

Ingatestone and Fryerning Historical and Archaeological Society

The society was founded way back in 1965 and holds 11 meetings a year in the Parish Rooms in Stock Lane. These meetings take place at 8pm on the first Tuesday in every month except in January. Experienced speakers are engaged to talk for about an hour on a whole range of topics such as the history of people and places, architecture and archaeology.

The following talks are scheduled for 2016:-

2nd August	Lavenham Guildhall
6th September	Jane Austin, Marriage and Money
3rd October	Samuel Pepys
1st November	Richard 3rd - Saint or Sinner?
6th December	Policing the East End in the 1970s

The society also arranges trips to places of Historical interest and on 15th September a trip to Hever Castle has been arranged.

The society encourages the participation of young people and an Anglo European School history essay competition is supported by the society each year and prizes for the best 3 essays are awarded.

Each year the society members produce a presentation at the Horticultural Show in July. This is situated in the parish council marquee and always generates a great deal of interest for visitors. If you can, visit the stand and talk to the members who will tell you all about the society's activities. The society is keen to attract more people to join and its meetings are open to non-members who are always made very welcome. Why not come along to one of the meetings and see for yourself.

For further details, please contact the Secretary on 353636

Ingatestone celebrates the Queen's Birthday

Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council celebrated the Queen's 90th Birthday on the 21st April with a multi-church service, beacon and fireworks display. The Major of Brentwood attended the event and had the honour of lighting the specially designed rose-shaped beacon and Starburst treated the attending parishioners to an amazing red, white and blue aerial firework display. The event was collaboration between the Parish Council, who funded the event, and the Church of England, Catholic, United Reformed and Elim Pentecostal Churches. St Edmund and St Mary's Church hosted the service which was

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attended by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Borough and Parish Councillors, Parishioners and members of the Girl Guiding Associations. Almost 200 people attended the event and joined in the celebratory atmosphere with renditions of Happy Birthday throughout the evening.



The special year was further marked by the flying of Union Jack Flags along the High Street to mark the Queen's Official Birthday celebrations on the weekend of the 11th June. A number of business and pubs joined in with the theme to make the High Street a very colourful affair.

Abi Wood

Our newest (and youngest ever) Parish Councillor

Here, in Ingatestone, we are lucky to live in such a beautiful place, with plenty of friendly people who all care for the village and our way of life. Since being co-opted into the council I have had the privilege of experiencing another aspect of the village, all the gritty details that we often take for granted or fail to recognise. I hope that through my efforts I can help Ingatestone to continue to be a fantastic place to live.

I have lived in the village for over ten years and throughout that time I have grown to love the village and all that we have here, the open spaces, the fresh

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air, the great schools, the restaurants and pubs to name a few things. I attended the Anglo-European for seven years and can truly value the unique opportunity it provides the young people in the village, especially the great exchange opportunities. At university I studied Politics and Sociology, which has given me a passion for local government and has made my experience in the Parish Council an enjoyable one.

As one of your representatives on the Parish Council I would like to extend my warmest welcome to anyone who needs assistance from the council, and I hope you will contact me if there is any assistance I could provide.

Cllr Toby Blunsten

Parish Offices - We are on the move

The Parish Council has held a 10 year lease on 118, High Street, Ingatestone since September 2006.

As we are now coming to the end of our Lease Term the landlord has given the required Notice to the Parish Council to vacate the premises in September of this year as the property is to be sold. There is currently a Planning Application with the Brentwood Borough Council for a change of use to revert the building back to residential use, which from the village's perspective is good news, because if the application is successful another house becomes available within the village.



The Parish Council is now taking the opportunity to explore various options available to us through the creation of a Sub-Committee, chaired by myself. This will enable us to look at various property opportunities which will enable the Parish Council to look at our future requirements in the years ahead to best serve our residents, whilst achieving best value for money. I have been requested to lead this initiative following my successful re-location of the Essex Association of Local Councils (EALC) into state of the art training facilities in Great. Dunmow, Essex using my commercial experience in this sector. Cllr Phill Poston is also a member of the sub-committee and, as a Director of an Ingatestone based Architectural & Engineering Design Practice, is able to offer the professional and technical skills required in office and building design.

We believe that in order to continue to engage with our residents it is extremely important for the Parish Council to be able to remain within the hub of the village and therefore by definition our options will be severely limited. We will also be looking to hold all our Committee Meetings on site to avoid on costs whilst securing the Parish Rooms at a very competitive rate for our monthly Full

Council Meetings. Seymour Pavilion is no longer available to us and its owners Brentwood Borough Council have taken possession and control of the building.

As I write this article we are encouraged by the significant progress that we have made to date in identifying suitable premises however I am not in a position to be specific at this time as negotiations are ongoing.

As with all initiatives of this nature we are also being proactive in looking at short term alternatives, which although they may not be within the village will enable us to continue to operate as a Parish Council, should the preferred premises not be ready on time. During our negotiations we have however made it clear that we would wish to be in occupation in September 2016 to avoid any unnecessary disruption to our staff and inconvenience to our residents.

