. Arbitrary but

effective as it cut traffic by some fifty percent. Exactly what the ladies had to say about this has not, as far as I know, been recorded.

Any miscreant who persistently obstructed the street with carts or any other vehicle could be punished by having horse dung forcibly shoved inside his toga. Titter ye not, for 'tis cruel to laugh at the afflicted. "ad blimey quod niff!" as a passing centurion was heard to remark. Perhaps, instead of Speed Watch group, we could set up a Parking Watch group, equipped with a liberal supply of horse manure. But enough of this levity, for the problem causes intense annoyance to many residents and is the bane of many people's lives, often causing huge inconvenience.

Much of the trouble seems to revolve around the unwillingness of the District Council and the police to actually enforce the law. Anyone who has passed their driving test and has a passing knowledge of the Highway Code could walk round the village and spot parking offence after parking offence. I have lost count of the number of times that I have seen pavements completely blocked by vehicles causing pedestrians to walk in the road, cars parked too close to junctions or blocking access to driveways ... the list goes on and on. An acquaintance of mine, who is a police officer in another force and therefore knows about such things, approached the Essex police with a list of offences that he had observed in Takeley. The response? Not interested. I have approached the District Council on various occasions and have been passed from department to department with nobody prepared to take any responsibility or even interest. I think that the general idea is that any complainant will eventually give up in frustration. Now maybe I'm just being innocently logical, but can anybody explain to me the point of having laws if the relevant authorities choose not to enforce them?

A fair proportion of the problem lies in the absurdly narrow streets that seem to characterise modern developments. And there is simply not enough parking allowed for each house. How on earth can one point five cars be acceptable for a development which consists largely of four or five bedroom houses – especially when the garages are too small to take a modern car? Inevitable, cars end up being parked in the street.

Then there is the high proportion of properties let out for multiple occupation. A situation often arises where a three bedroom house, let out by the room, might generate five or six vehicles vying for parking space. In many instances, the use of a house for anything other than single family occupation is forbidden by restrictive covenants. It's worth having a look at your deeds. If such a covenant applies to your property, you can be reasonably sure that it will apply to the rest of the houses on your estate.

Enforcing a restrictive covenant is not necessarily straightforward, but it is certainly not impossible, especially if it can be proved that enough residents are adversely affected by its breach. There is a limit to what a body such as the Parish Council can do and the real solution is for residents to form neighbourhood associations and to take action together. So self help is the

name of the game and I speak as a veteran with experience of a four year High Court action!

So there you are, the editor moaning about parking yet again. Bit like Ground Hog Day, isn't it? But of course there is another option. I don't believe that the right to settle disputes in law with trial by combat has been repealed. It's probably mouldering away somewhere in the bowels of the Houses of Parliament! One could insist on that right and demand that UDC provides a champion to fight you, preferably using broadswords. Brings chivalry and a bit of entertainment back to local government says I. Or one could take unilateral action as reported some years ago in the Liverpool Courier: "*Observing the temporary incapacity of Mr Lea who seemed to be thinking furiously with his mouth open, Mr Swift MacNeil filled the aching void.*" Not that I am inciting violence of any sort. Perish the thought – I am a man of peace, not pieces.



Therefore, I shall conclude this obtuse ramble with a strange little tale carried in a German newspaper some years ago: "*A woman who fainted in a Nuremburg supermarket was taken to hospital with suspected brain damage after trying to smuggle out a frozen chicken under her hat.*" I mean, it's obvious, isn't it. She was looking for the eggsit. There was no fowl play intended.

At which point, while pondering the moral of this little tale, I shall retire to the lower regions of the house where a cupboard stocked with amber nectar of the Scotch variety resides. And when you go out at night to put out the rubbish and are accosted by a hat wandering around with chicken's feet sticking out from under it, call the council and tell them that there's something fowling the street. They'll be very angry and they'll give it a good roasting. On which lame note, I think it's time to finish. Sweet dreams.

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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCILLORS
UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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STEER	Linda	1A South Road Takeley, Essex CM22 6RB



UK POWER NETWORK

Priority Services Register

Do you need extra support during a power cut or do you know someone else that would need extra support? Our services are free to customers who need support.

Power cuts don't happen very often but if the electricity network is damaged or develops a fault it's our job to get your power back on. Our engineers will work around the clock 24/7 to restore your power as quickly and as safely as possible.

If you live in London, the East or South East of England, then being on our Priority Services Register will ensure you will receive extra support if you experience a power cut.

What help should I expect to get during a power cut?

- ✓ A priority number that you can call 24 hours a day
- ✓ A dedicated team who will contact you to keep you updated during a power cut
- ✓ We can put you in touch with an expert who can offer you advice on energy bills and energy saving tips if this is important to you
- ✓ Tailored support if needed such as home visits, hot meals, advice and keeping your friends and relatives updated
- ✓ In certain scenarios we may also offer a free hotel overnight and transport to the hotel

Who can register to receive extra support?

- Customers who rely on medical equipment
- Customers who are chronically ill
- Customers with a disability
- Customers who have dementia
- Customers who are blind or partially sighted
- Customers who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Customers who are of pensionable age
- A nursing or residential home
- Customers with children under five in their household
- Any other case that you would like us to consider

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Text POWER and your postcode to 80876

Call 0800 31 63 105 or simply 105 (free from a landline or mobile phone)

Tweet us or send us a Facebook message

Need extra support during a power cut?

We can help! Sign up to our free register: ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority or psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk



AIRPORT PARKING

Please report on street airport parking to
Hotline: 0800 731 2385

This is a central database. A list of all cases goes to the Stansted Airport Highways Working Group (which includes Stansted Airport, Essex County Council Highways and Uttlesford District Council) which identifies 'hotspots'.

Where recorded evidence supports identification of a 'hotspot' Stansted Airport may contribute financial assistance to the statutory authority (ECC Highways) to provide a solution.

Neither ECC Highways nor Uttlesford District Council support resident parking schemes where off street parking is available.

The Parish Council has no statutory powers relating to Highways. The Parish Council will make representations to UDC and ECC Highways Dept regarding airport parking issues but it is **only** the statutory bodies (UDC & ECC Highways) that have the powers to act.

Thank you

TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING SCHEDULE 2017

Meetings start at 7.30pm & are held in the Station House,
Sycamore Close, unless notified otherwise.

