



Litter Pick and Dust cart

The next Parish Council organised community litter pick will take place on Saturday 22nd September, with the Dust Cart being available on Saturday 13th October. Look out for posters around the village for more details.

Winter salt provision

Once again, this year the Parish Council will be obtaining a supply of salt. This comes in 25kg bags and will be available to residents of the village for use if conditions become dangerously icy so that the roads and pavements can be kept safe. We will advertise where this can be collected from later in the year.

WW1 Commemoration

Stisted World War 1 Centenary Commemoration: can you help?



Later this year, Stisted All Saints Church will be organising events for the centenary of the ending of the 1st World War and the Historical Archive is planning to include photographs, stories and memorabilia from the time. We would welcome any photos or stories we could use that tell us more about how this event impacted upon the lives of folk in Stisted. Please contact Howard Hollands by e mail howardhollands@gmail.com

Grants

Each year the Parish Council puts aside a small sum of money to help organisations make Stisted a better place to live or to help with activities or charity functions. If you would like to take advantage of this and submit an application to the Parish Council, you will find details of the policy and an application form on the Parish Council website. If you don't have access to the website get in touch with the Parish Clerk who will send you a copy. Unfortunately, funds are very limited, but if the Parish Council can support in any way, it will certainly give your application full consideration.

Travellers

We are entering the time of year when travellers take advantage of newly harvested and cleared fields. If you see illegal encampments, please let one of the Parish Councillors or Parish Clerk know, as well as the land owner if you know who this is. You can also report it direct to Braintree District Council who will contact the land owner and with Essex County Council's Traveller Unit begin the removal process.

Fire

You may be aware of a recent fire in the village. Happily, no-one was injured and property damage was restricted to garden sheds. However, with this report and the recent news stories of major incident fires near Bolton and on Saddleworth Moor as well as fires in Essex that are destroying a lot of crops, grass and heathland, it's a reminder of how easily a fire can start and quickly spread.

If you are having a barbeque or fireworks, please make sure you have a ready supply of water at hand to douse any sparks that may fall onto dry grass, garden furniture or anything combustible. If you are a smoker, don't just throw away a lighted cigarette, douse it in water to make sure it cannot be re-ignited.



Glass in the sun that reflects or concentrates the sun's rays can also be a source of fire – so make sure you have assessed your garden for risk and take the necessary action to avoid those risks. Remember, even the sun's rays through a window can be a source of fire risk.

It is going to take a lot of rain and time to get the gardens and grass lands back to green, so please be vigilant and take extra care.

YOUR COUNCILLORS

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YOUR COUNCIL CONTACT

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Parish Council Meetings

September 4th
October 2nd
November 6th
December 4th

All meetings start at 7.30pm at the Montefiore Institute. Residents are invited to attend and see how the Parish Council works.

Saturday Shopper Bus

The bus is available for anyone to use - the cost of a ticket is just £4.00, unless you have a valid bus pass or other concessionary ticket.

The bus leaves the Montefiore Institute at 9.30am, goes via Mark's Farm Tesco arriving at Braintree Sainsbury's car park at 9.45am.

On return the bus departs from Sainsbury's car park at 11.30am, arriving back at the Montefiore Institute at 11.45am.

The dates for 2018 are:

August 11th and 25th
September 8th and 22nd
October 6th and 20th
November 3rd and 17th
December 1st, 15th and 29th

Without the continued support of our highly valued volunteers this service would not be possible – it is the envy of many nearby parishes! Additional volunteers are always welcome and if you could spare some time, we'd love to hear from you. You will need to be under 70, have a full, clean, driving licence with D1 entitlement. All volunteers will be trained to MiDAS (Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme) standard by Braintree District Council and undertake mandatory Disclosure and Barring Service Checks

For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

Xavier Hodgetts on 07809 342074

Trespass

We have been told about walkers going across land where no Public Right of Way exists. Before you go for a walk around the countryside, make sure you are walking on a PROW – remember some fields are cultivated not just with grain, but possibly with tree saplings and willow beds, not mention that there may be farm animals loose in the field. You can look at Essex County Council's map of footpaths on their website (www.essex.gov.uk enter PROW in the search function and then click on Public Rights of Way) where you will be able to look at the Prow Interactive site.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has asked for the following announcement and update to be included in the Parish Council Newsletter.

The Community Open Meeting scheduled for 14th July was postponed as there were a number of other events taking place both in the village and elsewhere that would have had an impact on numbers able to attend. This meeting has been re-arranged for **Saturday 1st September 2018**, 10.00am to 12 noon in Stisted

Village Hall. Please try to come along.