Cllr Peter Davey

The Planning Process

The construction of new property or extensions to existing properties usually requires Planning Permission from the local planning authority which in our case is Brentwood Borough Council. Some extensions and loft conversions, for example, may be carried out under the terms of permitted development if certain conditions are met. Therefore it is always a good idea to discuss your plans with Brentwood Planning Department who will advise residents on this aspect. If permitted development rules are met it can save time and planning application costs since a formal planning application will not be required. However any development will still require building regulation approval and plans for the proposed work should be discussed and agreed with Brentwood before work starts.

Work on trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) anywhere in the parish or trees in a conservation area even if they are not covered by a TPO always require planning consent and an application needs to be approved before any work starts to either prune or fell. Illegal work on trees could result in a fine and again Brentwood Planning Department will provide residents with advice.

Any work to alter a Listed Building requires planning permission. In most instances a listed building (LB) application will be required to allow any work to proceed. The application will need to demonstrate that the work will not have a damaging effect on the historical and heritage aspects of the building and its visual appearance. In these instances the Heritage Department at Brentwood will be involved and will provide advice on what can and can't be done in order to preserve the historical and architectural integrity of the building. No buildings in a conservation area should be demolished without first

obtaining planning consent and it is illegal to do so without consent being given.

The Borough Council's current Local Plan seeks to maintain the integrity and openness of the Green Belt surrounding our parish and the construction of new buildings in these areas is therefore considered to be "inappropriate development" and unless very special circumstances can be demonstrated applications will normally be refused. If development can be shown to be required specifically for activities associated with the Green Belt such as agriculture for example, then permission may be granted. In order to maintain openness the incorporation of Green Belt land into the curtilage or garden of a private house is not allowed.

Extensions to existing property in the Green Belt may be given planning permission provided the sum total of extensions, both historical and currently proposed, does not exceed certain limits. The latest proposals in Brentwood's draft Local Plan suggests that extensions in total should not exceed 30% of the current habitable space although this figure is still to be finalised and will not formally apply until the Local Plan is finally approved sometime in 2017.

The above is an indication of the sorts of areas where planning permission may be required and it is important that residents discuss their requirements with planning officers at Brentwood and obtain pre-planning advice before any work is started.

Cllr David Abrey

Anglo European School - New Teaching Block opened by US Ambassador to the UK

The Year 11 Leavers' Assembly on 12 May was addressed by US Ambassador Matthew Barzun following his official opening of the new Humanities Block.

Members of the Parish Council were invited to meet him on the day and share with the students his quest for their opinions.

Ambassador Barzun is an internet pioneer with a highly successful entrepreneurial career leading to his chairing the National Finance Committee behind the election of President Obama.

Matthew Barzun's innovative thinking and technological prowess were at the forefront of his discussion with the students.

It was clear that he does not accept problems as fixed and unalterable and has the Silicon Valley ethos of testing assumptions and formulating new approaches to addressing longstanding challenges. He was also very keen to

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let the students know that he would be feeding back their thoughts to the President as an example of what the young British leaders of the future are thinking about America and its role in the world.

To facilitate this he had equipped the students with 'clickers' connected to a computer so that the answers to his questions were visible immediately. He had visited 138 other English schools to collect their views.



Of particular interest in the responses at the Anglo European was the high percentage of interest in Climate Change as a key topic, the first time he had encountered this on his visits.

In response to many questions he explained President's Obama philosophy from which his strategy to improve life chances for the average family had resulted.

The students will remember his drive for change over the years to come and should be proud of their participation in the discussions.

The Parish Council will reflect on the young people's concern for the environment and look to engage them in local greener choices where possible.

Cllrs Jane Winter and Toby Blunsten

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351 Bus Service

At the last Essex County Council (ECC) Bus Passenger Transport with First Essex Buses I asked for the reasons for the spate of 351 service failures (12 in just 5 weeks) that occurred at the end of last year. First Buses replied that they had an unusual spell of sickness problems with drivers, which has now passed. Also they have a shortage of drivers and have been recruiting and training more drivers and have nearly 100 people in the recruitment progress either in training or waiting for training to start. As this information was given in February we should expect some of these drivers to start entering service.

Since mid-February our Parish Office hasn't been notified of any 351 bus problems. Is this because the service has improved or passengers have not reported problems? I hope that it the former; I personally have found the service acceptable. However, I repeat my request to copy any report of a problem to the Parish Office. It is only by having a clear and quantified picture of bus service matters that they can be taken up with First Buses. Complaint forms can either be collected from the Parish Office or downloaded from this site www.ingatestone-fryerningpc.gov.uk.

There is no prospect for the installation on the 351 service of a real time information system (RTIS). However, First Buses has introduced their FIRST BUS APP available to be downloaded on your mobile or called up on the First Buses website. Quoting First Buses leaflet, "Find out when your bus is due to arrive at your bus stop with the new real-time bus information and save time waiting." To download visit www.firstgroup.com/essex and the downloading details are under Plan a Journey.