JANUARY 11th	FEBRUARY 1st	MARCH 1st
APRIL 5th	MAY AGM 3rd	JUNE 7th
JULY 5th	AUGUST 2nd	SEPTEMBER 6th
OCTOBER 4th	NOVEMBER 1st	DECEMBER 6th

The Takeley 'Big Build' - DIY SOS!

Takeley Parish Council have recently purchased the Old Takeley School Building from Essex County Council. It has plans to convert the former Old School building into a new Community Hub. It will bring a much needed meeting point for many aspects of the community for both social, recreational and educational needs. The building will become home to a number of village facilities including Takeley Youth Club, Community cafe, Citizens Advice, Outreach for Uttlesford Food Bank, village archives and much more as well as a new home for the Parish Council.

Takeley's own Nick Knowles goes in the form of Mr John Monk. John has been a life-long resident of Takeley as had his parents. He has been monumental in starting the Sports and Social Club and was a key inspiration to the recent refurbishment and extension of the Village Hall. John is kindly donating his time to project manage the design and refurbishment works.

The former school building has a long and interesting history. It was thought to have been built in the 1840's and is a great example of Victorian architecture standing adjacent to the former Vicarage in the centre of the village. In 1870 an evening school was initiated for the poor labourers that ceased their formal education at the age of 12! The School was rebuilt in 1886 and a John Cooper Smith was the head and his wife the assistant. A fund raising was held to seek sufficient money to provide the improved facility. It seems history is repeating itself.....

Mr John Cooper Smith lost his son, Reginald in the Great War. He was the first man to volunteer from Takeley.

In 1889 the School was heavily damaged by a fire starting within the adjacent bakers shop. Two cottages were burnt to the ground that stood on land now occupied by the schools playground.

This history makes the building a monument for the village and the Parish Council and village could not face the demolition of such a landmark. It was decided that the Old School would be brought back to life. It requires extensive renovation to bring it up to modern day facilities.

Takeley Parish Council is seeking not only funds for this important project but also key skills in helping undertake the works. The project requires the enthusiasm and assistance of anyone who feels they can contribute to the project in some way. The Old School could indeed become Takeley's 'Big build' - DIY SOS and continue to be a valuable asset for the community.

If anyone is interested in donating or assisting this exciting project please contact:
takeleyparishcouncil@virginmedia.com



TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

VACANCY - PARISH CLERK & RFO

SALARY SCALE NJC LC2 SCP 30-34

Salary will be based on previous experience and CILCA Qualification

Takeley is a large community in Uttlesford District; and sits east of M11 neighbouring Stansted Airport.

The tax base is 2050 (population of approx. 5000 adults & children) with a precept of £103k for 2017/18.

The Council is responsible for a community building, a recreation ground, play equipment, football pitches, a MUGA, & a skate park area, village greens & bridleways, and a variety of street furniture. There is a Parish Council office which opens to the public each week. The Council has 13 councillors who meet on the first Wednesday evening of each month (12 meetings/year). In addition, there is a Planning Committee & Finance Committee, and various working groups who report to the full Council.

JOB ROLE

We are seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) who has or is working towards the CILCA qualification. The role demands a flexible approach and determination to complete tasks to deadlines. The post is a permanent part time role working 30 hours per week.

As Proper Officer the Clerk will ensure that the Council conducts its business to meet statutory obligations. The Clerk will advise the Council on, and assist in the formation of, overall policies to be followed in respect of the authority's activities and in particular to produce all the information required for making effective decisions and to implement those decisions. The position requires direct contact with councillors, residents, partner organisations, contractors and other service providers. As the RFO you will ensure the effective administration of Council finance including preparing annual budgets, recording & reporting income & expenditure to the Council. The role is supported by an Asst Clerk working 15hrs/week.

LOCATION

The Clerk will be based at the Parish Council office with some home working.

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE SHOULD HAVE EXPERIENCE IN THE FOLLOWING:

- Previous Parish Council Clerk experience preferred
- Administration/secretarial skills
- IT skills, particularly Word & Excel
- Customer-facing skills
- Understanding of finance and accounting processes
- A flexible approach to hours of work and day to day duties and responsibilities

CONTRACT

The normal working hours of the Clerk/ RFO are 30 hours per week

The working week may also include some ad hoc evening meetings

Permanent contract subject to NALC Guidelines including contributory pension scheme (NEST)

A job description can be found at www.takeleypc.co.uk

Written applications with a full CV are invited for this interesting and varied role

Closing date for receipt of applications: 31st March 2017

Interview date: w/commencing 10th April 2017.

Further details available from: takeleyparishcouncil@virginmedia.com

TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

JOB DESCRIPTION - CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Overall Responsibilities

*The Clerk of Takeley Parish Council will be the Proper Officer of the Council and as such is under a statutory duty to carry out all the functions, and in particular to serve or issue all the notifications required by law of a local authority's Proper Officer.

*The Clerk will be totally responsible for ensuring that the instructions of the Council in connection with its function as a Local Authority are carried out.

*The Clerk will be responsible for effective communications within the Council & the local community & for ensuring the aims & objectives of the Council are advanced.

*The Clerk is expected to advise the Council on, and assist in the formation of, overall policies to be followed in respect of the Authority's activities and in particular to produce all the information required for making effective decisions and to implement constructively all decisions. The person appointed will be accountable to the Council for the effective management of all its resources and will report to them as and when required.

*The Clerk will be the Responsible Financial Officer and responsible for all financial records of the Council and the careful administration of its finances.

Specific Responsibilities

1. To ensure that statutory and other provisions governing or affecting the running of the Council are observed and updated as necessary.
2. To administer all aspects of financial accounting and reporting of Council business including drafting and monitoring budgets, producing monthly accounts, balancing the Council's accounts and preparing records for audit purposes and VAT.
3. To maintain, develop and control effective security measures and systems for all council records (including computer systems) and assets and to ensure that adequate back-up plans are in place. To ensure that the Council's obligations for Risk Assessment and to insure are properly documented and met.
4. To prepare, in consultation with appropriate members, agendas for meetings of the Council and Committees. To attend such meetings and prepare minutes for approval.
5. To attend all meetings of the Council and all meetings of its committees and sub-committees.
6. To receive correspondence and documents on behalf of the Council and to deal with the correspondence or documents or bring such items to the attention of the Council. To issue correspondence as a result of instructions of, or the known policy of the Council.
7. To receive and report on invoices for goods and services to be paid for by the Council and to ensure such accounts are met on time and in accordance with the Council's mandates and procedures. To issue invoices on behalf of the Council for goods and services and to ensure payment is received in accordance with the Council's mandates and procedures.

