



Annual Report May 2022

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Please join us....
CASTLE HEDINGHAM
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
THURSDAY 19TH MAY, 7.30PM
AT THE VILLAGE HALL

The **Annual Parish Assembly** is an opportunity for residents of Castle Hedingham to find out about the work of the Parish Council over the last year, and raise any matters relating to our local community.

We welcome representatives from local groups to share their news and events

WETHERSFIELD AIRFIELD PRISON PROPOSALS

This year at our Annual Parish Assembly we will be hear from representatives of SWAP and WASC groups who will update us about their campaign against the proposals for two mega prisons at Wethersfield Airfield, and their alternative proposals for the site.

Castle Hedingham Village Park

Our Village Park continues to be enjoyed by everyone, and we are pleased to be able to move to the next stage in developing the whole space.

Work will be starting work shortly creating an accessible space for our **Community Garden & Allotments**, with the help of £11,000 of grant funding.

Come along to our Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting Thursday 2nd June, 5pm to 7.30pm

at the Village Park, with bar, BBQ and giant paella or bring your own picnic. Competition judging 6pm (details available at the Village Shop). Beacon lighting 7.00pm

Garry Southgate
Parish Council Chairman



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THE ROLE OF YOUR PARISH COUNCIL IS TO:

Represent the views of the people who live in Castle Hedingham

Raise issues of public concern with other authorities, for example Braintree District Council, Essex County Council and Essex Police

Comment on planning applications and other proposals which affect the village – Braintree Planning has the final say on all planning applications

Provide and/or maintain public areas and facilities, including the cemetery at Sheepcot Road, the public toilets and our new Village Park

Maintain grassed areas, village greens, footpaths and roadside verges, some on behalf of Essex County Council

Keep streets clean and collect litter on behalf of Braintree District Council

Maintain the closed churchyard at St Nicholas Church, and carry out repairs and maintenance to the church clock

Undertake other projects and obtain grant funding to support the parish, e.g. the Community Access Defibrillators

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PLATINUM JUBILEE STREET PARTY BRING A CHAIR AND A PICNIC HANDBAGS AND HATS ENCOURAGED SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 2-5PM ST JAMES STREET

Avenue of Hope Daffodils

We were overwhelmed with generous donations towards planting daffodils along Sheepcot Road as an "Avenue of Hope" for the future after two years of the Covid pandemic. This was suggested by a resident and supported by the whole village.

We enjoyed a beautiful display this spring, with enough daffodils to do additional planting in the Churchyard, the Cemetery and the Village Park.

Parish Council Accounts

The precept is the Parish Council share of the Council Tax. In January 2022 the Parish Council requested an increase in the precept of 3% for the 2022-23 financial year. This represents a contribution to Parish Council funds of £62.47 per year for a Band D property. The decision took into account the increased cost of living for residents, as well as the need to maintain Parish Council services with reduced government funding.

INCOME	£
Precept	29,697.00
Agency Grant Income	5,760.51
Cemetery Income	1,991.00
Grants Village Park	6,000.00
Other Income. (inc donations)	4,613.79
Total income	48,062.30
EXPENDITURE	£
Village Maintenance	18,347.42
Clerk, Administration etc	20,441.33
Grants/Donations	2439.00
VAT (to be reclaimed)	3,273.69
Village Park	4,088.84
Total expenditure	48,590.28
Interest on deposit accounts	419.65
Net Income 2021-2022	-108.33