I will be attending a meeting called by ECC to discuss the services contracted by ECC due to be reviewed next year. For the 351 route it is the Sunday Service. I will make the case for this service, but it will help if anyone can give a specific example of why a Sunday service matters to them. Therefore a short note from passengers in support of this service for my attention to the Parish Office will help me presenting our case to the ECC.

Cllr Donald Frost
Passenger Transport Representative

Litter Picking on Fairfield

It is that time of year when the Parish Council receive many reports about the level of litter on Fairfield. The Parish Council have, for many years, increased the number of picks over the summer months. Our Grounds Maintenance Company, IDC Greenscapes Ltd undertake a daily litter pick and bin empty during May and June, twice weekly in April and July - September and weekly

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during the remaining months. It is unfortunate that on many occasions that the hard work is quickly destroyed by those who refuse to place litter in the bins.

Abi Wood, Clerk

Cup Victory for Ingatestone team

Congratulations to Ingatestone Men's Sunday Football Club - Redstones FC, who on Sunday 8th May won the John Coward Challenge Cup. The cup competition that features teams from across Chelmsford and Mid Essex saw Redstones defeat Maldon & Tiptree Athletic 2-1 in the final held at the ground of Heybridge Swifts FC in Maldon.

It is the first time that the Ingatestone based club, who play their fixtures on Seymour Field, have won the trophy since 1992



The Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council's website has a diary facility that is open to all clubs and associations in the Parish.

If you would like to advertise your club or specific event, please contact the Clerk on **clerk@ingatestone-fryerningpc.gov.uk** and it will be listed on our website.

Ingatestone Musical and Operetta Group

6th – 8th October 2016



This iconic American classic features some of the most powerful music ever written for the stage, including "If I Loved You", "Mister Snow", "June is Bustin Out All Over" and the iconic "You'll Never Walk Alone."

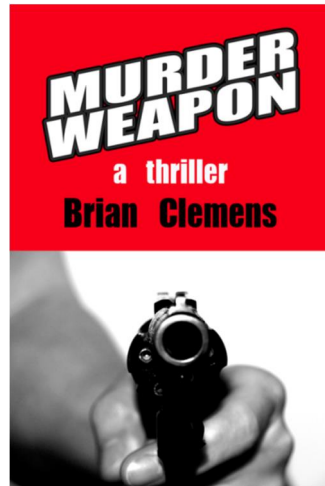
For tickets and information please visit www.imog.org.uk
Box Office: 01277 354 015
Membership and General Enquiries: 01245 460 644

Ingatestone and Fryerning Dramatic Club

3rd – 5th November 2016

When Chief Constable Bligh accompanies her friend Diane Tulliver home to Dysart Hall after a night at the opera they arrive to a horrifying scene. Diane's husband Paul has been shot dead and ex-convict Charley Mirren is standing over him bearing a gun. It appears to be an open-and-shut case for Jessica Bligh, but as she and her colleague Inspector Fremont probe further they discover all is not what it seems. Through a series of flashbacks and re-enactments of the events leading up to Paul's death, we soon find it is not just the murderer's identity that is in question.

For tickets and information please visit www.ifdc.co.uk
Box Office: Maggie's, 41 High Street, Ingatestone Essex CM4 9 DU.
Call 01277 356262 or at the door.
Ticket reservations may also be sent to if.dramaclub@btinternet.com and headed 'BOX OFFICE RESERVATIONS'



Charles Cox Trust – Report of the Trustees Year ended 5th April 2016

This small trust, set up by the Parish Council in memory of Charles Cox, a long serving former member, aims principally to provide funding for youth activities and education for young people in the parishes of Ingatestone and Fryerning.

Total assets of the Trust as at 5th April 2016 were £20,572.81

During this period, grants totalling £1,850 were made to two individuals and to the Junior School on behalf of a number of individual students.

Income for this period totalled £884.76, of which £362.14 came from donations

The Trustees during the year were:

Mrs Linda Boyce (Chairman)
Mr Michael Brisbane (Clerk)
Mrs Ann George (Resigned February 2016)
Mrs Sylvia Tolfree
Mr Brian Tytherleigh

Michael Brisbane, Clerk / Trustee

Charles Cox Trust (Registered Charity No: 1015014)
Financial Statement for the Year Ended 5th April 2016

	2015	2016	Notes
1. Income & Expenditure			
Income:			
COIF Deposit Fund	38.60	36.90	
COIF Investment Fund	476.21	485.72	
Donations Received	336.50	362.14	1
	£851.31	£884.76	
Expenditure:			
Grants Made	1,950.00	1,850.00	
Secretarial Honorarium	40.00	40.00	
	£1,990.00	£1,890.00	
Surplus/Loss for Period	-£1,138.69	-£1,005.24	
2. Statement of Assets			
Barclays Community Account	1,001.83	996.59	
COIF Deposit Account	8,200.00	7,200.00	
COIF Investment Fund	13,021.61	12,376.22	2
	£22,223.44	£20,572.81	
3. Accumulated Fund			
Opening Balance	22,257.85	22,223.44	
Cost/adjusted market value of			
Investment Securities	1,104.28	-645.39	
Surplus/Loss	-£1,138.69	-£1,005.24	
	£22,223.44	£20,572.81	
Notes to the Accounts at 5th April			
1 Donations Received	2015	2016	
Churches Together	51.50	72.14	
Donation - PG Godwin	285.00	290.00	
	£336.50	£362.14	
2 COIF Investment Fund quoted at Market Value.			