8. To study reports and other data on activities of the Council and on matters bearing on those activities. Where appropriate, to discuss such matters with administrators and specialists in particular fields and to produce reports for circulation and discussion by the Council.
9. To draw up both on his/her own initiative and as a result of suggestions by Councillors proposals for consideration by the Council and to advise on practicability and likely effects of specific courses of action.
10. To monitor the implemented policies of the Council to ensure they are achieving the desired result and that the Council is performing its obligations and business properly and legally and to make recommendations where appropriate.
11. To act as the representative of the Council as required.
12. To issue notices and prepare agendas and minutes for the Parish Meeting: to attend the assemblies of the Parish Meeting and to implement the decisions made at the assemblies that are agreed by the Council.
13. To prepare, in consultation with the Chairman, press releases about the activities of, or decisions of, the Council.
14. To attend training courses or seminars on the work and role of the Clerk as required by the Council.
15. To have achieved the status of Qualified Clerk as a minimum requirement for effectiveness in the position of Clerk of the Council.
16. To continue to acquire the necessary professional knowledge and skills required for the efficient management of the affairs of the Council:
17. To continue to develop the Council's electronic communication systems (including web site & e.mail service) ensuring that they operate efficiently and securely and comply with all aspects of the Data Protection Act.
18. If any statute, regulation or order confers any functions, or imposes any duties, upon a Proper Officer of the Council, the Clerk to the Council shall be the Proper Officer for these purposes.
19. To line manage the Assistant Clerk; including performance management

TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

PERSON SPECIFICATION - CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Category	Criteria	Essential / Desirable
1.	EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS	
	Good general standard of education	E
	Certificate of Local Council Administration or equivalent	D
2.	KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE	
	Similar experience in an administrative role, preferably within local government	E
	Experience of committee processes & procedures	E
	Knowledge of financial management procedures & control	E
	Knowledge of local area	D
3.	SKILLS & ABILITIES	
	Excellent communication skills (written & spoken)	E
	Good IT skills	E
	Good working knowledge of Word / Excel / Outlook or equivalent	E
	Ability to access & source information from internet	E
4.	PERSONAL QUALITIES & ATTRIBUTES	
	Excellent organisational skills	E
	Ability to prioritise work load & maintain varying deadlines	E
	Assertive, tactful & diplomatic	E
	Ability to work calmly to deadlines under pressure	E
	Ability to project positive image of the Parish Council & local community	E
	Ability to work professionally & on own initiative to provide information & advice to Parish Council	E
	Commitment to & understanding of equal opportunities issues	E



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Takeley Cricket Club – March 2017



It is March again, and the new cricket season is just around the corner. Our League fixtures are published and have been placed on our website – www.takeleycc.co.uk. Friendly fixtures, including 2 pre-season games at Cloghams on 29th April and Bishops Stortford High School at Jobbers Wood on 30th April, are also published on the website.

In the league, our first games are on Saturday 6th May, with the 1st XI playing at a new venue for us – newly promoted Braughing – and the 2nd XI, having been promoted last year, commence at home against Matching Green.

The first team then play at home against Birchanger, away at Stansted Hall, and home to Woodford Wells to complete their May games. The second team are away to Sawbridgeworth Ill's, home to High Beach and then away to Ilford Catholics. All games commence at 1.30pm

At the very beginning of April (on Saturday 1st), we will be running our spring quiz in the Takeley Village Hall. We will provide ploughman's style food and will be holding a raffle. Tickets are £10 per person which includes 2 strips of raffle tickets. The quiz is open to everyone, and if you would like a table (ideally 8-10 people), please contact Tim Connolly on 01279 870138.

On the playing front, we hope to run one or two training sessions at the ground in advance of the season commencing, and if there are any players (rusty or regular) that are new to the village, or happen to be reading this publication, we would love to welcome you to our Club. Please contact our 1st team Captain Liam Brown on 01371 499418 if you are interested in playing, or alternatively complete a contact form on our website.

We will also be running a Youth team once again this year under the safe charge of Paul Jarvis. Again, if there are any 13-15 year olds that are interested in playing or trying out, Paul (01279 870861) would be very pleased to be contacted. Training nights are generally on Fridays and will commence towards the end of April.

Malcolm Brown
Secretary, Takeley Cricket Club



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People are referred to us via the Citizens Advice Bureau, Social Services, doctors or simply call us when they have no-one to turn to.

Each week we publish online what items we are looking for, you may be surprised at what we need, it's often not what you would expect.

We are always happy to come and talk to local schools and churches and community groups about the work we do.

If you are in need or know of someone who would benefit from our help then please get in contact.

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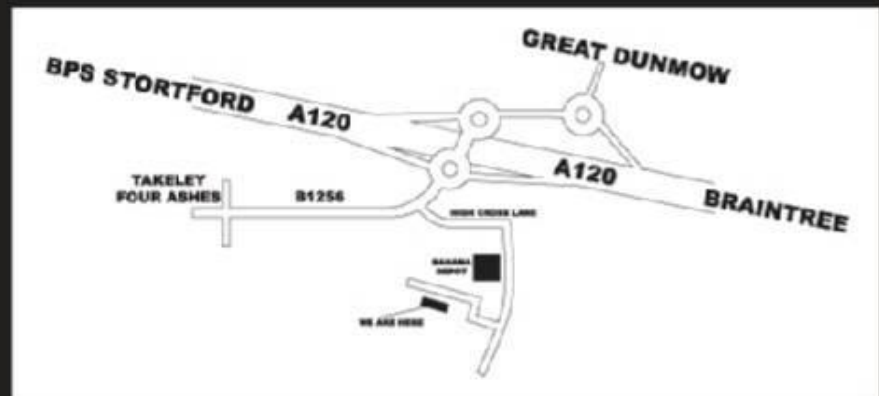
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TAKELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The following are extracts from the December, January and February Parish Council minutes, which can be viewed on the TPC website: www.takeleypc.co.uk

District & County Councillors Reports:

Cllr Derek Jones reported:

- **Planning Policy Working Group** met on 10th January 2017.
- UDC Members requested items not included in the public meeting were added to the agenda.
- Items discussed in a closed meeting were **Employment** and **Housing Numbers**
- No new date to re-start the paused Local Plan. New deadline for the completed plan may be **March 2018**.
- Still a considerable amount of work to be done to ensure the plan is more robust and evidence based.
- Working with other local authorities needs improvement.
- New additional documents are now online to view.
- Required housing numbers for the period are looking to be increased to circa 14100 (from 12500)

