



Stambridge

Parish Council

Newsletter



Summer 2016

PLUS: Pipeline Under Stambridge

We have all been very aware of the roadworks along Stambridge Road over the past few months. There were several concerns about them e.g. there was damage to footpaths and the traffic management was poor with unnecessary delays. The Parish Council has complained to Morrisons UC about them.



A small directional drilling rig of the type used for short distances in Stambridge. The rig being used to go under the rivers is significantly larger.

seven turbines and generate enough electricity to meet the needs of more than 14,000 homes.

The power from it has to be connected to the National Grid

But you may be wondering what the work is all about. Here's the story behind the upheaval.

A new windfarm is being built at Turncole Farm a mile or so north-east of Burnham-on-Crouch. It will have

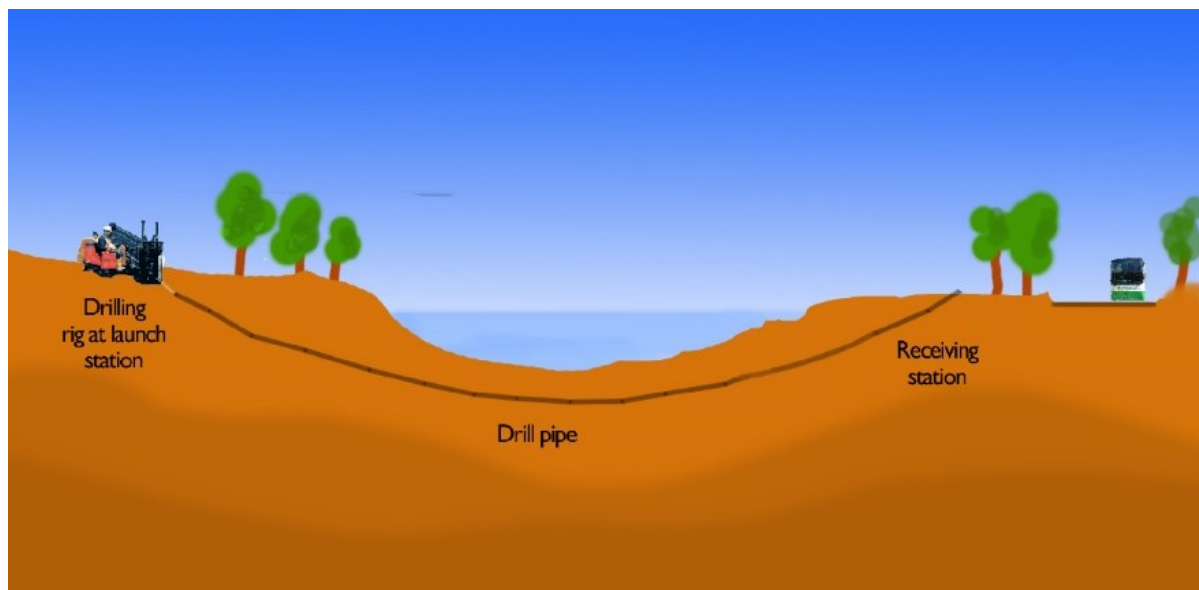
and, as existing cables are not adequate, a new cable is needed to connect to the nearest primary sub-station that has capacity which is in Sutton.

Much of the cable is being laid in the usual way i.e. by digging a trench, laying the cable and filling in. Alongside a road these roadworks are certainly inconvenient but at least traffic can still pass.

Crossing two rivers and several roads is another matter so there they are using a different technique. It is called directional drilling.

A launch station is erected on one bank of the river, and a receiving station on the other. The drill is then sent down at an angle, with manual control to guide it, so that it crosses completely underneath the river or road and emerges on the other side. A duct is then fed through and the cables are fed through that.

The roadworks have now moved on to Burnham but they have not yet completed the underground drilling.



This method is not only being used to go under the Rivers Crouch and Roach but also under the roads. One of these was drilled down opposite the church and runs diagonally across the corner from where a ditch will take the cable down to the river.

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Stambridge Past

In the 13th century there were two churches here – Little Stambridge and Great Stambridge. At that time the area seems to have become more prosperous for in about 1250 some quite extensive work was done to Great Stambridge Church to enlarge it. The south wall was taken down, a row of arches built in its place and the church extended by the south aisle being added on.

Soon after, in 1264, Rochford was granted the right to hold a market and farmers and villagers of Stambridge would doubtless have benefitted considerably from this.

Mini Marvels Pre School

Mini Marvels Pre School runs daily during term time at Stambridge Memorial Hall. They have a dedicated team of Early Years Educators who hold a minimum of Level 2 childcare qualifications and are firmly committed to offering ALL children from the age of 2yrs up to school age a happy, stimulating and safe environment. This in turn supports the children in learning effectively through play with adult support to guide and enhance their development in all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stages.

The preschool meets Monday to Friday between 9.15am and 12.15pm and Monday to Thursday between 1.30pm and 4.30pm during term time and offers an optional lunch club from 12.30 to 1.15 Monday to Thursday at an additional cost of £4.00 per day.

