

Parish Clerk's Report

Agenda Item 15

Great Horkesley Parish Council Meeting

17 March 2021

- I secured five grants from Colchester Borough Council for the village hall the total amount of the grants received is £11,995.00
This will go some way to help offset the loss we have endured due to Covid -19 and the hall being kept closed to help keep everyone safe.
We are looking forward to reopening on the 21 June 2021 if government guidelines allow.
- I joined a meeting on the 9 March 21 with Rialtas Accounting on the Receipts and Payments Year End procedure.
- I reported to Essex County Council Highways the accident where a vehicle had knocked down and damaged three signs on the A134 near to the London Road junction.
- PlusNet Broadband has continued as ADSL as fibre could not be connected to the village hall. The cost has been reduced from £22 to £17.50 per month I have received numerous emails and phone calls, and worked with Alan The Caretaker to have this issue resolved. A replacement router is to be supplied.
- A resident sent me the following information:

A good use would be for an additional defibrillator in the village.
We have one in the village hall, but this is only accessible when the village hall is open.

BT are giving away old red phone boxes to community groups for repurposing
<https://business.bt.com/campaigns/communities/adopt-a-kiosk/>

- A resident has informed me that there is increased parking in Tile House Lane.
The car park has not been opened for drop off and pick up as the back access to BWW is not being used now due to wet and muddy conditions on the school field. Cars are also parking in front of the barriers therefore blocking the access.
- I have received the Notice of Election for the Election of a Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for the Essex Police Area also the Notice of Election for Councillors in the Constable Division these will be put out on the Noticeboards on the 19 March 2021 as instructed. Both elections will be held on the Thursday 6 May 2021. I will also put the notices onto the GHPC website.

March has been extremely busy for me so far!