Open Forum:

David Daykin & Ruth Bodsworth spoke on behalf of TLC (**Takeley & Little Canfield Defibrillator Group**). A document was circulated to Cllrs providing an update on the group's activity since it formed in 2016 and a proposal for TPC's consideration. The group has proposed the purchase of 2 defib machines to be sited at the Silver Jubilee Hall & Priors Green Community Hall (with formalised consent) .The Council agreed in principle to the following:

1. The Group purchase and install the equipment - subject to confirmation of HMRC rules re VAT treatment
2. Ownership of the equipment be passed to TPC so that TPC will insure and maintain the equipment throughout its lifetime;
3. The Group will pass to TPC any funds available to cover anticipated costs of spares, maintenance and repairs, insurance and training on the understanding that TPC will ring-fence these funds for those purposes
4. TPC undertake continuing duties mentioned in no.3 above;
5. The Group retain any balance of funds thereafter remaining for future training needs and/or towards any further PAD's considered necessary;
6. TPC requires confirmation of the value of any shortfall once grant applications are determined.

(Subject to final arrangements re-funding & confirmation re vat treatment)

Parish Council Vacancies:

TPC considered 4 written applications & voted (single round of paper votes) to co-opt Mr Jim Backus & Mr Dominic Roque to the Parish Council to fill the current vacancies.

Planning Matters:

UTT/16/3565/OP Land to the west of Bonningtons Farm, Station Road

Brief Description: Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for 'Community led Mixed Use Development of up to 275 residential units, site of primary school, multi-use games area, kick about area, flexible neighbourhood building (A1,A2,A3,A5,B1,D1 & D2 uses), car park, trim trail & dog walking circuit'

Recommendation: Objection

The report will be sent to 3 x District Councillors, all members of the UDC Planning Committee and to the National Trust. The report will include Highways Consultant Bruce Bamber's entire report and will reference Gardner Planning Pre Publication UDC Local Plan Report.

Stansted Airport Night Flights consultation:

TPC resolved to endorse the recommendations of Stop Stansted Expansion:

- An unequivocal Govt commitment to phase out all night flights at Stansted by 2030, except in the case of genuine emergencies
- In the meantime, for the annual limit on Stansted night flights to apply, not just from 11.30pm to 6.00am, but from 11pm to 7am, so that 'night' truly means 'night' as defined by World Health Organisation (WHO) Guidelines on Community Noise
- A radical overhaul of the current 'averaging' method for measuring aircraft noise so that the official Govt noise statistics start to represent what people actually have to endure
- An immediate ban on all night time aircraft landings at Stansted from using reverse thrust, except in the case of genuine emergencies

Neighbourhood Plan:

Jean Johnson spoke on behalf of the **Neighbourhood Plan** volunteer group. The group would like an agreement in principle from TPC that they will write to UDC and apply for a £10k grant & also agree to the plan area.

The group has attended a workshop in Felsted run by RCCE and spoken with key groups.

- Cllr Jackie Cheetham offered to liaise with the NPlan group as TPC representative.
- TPC requested that a solution be found to include the whole of **Priors Green** and all residents in the process. Excluding the Lt Canfield part of Priors Green would undermine a fundamental principle of cooperation and parity.
- TPC will contact Lt.Canfield PC to discuss plan options and a way forward.
- Cllr Jackie Cheetham will contact Richard Haines (Thaxted) for information re-budget & costs.

Cllr Trevor Allen thanked the group for attending. Questions for further consideration so that members are able to make an informed decision. It is TPC who will ultimately be held financially responsible for any grant award.

- How will the group recruit additional members to the group (at least 12) to undertake/share the workload?
- How do the team envisage the process developing? Key elements/phases to the process?
- Sources of advice?
- The rules & conditions attached to the grant applications?
- Other potential sources of funding?

The Clerk reported that Mr. Richard Haynes (Thaxted) has kindly forwarded information regarding surveys carried out prior to starting the plan in Thaxted this will be shared with the team along with a copy of outstanding questions from TPC (Clerk to email to members & collate questions).

Purchase of Old School House, Brewers End:

- Exchange of contracts took place on 23rd December 2016 with completion on 6th January 2017.
- PWLB loan issued at an Interest rate set on the day at 2.87%.(£300k)
- The buildings insurance was activated when contracts were exchanged.
- Arrangements have been made to get temporary repairs to the roof to make it weather proof.
- Electricity & heating will be tested.
- A building inspector will visit the School House on 12th January to look at structural issues.
- A working party will plan & organise the move from the Station House to the School House.

TPC received an update from the School House Working Group (25/1/17) & agreed actions required including:

EMERGENCY REPAIRS UPDATE

Agreed:

- Repairs to roof slates (Up to £500) - contractor instructed
- Reinstate electrics & heating to SH building – beginning 27/1/17

To be agreed:

- Cost of structural engineer re advice on tie rods
- Engage services of company to design tie rods
- Stitch the crack south east corner of SH building – Silvester's
- Underpin SH building (corner) – Silvester's
- Window protectors to the rear ground floor windows(SH only for now)
- Fire Alarm installation
- New security system

PLANNING APPLICATION

- TPC will not be able to carry out the refurbishment as Permitted Development on a Building Notice. Following a visit by UDC Building Inspector (Roy Gillard) it has been established that the scale of works requires planning application. His advice included (i) not to remove chimney in School House (cost) (ii) re toilet block extension (iii) underpinning x 2 locations (iv) kitchen position (v) Ties for north hall
- In order to save costs and efficiency it is desirable to only submit one planning application for the entire project.
- Approx. cost £1 - 1.5k. Cost of drawings & Planning Notice (which will allow UDC to confirm price of planning application) £675 plus UDC fees
- Carol Pratt & John Monk to meet with Nigel Brown UDC prior to finalizing application
- John Monk is prepared to coordinate/complete the application process