Free Disability Sports Sessions

This programme continues to grow and has now been extended to cover the whole district with pickups of disabled from Rayleigh.

The activities already being offered are skittles, boccia, table tennis, and table cricket. They will soon be adding outdoor archery, darts, fishing and boules.

Music is also being creatively used not only to accompany some sports but also in meditation.



The sessions are held every Friday afternoon at the Stambridge Memorial Hall from 1430 until 1700. All ages and abilities are welcome to come along and try the activities available.

The Multiple Sclerosis Society is allowing us to use one of their buses as transport for Disability Sports in return them using the Memorial Hall grounds for storage and parking. The Co-operative Store in Rochford, provides refreshments, capital support and volunteers.

There is no need to book but for more information, phone 07876 802420, 01702 258566 or email: memorialhall@stambridgepc.co.uk

Allotments

The Parish Council is setting up a committee of allotment holders. It will be able to clarify plot holders concerns and suggest remedies which will be passed to the Parish Clerk.

The gardener we used has retired and we have now appointed a contractor. They will also maintain the village green and other council owned areas.

We have 26 allotments and vacancies do occur.. If you would like one, please contact the Parish Clerk at the Memorial Hall or email clerk@stambridgepc.co.uk.

Modern Farming in Stambridge

A few decades ago, one of our local farms employed over forty farm labourers. Today, it has just two, though it would be more accurate to describe them as technicians than labourers. Yet the farm produces more than it ever has. How come?

It is achieved by using technology to the full. It is not just a matter of combine harvesters and a range of other specialist machines but also the extensive use of computers and satellites.

In Stambridge, a satellite signal is boosted by a signal from a radio beacon called RTK. Rankin's Farm have their own and share it with other local farmers.



One example of what this means in practice may suffice. In the growing season, it is common to find that some crops are doing well whilst others need a boost from added fertiliser. So they use a satellite to view the field from above and see exactly where the crops need fertiliser and where they do not. A computer on board the tractor works out an efficient route around the field and steers the tractor automatically. The tractor is towing a trailer with a tank of fertiliser and the on-board computer turns the sprayer on and off automatically following a preset map. Thanks to the RTK beacon, each pass can be done with an accuracy of 1-2 cm. This also allows for different rates to be used in different parts of the field. They mostly use this to apply P&K fertiliser at different rates according to the soils needs.

District Councillor Surgeries

Your two District Councillors, Laureen Shaw and George Ioannou, would like to hold a regular surgery in Stambridge and it would be helpful to know what would be a suitable time and place.

Please email:

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or

cllr.laureen.shaw@rochford.gov.uk
with your suggestions.

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We are here to help



To find out more about the support we offer to unpaid family carers or volunteering opportunities in your local area, please:

- Call us on **0300 7 70 80 90**
- Email us at **info@carersinsex.org.uk**
- Visit our website **www.carersinsex.org.uk**



Supporting Carers in Essex is a partnership of registered charities working together to support unpaid carers of all ages across Essex. Funded by Essex County Council and the NHS working together

Stambridge Fisheries Programme

The programme continues to develop and they are beginning to see the results of their success. Two youths who were on the pilot programme not only successfully completed the course but are going on to mentor other youngsters

To find out more about the Fisheries Programme, email: community@stambridgepc.co.uk or write George Ioannou, Stambridge Memorial Hall, Stambridge Road, Stambridge, SS4-2AR.

Traffic

There has been a serious increase in motor bikes and cars speeding through the village especially in Apton Hall Road. We are working with the police to resolve the problem.

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch now completely covers Stambridge, Paglesham and Canewdon and has a total of 52 Co-ordinators.

There are plans for enabling Co-ordinators to act as a hub for reporting neighbourhood concerns of all kinds.

Footpaths

The Parish Council Chairman, Cllr. George Ioannou, has reported the damage caused to pavements by the roadworks to the Highways Department.

Grass verges are in the process of being trimmed though, in view of the weather we have had, some country footpaths are getting quite overgrown. It is the responsibility of the landowners to clear these.

Stambridge Football Club

The club has been having a difficult time. Constant wet weather early in the season made our ground unplayable and so some of the players took weekend jobs. With too few players, they had to leave the Olympian League.

They have now joined a Sunday League and the Parish Council will continue to support them until they get back on their feet.

New Parish Councillors

Two new councillors have been co-opted to fill vacancies on the Parish Council. They are:

Cllr. Pam Holmes,

Email: pam1960@btinternet.com

Cllr. Philip Shaw

Email: philshaw26@hotmail.co.uk

There is still one vacancy and if you are willing to consider filling it, please contact the parish clerk at clerk@stambridgepc.co.uk

Cllr. Dan Nielson has been elected as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council.

New Nursery Class at Stambridge School

Opening in September, Stambridge Nursery class will offer a morning session (9.00-12.00) for children the September after their third birthday. Free spaces are available (funded up to 15 hours a week).

The Nursery provides quality education by a Qualified Teacher and Nursery Nurse. Children are therefore well prepared for any school they go to after their Nursery year.

Research has shown us that children who have attended a Hearts Academy Nursery are more likely to achieve early learning goals by the end of the Reception year.

