

# NEWSLETTER

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## INTRODUCING YOUR NEW PARISH COUNCIL

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## ESSEX VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 2019 - CLASS 4 WINNER

Three members of the Parish Council attended the Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) Annual General Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> July at the Chelmsford City Racecourse and were shocked and delighted to receive the award for Best Kept Village - Class 4 (population of 500-800). The Evening Gazette had the following to say "Stisted boasts the majestic Stisted Hall and All Saint's Church and there's a lovely community feel in the village and lots of activities. The Parish Council would like to express our thanks to the community team who all worked so hard putting the application together and meeting with the judges.

As part of this award, the Parish Council received £150 and we would like to ask residents for suggestions on how best to spend this - in a way that will highlight the award. Ideas suggested so far include signage at the entrance to the village but we would like to hear your views.

### THANKS & APOLOGIES

Councillors would like to thank residents for their patience during the transition period of the new Parish Council.

We would like to take this opportunity to apologise for the delay in getting a new newsletter out to you all.

### PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

We are working hard behind the scenes to get the new website up and running and are now in the process of adding content and applying for a domain name.

We hope to have the site live in the near future.

## SPEEDING WITHIN THE VILLAGE

Following continued instances of speeding within the village the Parish Council are looking into ways that could help alleviate this. Current thoughts are to introduce a 20mph limit around the School and the installation of rumble strips etc.

We also know that the village is used as a daily cut through and that speeding is a major issue in this area and the rest of the village. The parish council and Neighbourhood Watch are working together to solve this issue.

This will not be a quick fix as all options have to be agreed with Highways who would ultimately fund any infrastructure.

## PARKING ISSUES

The Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch group continue to receive concerns from residents relating to parking issues throughout the village. There are a number of places where people are parking vehicles dangerously or inconsiderately. These are being monitored and the local Police are aware. It would appear that people are parking for their own convenience without any consideration for others.

We are especially concerned at the damage that is being caused to the original curbstones along The Street as these would likely be replaced with modern curbstones which will spoil the look of the area.

Sarcel is a particular issue with vehicles parked at the mouth of the junction at Back Lane and with everyday parking on the pavement. The school is another issue that has been raised on a number of occasions and we intend to liaise with the school separately.

Therefore it was felt that this would be a good opportunity to explain the law and consequences if people continue to park this way. [Thanks to PC Elliot for proving this information]

### **Rule 243**

**DO NOT** stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- on the approach to a level crossing/tramway crossing
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend
- where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities

**except** when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

### **Rule 242**

You **MUST NOT** leave your vehicle or trailer in a dangerous position or where it causes any unnecessary obstruction of the road.

Some of the parking being reported, such as vans and lorries parked on the pavement for example, are concerning. As a guideline, if you cannot pass on the pavement with a wheelchair or pushchair, then the vehicle is an obstruction. This is likely to result in a penalty fine. Whilst it is appreciated this is a small village, some of the parking comprises the safety of residents, especially children walking to and from school.

The following legislation provides a guideline - Wilful Obstruction of the Highway Section 137 Highways Act 1980 / Unnecessary Obstruction Section 42 Road Traffic Act 1988 / Leaving Vehicles in Dangerous Position Section 22 Road Traffic Act 1988

So in the short term you could end up paying a fine. However, I would ask you to consider that if the situation does not improve then we could find ourselves with double yellow lines all around the village. So please, read this and consider how and where you park your vehicles.



### PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG

It is an offence to not clear up after up after your dog. Any person over the age of 18 found to have committed this offence can be served with a £50 fixed penalty notice. Failure to pay the notice within the required timescale can lead to court action where if found guilty, the offender can be fined up to £1000 and pay costs as awarded by the court.

The absence of litter bins and/or dog-waste bins is not a reasonable defence against the offence of littering.