AGREE STRUCTURAL CHANGES & INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WHOLE BUILDING TO ENABLE A SINGLE PLANNING APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- TPC confirmed the layout and scope of works identified in the original drawings provided by John Monk **including** removing the chimney in the School House building (*if cost is too much it will be omitted at a later stage*), location of toilet block and kitchen area (north wall of north hall).
- Include underpinning x 2 (south east corner of SH building & west wall of south hall) & stitching to S/House
- Main entrance door, corridor to new toilet block as per JM drawings
- Add new line for drains on the drawings & plans (*if cost is too much it will be omitted at a later stage*)
- Re-glaze and repairs to all windows
- Above negates the need for a camera survey of drains
- Seek advice on tie rods pre application - cost tbc later

Precept 2017/18:

TPC discussed and approved the report and recommendations of the Finance Committee 21/12/2016:

1. **2017/18 Proposed Budgets** (reviewed at TPC December mtg - no amendments)
2. **Precept 2017/18**
 - UDC Council Tax Grant reduced by 50% for 2017/18 (2012/13 band D x 2017/18 LCTS Tax base reduced by 50%)
 - Parish Council not included in referendum limit unless B and D is higher than lowest charging District Council in 2016/17 @ £75.46 or where total 2016/17 precept is at least £500k
 - Propose TPC request **£99385** plus LCTG of £3615. Total budget is £103k
 - This equates to no increase for each household on like for like 2014/15 Precept.

In addition, TPC resolved to place a notice in the Grapevine, Newsletter & noticeboard to explain the council tax charges in the last 3 years. A clerical error in 2015/16 meant an overcharge to residents. This was corrected in the 2016/17 bill. Comparison should be made with 2014/15 in order to get like for like comparative.

Highways & Transport Issues:

- **B183 speed restrictions** TPC support HBO PC in their application to ECC Highways to request a speed limit change along B183 between Takeley to Hatfield Broad Oak.
- Residents from **Priors Wood** have made a request to UDC Housing Dept to erect signs in their parking bays to prevent airport related parking. The Clerk spoke to Andrew Hurrell at UDC who is looking to install some signage.
- The Clerk has logged a complaint with **ECC Highways** after spending 1hr 15mins unable to register a problem either via website or phone. Details of this have been sent to ECC Cllr Susan Barker including a complaint from a resident regarding damage to his car because of the potholes.
- 2 RTA's in the village on 27th & 29th January on **B1256**. It is not known if the potholes were the cause however there are a large amount in this stretch of road.
- Although only recently resurfaced, the edges of the road in **Smiths Green** have started to break up due to the cold weather and water is collecting making the conditions worse.
- Rubbish on **Molehill Green Road** is building up - the Clerk has requested a clean-up via UDC Street Cleaning

Morrells Green: Reports of a group of men using the play area to smoke drugs and using threatening/anti-social behaviour have been made to TPC and Essex Police. The Police have been asked to make regular visits and as a temporary measure TPC agreed that the gate will be locked during hours of darkness. Local residents are organising the locking & unlocking of the gate.

Village Services:

- Two new litter bins have been installed. One at the entrance to **Roseacres** and the other on the railings on the walk to school route (B1256 opp. Business Centre).
- Clerks to seek prices for an extra-large bin at Four Ashes (northeast)
- **Jacks Lane** - TPC agreed that the Clerk will advertise in the next Newsletter to recruit a Friends of Jacks Lane' group to assist with keeping it tidy. Friends of the Fitch & the Highways Rangers will also assist to maintain and keeping it clear. One bollard outstanding for **Jacks Lane**. This will be a demountable bollard allowing access for building works for the next 2 years. Gates are outstanding.

For further information about Takeley Parish Council please contact the Clerk or visit the website: www.takeleypc.co.uk

Jane Heskey, Takeley Parish Council, Station House,
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Phone: 020 8270 1149 (subject to change) Email: takeleyparishcouncil@virginmedia.com

Parish Council Office:

Takeley Parish Council has an office within the Station House from where it hopes to foster a more personal and supportive role in the community. Services will be built to facilitate the needs of the people in Takeley and includes direct liaison with council members through the clerk.

**The Parish Council Office is open to the public Wednesday mornings
10.00am - 1.00pm.**

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LOW WATER PRESSURE IN TAKELEY *(Particularly in the Brewers End/Station Road area)*

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If your water pressure is below one bar Affinity Water will attend an appointment to carry out a pressure test, there is not a charge for this and they require access to your stop tap which must be in good working order. This is necessary to carry out the relevant tests.

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If you have been following our Facebook page you will see a lot has happened since we began in September. If you haven't, then please do take a look on our FaceBook page: "TLC Defib Group - Takeley & Little Canfield Defibrillator Group", [facebook.com/tlcdefibgroup](https://www.facebook.com/tlcdefibgroup). You will be able to read what a defibrillator is and does, what we are trying to do and ask questions.

We are aiming to get two for local use, sited at the Silver Jubilee Hall and at the Priors Green Community Hall.

You may have seen us at the Silver Jubilee Hall and school Christmas Fayres. We had training machines and dummies on show. Many had a go at using the training defibrillator and resuscitation. (Pictures on FaceBook.) Thank you to everyone who donated, we raised £114.

We need to raise just over £6,000. At the moment we have around £400. Takeley Parish Council gave £100 for start-up expenses. We have a grant of £2,500 from UDC and are applying for Lottery funding. Further donations from Weston Homes, ACME Transport and some individuals. A breakdown and thanks can be seen on our FB page.

In recent weeks we have been contacting local business. If you know anyone else would like to contribute our Bank details are: Lloyds Bank plc (30-96-26) a/c [27782460](#) for an inter-bank transfer or a cheque payable to 'TLC Defib Group' % trustee David Daykin, St. Omer, Dunmow Road, Takeley, CM226SH. Keep eye on our FaceBook page as we will have a Justgiving Page set up soon.

Once we have got the total required the defibrillators will be installed and training will be arranged and available for everyone.

VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATORS

Round up your friends!

Quiz night at The Lion and Lamb.

Proceeds to TLC Defibrillator Group who are raising funds to purchase two defibrillators for the village. Please come and support this worthwhile cause.

Friday 17th March at 8pm.

Congratulations to Barbara Aviet

Uttlesford Community Achievement Award

In 2016 the Parish Council nominated Barbara Aviet for her work in the community over many years and we are very pleased that our nomination was successful and Barbara was duly given her award at a ceremony in the District Council offices on 30 November 2016.

Barbara has lived in Takeley for nearly 50 years and has been involved with many aspects of village life. She is a valuable member of the church flower arranging team and serves on the Silver Jubilee Hall Committee.