High quality play and resources are available including a hall, iPads, drumming, cooking facilities, sports coaching, forest school and school trips.

Please get in touch for more information:

Stambridge Primary School

Stambridge Road

Stambridge

Essex

SS4 2AP

Tel: 01702 544369

Email: office@stambridge.essex.sch.uk

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What's On

Stambridge Football Club

The club plays at the Stambridge Memorial Ground currently in a Sunday League.

Disability Sports

Every Friday 2.30-5.00pm at the Memorial Hall.
For more information, phone 07876 802420, 01702 258566 or email: memorialhall@stambridgepc.co.uk

Mini Marvels

Held at the Memorial Hall, Stambridge Road. Sessions are:
Mon-Thur: 9.15 am to 4.30 pm
Fri: 9.15 am to 12.30 pm
For more information on what they offer, telephone 07981 967604

Stambridge Fisheries

Stambridge Road, Gt. Stambridge, Rochford, SS4 2AR. Open 24hrs a day, 365 days a year. £5 a rod per day.
Tel: 01702 258 274.

St. Mary's and All Saints, Church

Stambridge Road.
Services are held every Sunday morning at 11.00 am.
Tel: 01702 544333

The Cherry Tree

Stambridge Road, near Mill Lane.
The pub is open daily 12 noon -12 midnight
Telephone: 01702 543173

The Royal Oak

In the centre of Gt. Stambridge
Open all day, everyday 11 am to late
Tel: 01702 258259

Stambridge Fisheries Programme

To find out more about this rolling programme for youngsters, email: community@stambridgepc.co.uk.

Rankin's Cricket Club

This very active club has several events every week in the summer. They are listed on their website
www.rankins.hitscricket.com

Elevation Dance School

Classes in Ballet, Tap & Modern for ages 2-8.
Sunday mornings at Stambridge Memorial Hall
Contact 07834 466543 for more information

Wednesday Friends' Club

is held at the Stambridge Church Hall between 12-4pm. This is for anyone who wishes to share in a cup of tea and something to eat and it is an active weekly community event.

Parish Council Website

at www.stambridgepc.co.uk or you can google 'Stambridge parish'. There is also a **Stambridge Community Group Facebook page**. Go to Facebook and search for Stambridge Community.

Who to Contact

Stambridge Parish Contacts

Parish Clerk

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Email: clerk@stambridgepc.co.uk

Responsible Finance Officer

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Email: RFO@stambridgepc.co.uk

Community Centre Manager

Sarah Ioannou
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Member of Parliament :

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is the MP for our constituency (**Rayleigh and Wickford**). You can **write** to him at:
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London SW1A 0AA

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

Is a charity which can be used by all of our community. You can contact the Bureau on 03444 770808 or at www.adviceguide.org.uk, www.rochfordcab.org.uk. for advice and volunteering opportunities.



Chemist	Co-op Pharmacy (Rochford) Golden Cross Pharmacy (Ashingdon) Nutan Pharmacy (Ashingdon) Rochford Pharmacy (Rochford)	01702 544162 01702 544104 01702 548452 01702 542700	Library	Rochford Library Hullbridge Library Home Library Service	01702 546688 01702 230868 0845 603 7628
Doctors	Riverside Medical Centre (Hullbridge) Puzey Family Practice (Rochford) Rochford Medical Centre (Rochford) Ashingdon Medical Centre (Ashingdon) The Practice (Ashingdon) Dr B Singh (Canewdon)	01702 230555 01702 533740 0845 408 1299 0844 4778674 01702 547828 01702 258777	Police	In an emergency dial 999 Essex Police non-emergency enquiries Neighbourhood Watch	999 101 01268 770519
Churches	Ashingdon St Andrews Ashingdon Elim Ashingdon United Free Church Hawkehill Baptist Church Hullbridge Free Church Rochford Congregational Rochford Community Church Rochford Methodist Church St Andrews Rochford St Teresas R.C. Church Rochford St. Mary's and All Saints, Stambridge	01702 549318 01702 548438 01702 540639 01702 542000 01702 233164 01702 546576 01702 545633 01268 770333 01702 530621 01702 544334 01702 544333	Schools	Ashingdon School Greensward Academy Holt Farm Infant School Holt Farm Junior School Riverside Primary School Rochford Primary & Nursery School St Teresa's Catholic Primary School Stambridge Primary School The King Edmund School Waterman Primary School Mini Marvels	01702 202857 01702 202571 01702 544058 01702 545131 01702 230911 01702 544342 01702 547918 01702 544369 01702 545771 01702 546237 07981 967604
Local Gov	Essex County Council Stambridge Parish Council	08457 430430 07502 226819	CAB	Citizens Advice Bureau	03444 770808
Helplines	Age UK Info & Advice Alcoholics Anonymous Childline Citizens Advice Bureau National Debtline NHS	0800 169 656 0845 769 7555 0800 1111 0844 4770808 0808 800 4000 111	Helplines	National Drugs Freephone RSPCA Samaritans Shelter Victim Support line	0800 776900 0300 1234 999 01702 611911 0808 800 4444 0845 3030 900