"What does the Parish Council do for us?"

Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council			
Provision of a rural burial site for residents of the parish	Maintenance of Fryerning Cemetery and St Mary's Churchyard	Provision and maintenance of play equipment in Fairfield	Maintenance of the Church Tower Clock
Upkeep of the Lychgate at Fryerning Cemetery	Maintenance of St Edmunds and St Mary's Churchyard	Grounds maintenance of Fairfield and its pond and hedges	Maintenance of the War Memorial
Picking of litter and bin emptying in Fairfield throughout the year	Maintenance of the Roman Catholic closed Churchyard	Planting and watering flower beds and troughs in Ingatestone	Maintenance of three Bus Shelters
Organise the High Street Christmas Trees and Queen Elizabeth flags	Comment on Planning Applications as a Statutory Consultee	Providing a marquee for the Horticultural Show on Seymour Field	Organise the Queen Elizabeth 90th Birthday Beacon and Service
Take an active role in the shaping of the Local Development Plan to protect Parish interests	Consolidate bus complaints and liaise with First Bus on behalf of the parish	Provide garden waste and food bin sacks on behalf of the Borough Council	Act as a point of information for parishioners on behalf of Brentwood Borough Council
Organise Village Litter Pick Days	Provision and emptying of the Dog Waste Bins in Fairfield	Maintenance and upkeep of the Village signs	Provision and emptying of Fryerning Green rubbish bin
Provision of park benches and picnic tables in Fairfield	Support of the Victorian Evening in December	Chairmanship of the Charles Cox Trust	Paying the Borough Council for the 2 hour free parking available in Bell Mead and Market Square
And all of this for £58.98 a year for a Band D Property....			

FAQs

There is a pothole in my road – who do I report it to?

All potholes need to be reported to Essex Council via their website www.essex.gov.uk or by phoning 0345 603 763. You need to advise them of the exact location and size of the pothole.

I've found an incident of flytipping...

This must be reported to Brentwood Borough Council via their website www.brentwood.gov.uk or by phoning 01277 312500. The Borough Council can issue fixed penalty notices as well as having powers of prosecution.

I would like to arrange a burial of a loved one...

Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council own and maintain Fryerning Cemetery which is open for religious and non-religious burials and interments. Please contact the office on 01277 353315.

I want to hire a hall for an event....

The Parish Council do not own any halls in Ingatestone and Fryerning but there are various halls available. Please check our website www.ingatestone-fryerningpc.gov.uk for contact details

Does the Parish Council decide on planning applications?

No! The Parish Council is a statutory consultee and Brentwood Borough Council is the Planning Authority. All decisions are made by Brentwood but the Parish Council must receive all applications that are in the Parish and will support or object accordingly.

My bus didn't turn up – how can I complain?

The Parish Council are happy to receive customer complaints about the local bus services and will pass them on to First Bus. There is a form available on our website or contact the office and we would be happy to send you one – 01277 353315

I need a parking permit / I want parking restrictions lifted or imposed

The Parish Council does not own any car parks in the parish but does pay Brentwood Borough Council for the free 2 hours parking in Bell Mead and Market Square. For parking permits and to discuss parking restrictions, you need to contact the South Essex Parking Partnership on 01245 606710

There needs to be more dog waste bins in the parish – can you install them?

The Parish Council is responsible for the bins on Fairfield, and the Borough Council covers all other areas. The law is now you can place dog waste in standard rubbish bins therefore Brentwood are unlikely to install new dog bins or replace broken ones.

Who is responsible for cutting the grass and overhanging trees?

The Parish Council is responsible for Fairfield and Fryerning Cemetery. Trees and verges alongside public roads are the responsibility of Essex County Council (0345 603 763) and Brentwood Borough Council is responsible for vegetation on their land (01277 312500)

Open Day at the Sanctuary, Sunday 07/08/2016

As well as our 200+ animals, consisting of horses, ponies, donkeys, sheep, goats and cats, we offer a variety of competitions and games to entertain the whole family, along with music from Midnite Blu. Refreshments are available all afternoon including sandwiches and delicious cakes (including gluten-free). Plus, we have many stalls selling gifts, books, bric-a-brac and a great raffle.