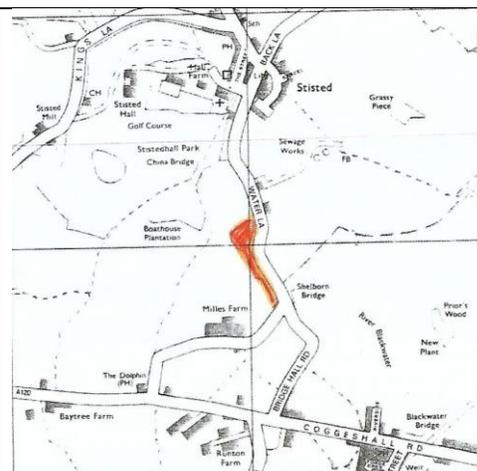
Please report any dog fouling incidents to Braintree District Council by contacting the Customer Service Centre or completing their dog fouling offender form online at

[www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200251/animals\\_and\\_pests/377/dog\\_related\\_enquiries/2](http://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200251/animals_and_pests/377/dog_related_enquiries/2)

### WILLOW PLANTATION

Please can we again remind residents that there is NO public Right of Way through Willow Plantation (off Water Lane). This is private property and the land is not to be used for amenity purposes.

We have been contacted by the owners who have stated that signs erected indicating that there is 'No Public Right of Way' are being removed. Please respect the landowners request not to use this land or remove any signage. Thank you.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Saturday Shopper Bus:

21<sup>st</sup> September / 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October / 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November / 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> December  
Thanks to the Stisted Community Partnership and volunteer drivers who make this possible.

#### Channel Sweeping: Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November

Please try to keep your vehicle off the road on this date so that the sweepers have clear access to the road channels and can undertake an effective sweep.

#### Parish Council Meeting Dates:

1<sup>st</sup> October / 5<sup>th</sup> November / 3<sup>rd</sup> December

First Tuesday of the month. All held in the Montefiore Institute commencing at 7:30 p.m.

#### Litter Pick - Provisional date - 5<sup>th</sup> October

Dustcart - Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October - 9:00-12:00 - Church Lane

Children's Christmas Party - Provisional Date - 7<sup>th</sup> December

### HISTORICAL STISTED

The Parish Council wish to record their thanks to Howard Hollands for the fascinating pictures of past and present Stisted on the Stisted Village Facebook page.

Hopefully you are enjoying these as much as we are.

## CAUSE - Campaign Against Urban Sprawl in Essex

CAUSE are a group of dedicated residents from across north Essex who oppose the three new towns known as the “North Essex Garden Communities” (NEGC’s). At a recent presentation to the Parish Council they informed us that 41,000 homes are proposed by Braintree, Colchester and Tending with backing from Essex and Government. These towns are unpopular, unsustainable and undeliverable and CAUSE have produced in-depth analysis to back up this statement.

Each resident will have received a leaflet from CAUSE outlining the issues around these proposed communities and how they will affect us all.

You will also have received a leaflet from BDC outlining the Local Plan. The consultation on the Local Plan is open until **30<sup>th</sup> September** and all residents are asked to respond to ensure that all voices are heard.

A fourth settlement, known as Monks Wood, is still being promoted, adjacent to Coggeshall. CAUSE opposes it citing it is as unsuitable, unsustainable and undeliverable as the three preferred by the authorities - 2,200 acres (the entire Pattiswick estate) / up to 13,500 homes.

Further information can be found on the CAUSE website: [cause4livingessex.com](http://cause4livingessex.com) and the BDC website:

[www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200230/planning\\_policy/1081/north\\_essex\\_garden\\_communities](http://www.braintree.gov.uk/info/200230/planning_policy/1081/north_essex_garden_communities)

### DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOUR SAY

#### VANDALISM

It has been reported to the Parish Council that the downpipe at the back of the pavilion has been vandalised once again. If you see anything suspicious, please report it to the Police and Parish Council. We would like to thank Mr Alan Moor for his offer to repair the damage.

#### VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS / CONTACTS

The Allotments Association	A sub-committee run in conjunction with the Village Hall Management Committee. Contact: 07716 990599
Stisted Bowls Club	Every Tuesday evening. Open to all ages. Contact: Trevor Blows 01376 325242
Stisted Women’s Institute	Meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall. Contact: 07716 990599
Stisted Village Hall	Contact: 07716 990599 <a href="http://www.stistedvillagehall.org.uk">www.stistedvillagehall.org.uk</a>
All Saints Church	Contact: <a href="mailto:vicarbradwellandstisted@btinternet.com">vicarbradwellandstisted@btinternet.com</a>
Stisted Community Shop & Post Office	Mon & Thurs 14:00-17:30pm - Montefiore Institute