Most notably Barbara and a group of other helpers ran the playgroup in the Silver Jubilee Hall for nearly 20 years. In addition she has been Chairman of Takeley Ladies Circle (formerly Takeley Wives) for many years - this involves arranging meetings every two weeks – organising speakers, demonstrations or other entertainment or outings. The Takeley Ladies Circle committee organises the Christmas Fayre. This is one of our major village events and has a wide variety of stalls which Barbara is instrumental in coordinating.

H.E.A.L. Cancer Charity

The ladies of the Takeley fundraising group for the Helen Rollason H.E.A.L. Cancer Charity would like to thank everyone who supported our Coffee Morning on Saturday 10th December where we raised £328 and our Quiz Night on Saturday 14th January where we raised £775. We hope to see you at our forthcoming events.

TO: RESIDENTS OF TAKELEY 2017/18 PARISH COUNCIL TAX/PRECEPT

BAND Annual cost per household	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £	Comment
2017/18	34.85	40.43	46.20	51.98	63.53	75.08	86.63	103.96	£103k Precept (includes UDC Council Tax Grant of £3615 - 50% less than 2016/17)
2016/17	31.95	37.28	42.80	47.93	58.58	69.23	79.88	95.86	Adjustment to 2015/16
2015/16	37.49	43.74	49.99	56.24	68.74	81.24	93.73	112.48	Clerical error - Overcharged
2014/15	34.68	40.46	46.24	52.02	63.58	75.14	86.70	104.04	True comparison
2012/13	34.45	40.19	45.93	51.67	63.15	74.63	86.12	103.34	

At the January Parish Council meeting the Council approved the 2017/8 Precept request of £103k to submit to Uttlesford District Council. Although UDC Council Tax Grant is reduced by 50% to £3615 for 2017/18, Takeley Parish Council has ensured that there would be no increase to the Parish Council part of the Council tax bill for each household when compared with like for like 2014/15.**

Additional monies have been raised through the increased numbers of homes in the parish.

The cost per household has not increased for over 5 years.

** *A clerical error in 2015/16 meant an overcharge to residents. This was corrected in the 2016/17 bill.*

Comparison should be made with 2014/15 to get a like for like comparative.

Jane Heskey

Clerk to Takeley Parish Council



TIDY TAKELEY CALENDAR 2017

DATE	LOCATION	
Sat. 25th March	PRIORS GREEN	litter pick
Sat. 8th April (11am)	CHESNUT WAY POND	Litter pick & trim & tidy
Wed. 19th April (11am)	WALK TO SCHOOL ROUTE	Dunmow Road north side (B1256), Four Ashes to Roding Drive
Fri 5th May (11am)	FOUR ASHES JUNCTION, B1256 & PARSONAGE RD	Litter pick and tidy bus shelters and Four Ashes village green
Sat 13th May (11am)	SPORTS FIELD, Hatfield Broad Oak Rd	Litter pick Bring the children!
Sat 10th June (11am)	BURGATTES ROAD PLAY AREA, PRIORS GREEN	Litter pick
Sat 24th June (11am)	MORRELLS GREEN Play area, balancing pond, green	litter pick/strim & tidy
Fri 30th June (11am)	COOKS HILL, B1256	Litter pick verges
Wed 12th July (11am)	HOLY TRINITY CHURCH LANE	Litter pick
Sat 22nd July (11am)	TAKELEY STREET (Kiersley Airways to Pincey Brook)	Litter pick
Sat 9th Sept (11am)	JACKS LANE (BYWAY 25)	Litter pick Bring the children!
Fri 15th Sept (11am)	RECREATION GOUND, off Chestnut Way	Litter pick

All volunteers welcome

For more information contact Takeley Parish Council

www.takeleypc.co.uk

Fraud and scams the risks

A scam is a fraud and who is at risk we all are, you are more likely to become a victim of fraud than any other crime. The villains involved are ruthless care little about their victims and do not discriminate. People of all age groups, and the vulnerable are all liable to fall victim of this crime, the biggest risk is thinking that it could not happen to me. Programmes like “Hustle” glamourize fraud but to a victim there is nothing glamorous about being a victim, it can and does destroy people’s lives.

Fraud comes from many directions and in many forms constantly evolving and by no means limited to the few examples below:

Postal delivery: Lottery and holiday wins (should be suspicious when you have not even entered it!); sales pitches involving a continued commitment, someone stranded abroad in need of cash, inheritance, and as below in “telephone, computers and the internet” these may come via the post too.

ATM and shops: Distraction at the ATM i.e. dropped cash and “shoulder surfing” for your PIN number, devices attached to the ATM to hold your card and/or read your PIN, “shoulder surfing” at the till in a store followed by a distraction in the car park while you are getting into the car in order to steal your card from within your bag in the car. Contactless credit cards can be read by unauthorised readers, this can be prevented by keeping them in foil card wallets available from some banks and online traders.

Telephone, Computers and the internet: You are told either by telephone or via an E-mail that you have virus in your computer and that you need to give them remote access to your computer, your telephone bill has not been paid and your telephone will be cut off, those in “postal delivery” above may also come via Email, there has been unusual activity on your bank account they obtain your account details from you and send a courier round for your card(s), You have shares in such and such company and we doing a hostile takeover and would like to buy yours – of course there will be a fee, shopping frauds, carbon credit scams.

The list would go on and on and I do not have the space to cover them all.

Reporting fraud and further advice is available from Action Fraud

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https://www.essex.police.uk/getmedia/31fbf2b6-a7b6-4d90-842b-ad9f6ec65346/fraud_not_just_a_scam_but_a_crime_leaflet.pdf (also available from Essex Police stations).

<http://www.met.police.uk/docs/little-book-cyber-scams.pdf>

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

Lastly remember if it looks too good to be true invariably it is, and you get nowt for nowt.

Stephen Armson-Smith 13/02/17

FRIENDS OF JACKS LANE (BYWAY 25)

The byway has recently been cleared and resurfaced and now provides an accessible amenity for residents of Priors Green as well as a safe alternative walk to school route for children walking from the village centre & Smith Green to Takeley Primary School.

Takeley Parish Council is hoping to sponsor a 'Friends of Jacks Lane' group who, along with help from the 'Friends of the Flitch' & the Highways Rangers, will assist in maintaining it and keeping the byway clear and tidy.

Volunteer should contact Takeley Parish Council.

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The consultation closes 10th May, 2017. The final decision will be made by the Home Office in June 2017.