Entry is just £4 for adults and £2 for children – you can either purchase your ticket in advance (www.remussanctuary.org) or pay on the door

Please note that the ground can be uneven, subject to the weather. We do provide a wheelchair accessible toilet and, if required, disabled parking is available near to the yard. Dogs are welcome on a lead. If the weather is very wet the days prior to the event, then please double check with us either by telephone (01277 356191) or Facebook, that we will be able to open! That said, we and the animals look forward to seeing you!

Chair's Report 2016

I would like to begin this year's report by thanking Councillor Linda Boyce who retired as Chair of the Parish Council at the May meeting. Linda has given many years of service and countless hours to both the village and the council and of course has served as chair for the past five years.

I would like to thank Councillors Dave Whittaker and Julie Fowkes for proposing and seconding my nomination to succeed Linda as Chair and to Councillor Peter Davey for his advice and support. As a group of individuals we, of course, have a range of views however as a group our aim is to serve our villages and further their interests.

After the May 2015 elections we found ourselves needing to co-opt four councillors to bring us up to our requisite number and during the year Henry Hicks resigned from the Parish Council resulting in a further co-option. I'd like to thank the five new parish councillors who have joined the council during the past twelve months, they have brought new ideas and energy and I look forward to working with them and the longer serving councillors for the remainder of our term.

I'd like to thank our office staff for their work throughout the year and especially the Parish Clerk, Abi Wood, for her professionalism, support and judgment.

The past year has seen the launch of our new website, which allows us to promote both the village and the work of the Council to all web users. It is a

sizeable step forward and hopefully will allow us to communicate more effectively with residents and visitors for years to come.

Earlier this year we were given notice to vacate our current premises by September 2016. While discussions regarding new premises are on-going and contingent upon planning permission being granted to landlords by Brentwood Borough Council, it is hoped that we will be able to move closer to the centre of the village. This should allow us to interact more effectively with residents. Negotiations over new premises are time consuming and can be fraught, so thanks are due to Councillors Davey and Poston who are handling this matter on behalf of the council with experience, skill and professional expertise.

The coming year promises to be challenging on a number of fronts for Ingatestone & Fryerning Parish Council. The loss of grant from Brentwood Borough Council will result in a number of difficult financial decisions. Various pieces of national legislation may well have an impact on planning decisions affecting our parish and potentially could threaten green space and our village environment, and the proposal from central government to extend the A12 to three lanes throughout Essex and into Suffolk looms on the horizon.

My family and I moved to Ingatestone 25 years ago this November. It is a decision that I have never had reason to regret. It is a great place in which to live and bring up a family. It is an honour to be elected chair of the Parish Council and I hope to fulfil the role and serve the village through this time of change.

Cllr Paul Jeater

Planning Committee Annual Report 2016

Statistics

The 2015/16 Planning Committee consisted of 7 members, one co-opted member and met every 2 weeks in the PC office. These meetings are open to members of the public and anyone affected by a planning application is encouraged to attend and express their views to the committee.

As a Statutory Consultee the PC receives copies of all applications affecting the parish and the committee has delegated powers to decide on minor applications such as extensions and conversions. All new builds or more contentious issues are referred to Full Council where all Councillors have the opportunity to comment and vote on these more major items.

The Parish Council can only make recommendations and register an "objection" or "no objection but it is Brentwood who make the final decision. The PC informs Brentwood Borough Council of its views on all application and

provides the reasons for their views. The reasons need to be based on material planning considerations and comprehensively worded. Most decisions are made by the Planning Officers at Brentwood but occasionally these are referred to Brentwood's Planning Committee for a decision. On these occasions the Parish Council can speak to the committee but do not have a vote.

In the last 12 months 116 applications were received and this is 9 more than last year when 107 applications were received.

They can be broken down as follows with last year's figures in brackets:-

57	Extensions and conversions (47)
13	New Builds (14)
12	Tree Work (22)
8	Work on Listed Buildings (5)
1	Conservatory (1)
1	Applications for Certificate of Lawfulness to Develop (1)
16	Miscellaneous application (1). They include garages, windows, change of use, and non-material amendments.
6	Change of condition (10)
2	Unable to comment

The Parish Council objected to 39 of these applications which is 34% compared to 31% the previous year.

39 Applications were in the Green Belt (42)

Areas of activity and concern

A comprehensive response has been sent to BBC on the 2nd consultation of the BBC Local Development Plan for 2015 -2030. The views we have put forward on various proposed development sites in the Green Belt within the Parish point out our resident's views on the need to protect the Green Belt surrounding Ingatestone. This land will come under increasing pressure by developers in future. Concerns were expressed about the lack of suitable infrastructure to support various development proposals in the surrounding areas.

The question of what finally is built on the Bell Mead site has now been established. A planning application for 16 homes to be built there has been approved by Brentwood. The plans include the provision of 12 additional resident parking bays and a footpath leading to the Railway Station.