A leaflet drop around the village and outlying hamlets has been undertaken, this is about keeping Stisted a village. The Housing Topic Group are busy collecting data to analyse the mix of dwellings in the village. They are seeking information on how many of our older children and young adults will be looking to remain in the village when they move out of the family home. This will help to identify what exists in Stisted now, and what may be needed in the future.

The Communications group are busy establishing a dedicated Neighbourhood Plan website. For the time being it has a limited number of documents available, but these will start to increase as the various groups gather their data and start to draft policies.

The Environment group is doing a lot of research into the types of studies that can be included in a neighbourhood Plan. This includes wildlife areas, wooded and natural beauty areas and vistas. This information will help to protect these areas for future residents to enjoy. As part of this work they will be approaching the District and County Councils to extend the existing conservation area.

The Economics Group is putting together details of all businesses in the Parish. This will identify local employers as well as those smaller businesses that consist of just one or two people. If you haven't been contacted, the lead of this group would like to hear from you – Melissa Hewitt 07711 690852.

This short report brings you up to date on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. If you want to find out more, get involved, or just to ask a question, please contact Melissa (as above) or Dave Willingham who is the lead on communications on 07716 652252. They would like your input for the future of the village and would like to welcome you to the meeting on the 1st September.

Remember: **It's all about you!**

Allotments

There are plots available in Stisted village



Please contact Ann Noonan

07831559469 or 01376 330079

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Stisted Historical Archive

Continuing our 'Past and Present' series devised by Derek Pryke, here is the house 'Seven Winds' on The Street. Do you have any idea of the date of the earlier photograph? The house was originally four cottages. Do you have your own 'Past and Present' photographs that we could add to the Archive - we would love to know?

For a bit of fun, can you spot the changes over the years? There have been quite a few!

Howard and Derek

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The past



The present



STISTED PARISH COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEES			
Sub-committee/ group	Scope	Chairman	Councillor/s involved
Neighbourhood Plan	Neighbourhood Plan	Melissa Hughes 07711 690852 melissa3d@aol.com	Melissa Hughes Alan Moor Christine Marshall (Clerk)
Community Engagement	Youth Club	David Burge 07931 519994 scrim73@googlemail.com	David Burge
Community Safety & Awareness	Neighbourhood Watch Safety Parking Speedwatch	David Burge 07931 519994 scrim73@googlemail.com	David Burge Alan Moor
Contingency Planning	Defibrillator Life Belts Emergency Plan	Hayley Waine 07939 037045 hayleywaine@hotmail.com	Hayley Waine Alan Moor Christine Marshall (Clerk)
Events	e.g: Litter pick/dust cart Easter Egg Hunt Duck Hunt	David Burge 07931 519994 scrim73@googlemail.com	David Burge Alan Moor Christine Marshall (Clerk)
Finance	Budget Audit Banking Grant applications	Richard Hughes 07962 087007 1richardgh@gmail.com	Richard Hughes Alan Moor Christine Marshall (Clerk)
Planning	To consider planning applications prior to presentation to full council or between meetings		All Councillors
Recreational (playing field) Maintenance	Playing Field Inspections Pavilion Rights of Way Grass cutting/ vegetation/ bins Access Surface quality Repairs Benches	Stuart Tyler 01376 529096 tylers5@btinternet.com David Burge 07931 519994 scrim73@googlemail.com	Stuart Tyler David Burge
Social Media	Publicity Village Newsletter Website Broadband	Xavier Hodgetts 07809 342074 xavier.hodgetts@talk21.com	Xavier Hodgetts Melissa Hewitt Christine Marshall (Clerk)
Street Maintenance	Verges / Overgrown vegetation (e.g. river) Litter Road Signs Street Lighting Footpaths Trees	David Burge 07931 519994 scrim73@googlemail.com	David Burge Xavier Hodgetts <i>Footpaths</i> - Bob Powers (resident) <i>Trees</i> - Roy Edwards (resident)
Village Groups	Joint initiatives for the benefit of Stisted	Rotates between: Parish Council Parochial Church Council Stisted Academy Stisted Village Hall	Alan Moor Christine Marshall (Clerk) Councillors as available.

YOUR VILLAGE CONTACTS

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Stisted Academy	Telephone: 01376 325116	Web site: stisted-academy.co.uk
Allotments	Telephone: 07716 990599	
Neighbourhood Watch	Email: stistedneighbourhoodwatch@gmail.com	