**Helen Rollason (H.E.A.L) Cancer Charity
Takeley fundraising group**



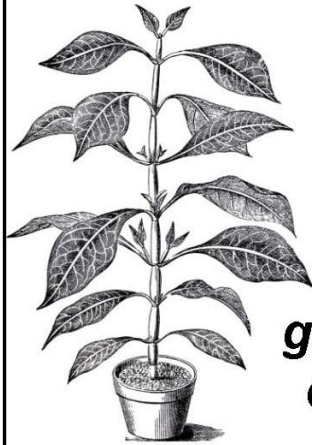
Invite you to a
Coffee Morning
Saturday 8th April
10.00am – 12.00 noon
Station House Café



***bric-a-brac, cake and book stalls,
raffle***

Plant Sale

Saturday 13th May
10.00am – 4.00pm
Station House Café



***plants
garden orientated stall
cake and book stalls
tombola and raffle
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Other events coming up:

Sunday 23rd July – Lunch with speaker

Sunday 22nd October – Soup 'n' Pud

*Saturday 18th November - Takeley Xmas
Bazaar Kitchen*

Saturday 9th December - Xmas Party

Saturday 13th January 2018 – Quiz Night

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The Essex County Council (Uttlesford District) (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Amendment No.53) Order 201*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Colchester Borough Council acting on behalf of the North Essex Parking Partnership in exercise of the delegated powers of the traffic authority Essex County Council granted under an Agreement dated 31 March 2011 proposes to make the above Order under Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 4 (1), 4(2), 32, 35,45,46,49 and 53 and Parts III and IV of schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the Order

1. To introduce no waiting at any time restrictions on the following lengths of road in the District of Uttlesford

Road	Description
Hawthorn Close- Takeley	South side 10.7 metres west from the junction with Station Road North side 11.6 metres west from the junction with Station Road
Lower Mill Field- Great Dunmow	Both sides 10 metres south west from the junction with Chelmsford Road
Brick Kiln Lane- Bran End	North east side 11.8 metres south east from the junction with the B1057 South west side 13.6 metres south east from the same junction
B1057-Bran End	South east side from a point 16.8 metres north east from the junction with Brick Kiln Lane to a point 10.0 metres south west from the same junction

2. To introduce no waiting Monday-Friday 10am-11am on the following lengths of road in the District of Uttlesford

Road	Description
Hawthorn Close- Takeley	Its entire length, all sides 11.6 metres west from the junction with Station Road, north side and 10.7 metres west from the junction with Station Road, south side.

This Order will be incorporated into The Essex County Council (Uttlesford District) (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Consolidation) Order 2008 by substituting the following tile numbers, TL630 212 with revision 4, TL560 210 with revision 3, TL555 210 with revision 2 and inserting new tile number TL650 252



Further Details: A copy of the proposed Order and associated schedule is available for inspection during normal office hours at Essex Highways, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH, Uttlesford District Council offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, CB11 4ER or at www.parkingpartnership.org

Objections: Anyone who wishes to object to the proposed Orders should send their grounds for objection in writing to TRO Comments, North Essex Parking Partnership, PO Box 5575, Colchester, CO1 9LT or by e-mail to parking@colchester.gov.uk by Friday 10 March 2017.

Date: 16 February 2017

Richard Walker, Parking Partnership Group Manager, Colchester Borough Council, Rowan House, 33 Sheepen Road, Colchester, CO3 3WG



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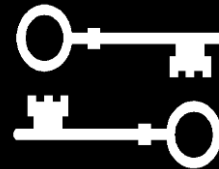
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TAKELEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY UNLOCKING THE PAST

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Our move back to Roseacres School appears to have been well received by both our existing members and the several new members and visitors who attended our February meeting.

We have now booked all our speakers and I can now tell you about our meetings for the rest of the year. On 16th May we welcome back Martyn Lockwood, to talk about Heroes and Villains. Martin has presented to us a number of times and members will remember his talks on “Zeppelins over Essex” and “Victorian Murders in Essex”. His talks are always very well received so I do urge you to come along and listen to him.

Then on 12th September, something a little different, Heather Falvey, will be talking about “A recipe book compiled in the late 18th century by Baroness Dimsdale”. Most of us are interested in food and the difference between our meals now and in the past is a fascinating subject so I’m sure this talk will go down as well as some of the dishes.

At our final meeting this year on 14th November Speaker David Gunn, will talk about his career in the army, modern military communications and recent events in Afghanistan where his son served. Anyone who attends the Takeley War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday in recent years will have seen David lead the parade and say a few words in remembrance of those we have lost to war. This is an opportunity to hear more about his and his family’s experiences in the modern army.

All of the above will be held at our new venue at Roseacres Primary School starting at 7.30pm

In addition to the that during the summer we like to visit a local site of interest and this year we hope to visit Crossing Temple Barns. No date has been set yet but once fixed I shall be letting members know.

Our talks and visits are open to all but if you are not a member and would like further details please email me chairman@tlhs.org.uk so that I can add you to our email list.

Steve Hazon,
Chairman, Takeley Local History Society

Articles from the past, by Pat Salmon

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 9th September 1893.

DEATH OF TAKELEY STATION MASTER

On Wednesday Mr Henry Farnham, after a somewhat prolonged illness of acute congestion of the lungs. He was much liked and leaves a Widow and five young children.

Henry Farnham was buried at Takeley Church on 10th September 1893, aged 41.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 16th September 1893.

FUNERAL OF THE STATION MASTER.

On Sunday the funeral of Mr Henry Farnham, who for about 15 years held the position of Station Master at this place, took place in the parish church, when the service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev R.Hart), There was a very large attendance at the Church.. The chief mourners being the widow and three eldest children.

Several railway employees including Mr Purkiss (the relieving station master), Mr Thomas Clarke (station master at Bishop's Stortford), and Mr H.Wilson (station master at Dunmow), were present. The coffin was covered by a large number of wreaths, etc, from relatives and sympathising friends.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE LATE STATION MASTER.