The Parish Council continues to push Brentwood for the introduction of a procedure for Local Listing. 25 properties in the 2 Ingatestone Conservation

areas and others in Fryerning are recommended by ECC Heritage Department for Local Listing but still no procedure exists.

An application to develop the Grade 2 Listed Crown and develop within the curtilage has been approved by Brentwood however it continues to fall into disrepair and the Parish Council has written to Brentwood who will be taking steps to enforce on the issue with the new owners. We have been informed that meetings have taken place and the intention is that the developer will begin work on the main building first. We await some action.

Parking and speeding problems continue to occupy the minds of members of the committee; further discussion and correspondence on these issues will take place as issues are raised.

Thanks must go to the Clerk and Rosemary for their help and support in producing agendas, minutes and their day to day support throughout the year which has helped the committee to run smoothly.

Lastly I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their help throughout the year and in particular Lyndon Day and Peter Davey for representing the PC at meetings in the Council Chamber at BBC on planning issues

Cllr David Abrey

Churchyards and Environment Committee 2016

The past twelve months has seen the commencement and completion of a number of projects and significant changes affecting facilities and recreation areas in the Parish.

A number of estimates have been obtained to repair the roof and renew the flint work at the Lychgate in Fryerning Churchyard. Unfortunately commencement of this work has been delayed as before building work can commence a bat survey has to be undertaken. This is scheduled to happen during the summer months and hopefully repair work can start by late summer. Following representations regarding the surface of the main path in Fryerning Cemetery and the lack of access for wheelchair users a contract was awarded to replace the pea shingle with a tarmac path. This project was completed in April and as a result the path should provide access for all visitors.

Following months of research and investigated the Parish Council are about to embark on a major project to improve the pond on Fairfield. Over the years the pond has accumulated a large amount of silt, the bank closest to the hard surface games area is liable to flood in winter, and a large nettle bed has taken

over a sizeable area of the pond. The Parish Council has received grant aid to assist with the project and has been awarded funds from the Essex Heritage Fund to assist with the cost of providing additional seating and signage in this area of Fairfield. This work should commence in late summer.

During the year the Parish Council went through an extensive tendering process for a grounds maintenance contract. Our goal was to obtain the best possible arrangement in terms of quality of work and value for money for the Parish. The contract was awarded to Greenscapes, and we are pleased to be able to support a local business. The contract which started in April runs for the next three years.

In March the Committee organised a "Let's Clean up Ingatestone" day. Over 60 volunteers helped collect over 60 sacks of litter from around the village. The Junior School offered considerable support; the poster competition at the school produced an excellent range of entries. The winning poster was displayed by a number of shops and businesses around the village and can be seen on the cover of this newsletter. It is hoped to organise a similar day in the autumn.

During the year the Committee investigated the possibility of upgrading the facilities at Seymour Field Pavilion to bring them up to the standard recommended by the Football Association. However before we could progress we needed to establish the ownership of the pavilion. A land registry search confirmed that Seymour Field and the pavilion building at the current time belonged to Brentwood Borough Council. Representatives of the Parish Council met with officials at the town hall in Brentwood and the result was from April 1st 2016 responsibility for the pavilion reverted to Brentwood Borough Council. All issues relating to Seymour Field and the use of the pavilion should in future be addressed to Brentwood Borough Council.

In April the Parish Council was informed that as Brentwood Borough Council did not own Fairfield Recreation Ground they would no longer empty the dog waste bins there. The Churchyards and Environment Committee was of the view that providing bins for dog waste in a public recreation area where there was also a children's play area was a matter of health and safety. The Parish Council has decided to meet the cost of emptying the bins (close to £500 per year) rather than having them removed which would have increased the likelihood of a health hazard.

Finally I'd like to thank the elected and co-opted members of the Committee who have given their time and commitment during the past year, the next twelve months should be equally interesting and rewarding.

Cllr Paul Jeater

Chair of Churchyards and Environment Committee 2015-16

Report on the Ingatestone & Fryerning Parish Youth Council 2015-2016

With the start of the new School Year in September 2015 we saw the vast majority of the Youth Council 'move away' from the Village to attend College, University and in some cases, even start full time employment...

We'd seen this coming before the School Summer Holidays and had advertised in the Village Juniors School and at the Anglo.

Several Youth Councillors attended an Assembly at the Junior School and were very well received by the students, many of whom expressed an interest in the Youth Council. Unfortunately, (and even with additional 'advertising' via parent mail, the Village Newsletter and Village Noticeboards and local 'Social Media') the attendance from September to December was very poor...2 new members did give us all hope, but by January it was clear that despite our best efforts, there appeared to be no interest...

The Youth Council managed to have a very successful 'social' evening at a local restaurant, and the current Chairman was voted as the Anglo European School's 'Head Boy'... The Youth Council can now boast (in its 4 Year life), to have had 2 Head Girls, and 1 Head Boy at the Anglo School.... The Youth Council received a 'donation' from Billericay Round Table for their help with the Fireworks Display that they attended in November... Otherwise, the Youth Council has been dormant.

