

Chairman's Annual Report

As Chairman of the Stambridge Parish Council, I welcome the Residents and Councillors to the Annual Stambridge Parish Council Assembly.

It is with regret that Mrs Lisa Fox has tendered her resignation as clerk from the Parish Council to spend time with her family. I would like to thank her for the dedicated services to the Parish Council and hope her new family is fulfilling.

With the assistance from the RCCE and their legal team, polices were forged to ensure the correct relationship between Stambridge Parish Council and Stambridge Memorial Hall were clearly defined. This enabled the Parish as councillors and sole trustees to Stambridge Memorial Hall to create two positions, Clerk to Parish/RFO and Hall Manager/RFO. The appropriate process was engaged and Mrs Linda Hare and Mrs Sarah Ioannou have accepted the position of Clerk to the Council / RFO and Hall Manager / RFO respectively.

Gratitude is extended to Mrs Hare and Mrs Ioannou for their tireless efforts in supporting Stambridge Parish Council and Stambridge Memorial Hall in continuing to form stronger partnerships with Rochford District and Essex County, and bringing fresh ideas and direction to the Parish Council.

The Stambridge Community forum continues to develop in stature in supporting the local community at grass roots level. This has been seen by;

1. Working in partnership with the police to reintroduce the Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) into Stambridge, becoming the first community in Rochford District to be 100% compliant.
2. Since speeding continued to be a problem on Stambridge Road, the Stambridge Community Forum in partnership with the Police Service conducted a Speed Gun Training course in 2014, where local residents are now qualified to operate the Speed Gun in a speed awareness program. Thank you to **PC Michele Rawson** for arranging the training course.
3. Three taster sessions were conducted to support individuals of all age groups with mental and physical disabilities through a Disability Sports programme which was a total success. The Disability Sports programme utilising Boccia, curling and table cricket is live and is now supporting these individuals across the district.
4. The first Stambridge Fishing Programme finished on Saturday 28th March, which has been a huge success. This Programme was supported by Stambridge Parish Council, Youth Services, PCC and All about Coarse Angling to help the youths in the Rochford District.
5. A Survey was conducted to understand Stambridge Community needs, issues and aspirations.

After years of neglect and various acts of vandalism, Stambridge Parish Council who is sole trustees of Stambridge Memorial Hall restored.

The Parish Council has received written petitions from local pre-school and Stambridge School regarding the traffic speeding on Stambridge Road, which has been escalated to the ECC Highways to review the existing speeding regulations in the Stambridge Area.

Stambridge Parish Council is supporting the Crucial Crew and is working with the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) & Rochford Hundred.

The Stambridge Parish Council provided **Salt Bins** at the **Royal Oak, Stambridge Church, The Cherry Tree, Cagefield Road and Hampton Barns**, which will remain at these locations for the foreseeable future to cater for any cold spills.

The Sewage Treatment works have, overall been fairly quiet this year. A review of the site was conducted in June 2014 where the management team shared with the Parish the latest modification to their operations. In previous years there have been some issues with the works, mainly concerning odours and traffic movements; however, we will continue to monitor the situation to ensure the status quo.

The allotment continues to be self-funding and the Parish has introduced a Gardner to manage the site for the benefit of the plot holders. An extension to the allotment licence has also been arranged with the Rankin's Farmer.

As everyone is aware the air traffic at Southend Airport has increased and EasyJet are commencing new routes from Southend. Several public meetings were organized to discuss and advise the public of their rights of claim – Claim under part 1 of the land compensation act 1973 (as amended) London Southend Airport runway.

Stambridge Parish Council has utilised member's strengths and interaction with the community of Stambridge to be an efficient and successful parish council who can control their direction and objectives and stand steadfast with the other Parish Councils in the District.

By Cllr George Ioannou Dated 30th March 2015