The death of Mr Henry Farnham, who was for many years station master here, recalls an amusing incident in which the Prince of Wales played a leading part. A few years ago the Prince and a party of distinguished guests alighted at Takeley, for the purpose of visiting Lord and Lady Brook. By some means the Prince of Wales became detached from the rest of the party, and did not reach the barrier until a few minutes after the others had passed. Mr Farnham was doing duty as a ticket-collector, and then not knowing the Prince he promptly accosted him with "tickets please" The Prince mentioned he was one of Lord Brooks party. The Station master was not however satisfied with the statement, and he firmly refused to allow his royal highness to pass unless he produced a ticket or furnish his name and address. Satisfactory explanations were eventually forthcoming, and the Prince was permitted to rejoin the party. Though somewhat embarrassed when he learned the Prince's identity, the station master was not greatly perturbed; indeed he received the intelligence with the philosophical question "Why didn't he tell me he was the Prince of Wales". His Royal Highness heartily enjoyed the incident, his Royal Highness seldom visits Easton Lodge without being reminded jocularly of his attempt to ride without a ticket.

SUDDEN DEATH

On Saturday afternoon, William Perry, aged 60, fish-hawker of Takeley Street, died very suddenly. He had been ill only a few days, but his wife did not think it sufficiently serious to call in medical aid. The circumstances have been reported to the Coroner.

William Perry was buried at Takeley Church on 15th September 1893, aged 60.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 2nd December 1893.

THE LATE STATION MASTER.

The subscription list which Mr Robert Marsh of Canfield, is getting up in aid of the Widow and family of Mr Henry Farnham, for many years station master here, already exceeds £60,

Among the donors are H.R.H. the Prince of Wales £5, and Lady Brook £10 10s.

Report in the Herts & Essex Observer - Saturday 18th December 1897.

HOUNDS KILLED ON THE RAILWAY.

A pack of hounds were run into on the Dunmow Branch Line near to Takeley Station, by the 2.49 passenger train from Takeley to Bishop's Stortford on Tuesday afternoon. After the train had passed through them two or three of the hounds could be seen from the train lying in the four foot way surrounded by the rest of the pack.

A subsequent report states that the pack were Mr E. Quare's harriers, and that one was killed and one injured.

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The Hundred Parishes Society

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

There has been recent mention in the press of police commissioners, funding and crime rates. Within the Hundred Parishes are some interesting examples of early methods of punishment and confinement.

Before the County Police Act of 1839, when local police stations started to be built, temporary detention of villains, especially drunks, was the responsibility of the parish. Lock ups, also known as cages, were often used and some fine examples still exist in our area.

St. George's church in Anstey has a 15th century lychgate. In 1831 the left side was bricked up and a studded door added so the structure could be used as the village lock up. In the 18th century a lock up was incorporated into the ground floor of Thaxted's 15th-century Guildhall. Great Bardfield has a 19th century cage which is open to the public in the summer months. Other lock ups can easily be found in Barley, Buntingford and Great Chishill. Newport has a much larger 18th-century 'house of correction' whose original purpose ceased in Victorian times.

A form of punishment which was 'popular' from medieval times was the use of stocks. The purpose of this punishment was to subject the offender to humiliation. Stocks were sited in public places where the 'victims' could be pelted with anything from mud to rotten fruit. Ancient stocks can be seen in Great Amwell churchyard, outside Brent Pelham church and also at Hellman's Cross in Great Canfield. The latter is on the site where Elizabeth Abbot was burnt as a witch in 1683.



All the features mentioned are protected as listed buildings and most are pictured on the Hundred Parishes website www.hundredparishes.org.uk. I hope the website will inspire you to explore our area.

Ken McDonald, Secretary.

Whilst the What's On page of the Society's website www.hundredparishes.org.uk has an extensive list of events, there is no forecast of nature's regular performances.

At this time of the year, twiggy platforms appear in the leafless canopy of tall trees. These bundles of sticks are the nests of rooks. Each pair will gather twigs from tree top branches to create a sturdy nest ready to receive the 3 -5 eggs which are laid in late February or early March. The young hatch about sixteen days later and will fledge in just under five weeks. Rooks forage for earthworms and other invertebrates in fields, but those living on the edges of settlements will scavenge in car parks for discarded takeaways.



The black feathers of rooks glint a bluish purple in the sunlight and they are distinguished from other members of the crow family by the grey-white skin round the base of their beaks and their baggy feather trousers or plus fours. On the ground their walk is somewhat sedate, but once airborne they enjoy freewheeling in the March winds, often gathering in large

flocks alongside crows and jackdaws in an aerobatic display.

Ringling records have shown that they can live for at least 20 years and they have a strong affinity for family groups. Collectively called a clamour or a parliament, rooks are a gregarious species communicating with a variety of harsh calls.

There may be as many as 1.4 million pairs in the British Isles. The majority of colonies are found in rural areas although within the Hundred Parishes there are some still to be found in the outskirts of smaller towns. They seem to favour ash, beech, oak and sycamore trees or, more rarely, Scot's pine.

Tricia Moxey, Trustee

About the Takeley Parish Council Newsletter

The Newsletter was started up again in the autumn of 1998 (after an interval of some 10-15 years) as a result of opinion expressed in the Village Appraisal. It is designed to provide a free community magazine for Takeley Parish. It is intended that the Newsletter should reflect all aspects of Parish life and should provide an opportunity for community matters to be raised and discussed.

The Newsletter team currently comprises a Contributing Editor (Paul Regeli), a compositor (Steve Hazon) and a distribution and advertising coordinator (Jane Heskey) but no official reporters. An interest magazine, therefore, depends on articles, news and advertisements coming from people in the village and nearby which can be sent to:

Jane Heskey, Clerk of the Council, Takeley Parish Council, Station House, Sycamore Close, Takeley, CM22 6QA
Tel. 0208 270 1149

or email to newsletter@takeleypc.co.uk

The closing date for submission of material is the 15th of November, February, May and August for the respective quarterly issues.

It is not always possible to publish everything submitted and sometimes changes have to be made to the length of a contribution. Non-controversial articles cannot always be published immediately but they will appear later unless the contributor is told otherwise. Contributions of up to, say, 400 words, have a greater chance of being published in full than longer ones.

The name of the person (and in what capacity if appropriate) submitting the material must accompany the contribution. If you do not want your name published you must make that clear. However, articles without the author's name are only likely to be published if they are non-controversial. Ultimately the responsibility for publication rests with the Parish Council, which has veto powers as to content.

Advertising rates per issue (quarterly) are listed below. Payment and details must be supplied to the Newsletter by the closing dates listed above although we do prefer annual payment in advance to reduce administration.

1. Full Page (i.e. one half A4 sheet size), £25.00 Photo or disc ready
 2. Half Page, £15.00 Photo or disc ready
 3. Quarter Page, £10.00
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