It was decided to cancel future meetings until a new strategy and approach can be discussed and researched.
The Youth Council currently has funds totalling £1840.53

It has been suggested that the Youth Council be reinvented, but by aiming at a much lower age group. Perhaps holding it's meetings at the Village Juniors School, during School time (as suggested by the Head Teacher). This might see pupils moving on to Secondary School in the future, but already with a vested interest in the Village & the Youth Council, and the more 'fully operational Youth Council being re-born from this.

Both Youth Council 'Mentors', Phill Poston & Rachel Lee are very keen to see a new Youth Council fully functional in the Village, and anyone interested, or with any questions should contact either of them directly or through the Parish Council.

Cllrs Phill Poston and Rachel Lee

Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Accounts for the financial year 1/4/15 - 31/3/16

Balance Sheet	<u>Movement in the year</u>	<u>Closing balance</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Fixed Assets			
Property	-£110,318.34	£164,626.66	removal of Seymour Pavilion from the asset register
	-£110,318.34	£164,626.66	
Current Assets			
Bank Current Account	£8,690.84	£10,124.50	
Bank Deposit Account	£114,193.16	£114,193.16	
Nationwide Building Society	£75,000.00	£75,000.00	opened February 2016
Yorkshire Building Society	£500.00	£500.00	opened February 2016
Parish Youth Council Account	£250.00	£1,840.53	
Cash in hand	-£73.48	£1.49	
		£198,560.52	£201,659.68
Current Liabilities			
Creditors & Accruals	-£3,203.73	£797.08	
VAT	£949.30	£2,777.18	
PAYE	£4,516.43	-£2,429.68	
		£2,262.00	£1,144.58
Current Assets less Current Liabilities:		£196,298.52	£200,515.10
Total Assets less Current Liabilities:		£85,980.18	£365,141.76
Capital & Reserves			
Reserves	-£110,318.34	£248,805.66	assets, capital and money in bank at start of year
Profit & Loss Account 2015	£0.00	£38,713.45	net profit made in 2014/15
Profit & Loss Account 2016	£77,622.65	£77,622.65	net profit made in 2015/16
		-£32,695.69	£365,141.76

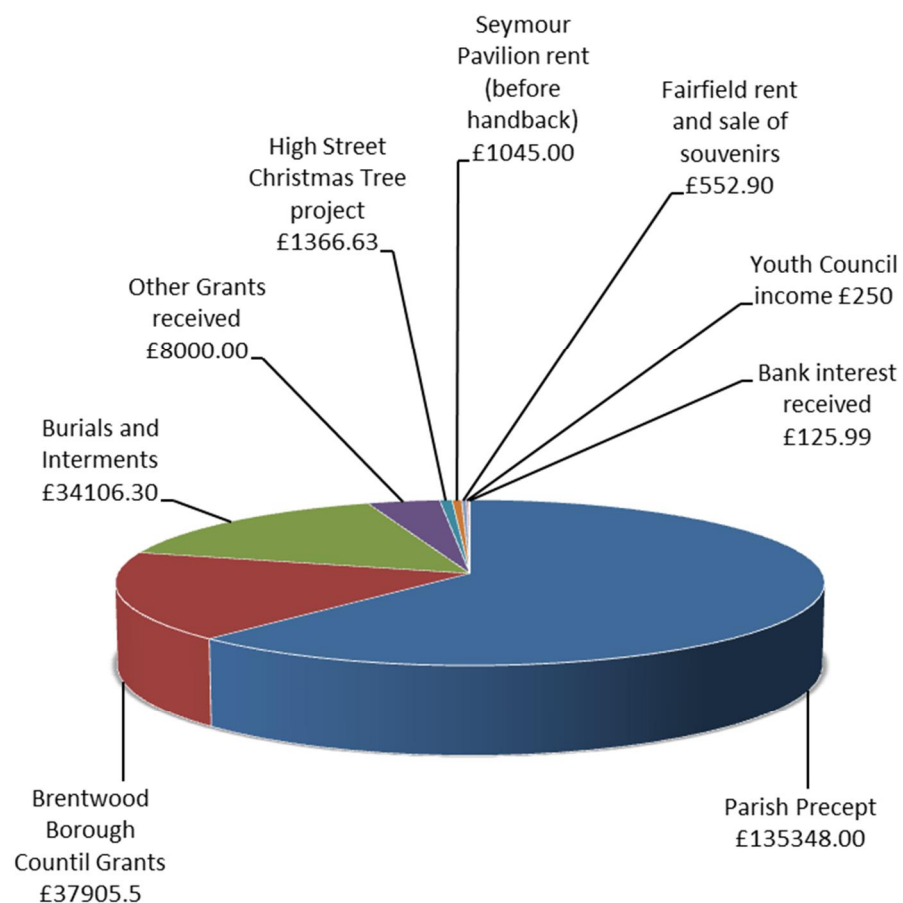
Profit and Loss	<u>1/4/15 - 31/3/16 activity</u>	<u>2015-16 Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Income				
Brentwood Borough Council Grants	£37,905.50	£38,276.00	-£370.50	
Parish Precept	£135,348.00	£135,348.00	£0.00	
Burials & Ashes	£34,106.30	£18,000.00	£16,106.30	
Seymour Field	£1,045.00	£3,039.00	-£1,994.00	Pavilion rent
Christmas Trees	£1,366.63	£1,400.00	-£33.37	From High Street shops
Other Grants	£8,000.00	£0.00	£8,000.00	CIF fund for zip wire
Other income	£552.90	£0.00	£552.90	Fairfield rent and sales of souvenirs
Other Youth Council income	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00	
	£218,574.33			
Purchases				
Purchase of items for resale	£219.66		-£219.66	
Christmas Trees	£5,262.00	£10,000.00	£4,738.00	Including new lights
Events	£329.00		-£329.00	Queen's Birthday beacon
	£5,810.66			
Upkeep of Churchyards, Cemetery and Open areas				
Fryerning Cemetery - Flowers	£750.00	£750.00	£0.00	part of the grounds maintenance contract
Fryerning Cemetery -Trees	£340.00	£6,000.00	£5,660.00	ad hoc arboricultural work
Fryerning Cemetery - Interments	£928.33	£540.00	-£388.33	digging of plots for ashes interment
Fryerning Cemetery Ground Maintenance	£14,766.31	£44,935.00	£30,168.69	part of the grounds maintenance contract. Budget included £20k for the pathway and £8.7k for the Lychgate (both unspent)
Fryerning Cemetery - Skip hire	£1,949.19	£2,440.00	£490.81	earth skip and rubbish bin skip
Ingatesone Churchyards - Ground maintenance and hedges	£4,836.00	£4,995.00	£159.00	part of the grounds maintenance contract
High Street - Plants and watering	£4,672.00	£4,532.00	-£140.00	part of the grounds maintenance contract
Fairfield - Repairs and renewals	£25,620.00	£31,580.00	£5,960.00	including new zipwire, shelter and swing installation
Fairfield - Bins	£4,656.96	£4,855.00	£198.04	including litter picking and emptying of bins
Fairfield - Trees	£2,895.00	£4,000.00	£1,105.00	ad hoc arboricultural work
Fairfield - Pond	£0.00	£520.00	£520.00	nothing spent on the pond in this financial year

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Seymour and Fairfield - Ground maintenance	£4,470.08	£3,790.00	-£680.08	part of the grounds maintenance contract
Seymour Pavilion - Repairs and renewals	£1,447.40	£6,250.00	£4,802.60	Pavilion now in the hands of BBC
Seymour Pavilion - Cleaning	£2,064.00	£2,000.00	-£64.00	Pavilion now in the hands of BBC
Seymour Pavilion - CHIPS	£0.00	£200.00	£200.00	nothing spent on CHIPS in this financial year
Seymour Pavilion - Water	£314.00	£400.00	£86.00	Pavilion now in the hands of BBC
	£69,709.27			
Gross Profit/(Loss):	£143,054.40			
Office Expenses				
P&R - Church Clock servicing	£197.00	£220.00	£23.00	at St Edmunds and St Mary's church
P&R - Other Projects	£1,083.33	£7,000.00	£5,916.67	Parking contribution for Bell Mead and Market Square
P&R - CCTV	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00	nothing spent on CCTV in this financial year
Office staff salaries	£40,316.84	£46,464.12	£6,147.28	3 members of staff, including pension, NI and PAYE contributions
Office Rent ,Rates & Insurance	£9,504.30	£9,480.00	-£24.30	
Office Heat & Light	£1,137.40	£3,300.00	£2,162.60	
Printing Postage & Stationery	£2,120.97	£2,400.00	£279.03	
Telephone, Internet & Website	£2,649.80	£3,780.00	£1,130.20	Including new website development and training
Computing & Software	£1,571.95	£1,933.00	£361.05	Work on the server, network and Sage licence
Mobile Phone	£63.00		-£63.00	
Legal & Professional	£1,355.10	£925.00	-£430.10	Including annual return, internal audit and payroll services
Office equipment maintenance	£2,608.92	£2,492.00	-£116.92	Photocopier lease and replacement equipment
Office - Repairs and renewals, cleaning, sundries and refreshments	£853.35	£4,000.00	£3,146.65	including boiler repair and PAT testing
Bank charges and Interest	-£125.99		£125.99	Interest received from bank accounts
Donations and Subscriptions	-£814.01	£1,234.59	£2,048.60	Due to refund of contribution to the M12 action group
Training and travel costs	£938.87	£1,100.00	£161.13	Staff and Councillor training and SLCC membership for Clerk
Insurance	£1,970.92	£2,550.00	£579.08	
	£65,431.75			
Net Profit/(Loss):	£77,622.65			

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Breakdown of income by category



Breakdown of expenses by category

