

Policy and Resources Committee

Chairman: Councillor Peter Wyatt

The Policy and Resources Committee is responsible for Town Council land, premises and staff, as well as civic affairs and public relations. The Committee co-ordinates the budgetary process and recommends a precept to cover the annual expenses of the Council, which is determined at a Council meeting in January each year.

GRANTS AWARDED

For the financial year ending 31 March 2019 the following grants were awarded under the Town Council's Grants scheme:

Day trip for carers and cared for	£200
Station Adopters	£200
1st Woodham Ferrers Scout Group	£950
Health and Social Group	£1,200
St Mary's Church	£1,500
Senior Citizens Festive event	£52
SWF Rugby Club	£300
SWF Bowls Club	£400
SWF Swim Club	£292
Royal British Legion	£750

For further information regarding the Town Council's grant scheme please contact the Town Council on 01245 321817 or visit our website to download an application form.

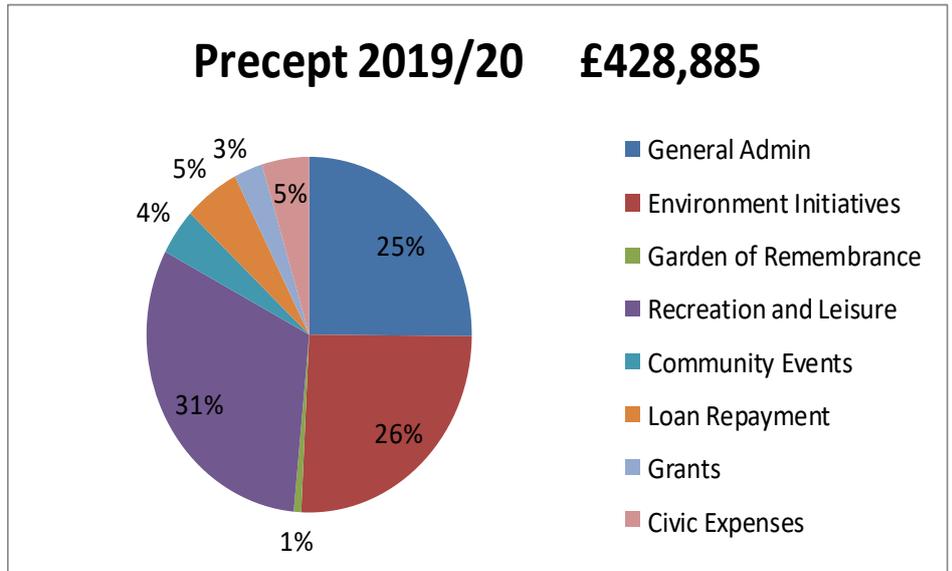
THE COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEE SYSTEM

The Town Council's Committees meet throughout the Council year to assist in progressing the Council's business.

Committee and Council meetings start at 8pm. All meetings are held at Champions Manor Hall Community Centre and are open to the public to attend.

SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS
TOWN COUNCIL
CHAMPIONS MANOR HALL
HULLBRIDGE ROAD
SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS
ESSEX
CM3 5LJ

Hall enquires 01245 429442
Garden of Remembrance enquiries
01245 429446



CHAMPIONS MANOR HALL COMMUNITY CENTRE Hullbridge Road

A modern, attractive venue with excellent facilities for hire for a variety of functions, including children's parties and celebrations. There are two meeting rooms for hire, ideal for training and meetings.



Please contact the Town Council on 01245 429442.



COUNCILLORS BY WARD

CHETWOOD WARD

Councillor Donna Eley
Councillor Ashley John
Councillor Bob Massey
Councillor Alan Shearring
Councillor Rosalyn Luckman

ELMWOOD WARD

Councillor Jackie Birch
Councillor Sam Coley
Councillor Lisa Kelly
Councillor Martyn Lobar
Councillor Murrough O'Brien

COLLINGWOOD WARD

Councillor Peter Ferry
Councillor Anne Humphrey
Councillor Malcolm Sismey
Councillor Christine Weir-Ewing
Councillor Richard Weir-Ewing

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Councillor Russell Crosbie
Councillor Kevin Golding
Councillor Ian Roberts
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**SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS
TOWN COUNCIL**

ANNUAL REPORT 2019



**Town Mayor
Councillor
Peter Wyatt**

Well, it only seems such a short time ago that I was writing my 2018

Annual Report and here I am, now reviewing my 2019 report. This will be my second and last term as Town Mayor as I will not be seeking re-election in May. The time has come for a fresh face to take over with fresh ideas.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my two years as Mayor. This year, supported by my Deputy Mayor Councillor Golding, we met many residents and organisations and attended a wide variety of events, both inside and outside the Town boundary. It's at the 'away events' that we get the opportunity to promote the Town and let other areas know where we are.

One of the highlights of the year was the Christmas Fayre which I

think exceeded everybody's expectations. Thanks must go to all Councillors and Staff for putting on such a fantastic event. Other events supported and funded by the Town Council include Fun on the Bandstand, organised by Asda; the monthly Cinema Club run with additional support from Palmers Solicitors and Children's and Senior Citizen's Christmas parties.

Earlier in the year, the Town Council funded and constructed a new road leading to the Uniformed Youth site, thus improving access for the Scouts, Guides, Army and Air Force Cadets who all have their headquarters in that area.

New benches have been installed around the Town and throughout the year, we kept the City Council's Highway Rangers Team very busy when they responded to complaints from residents regarding overgrown vegetation and other local problems that come under their remit and what a good job they do!!

Looking to the future, the Town Council has employed a Consultancy Company to produce a Neigh-

bourhood Plan which will, when accepted, give the Town more control over future development and increase the amount of money that will come from the new developments, as and when they take place. It is hoped that this Plan will be completed within the next couple of years.

The charity chosen as the Town Mayor's charity for 2018 - 19 is 'Kids Inspire' who help disadvantaged young people turn their lives around and give them back their future. They support young people across Essex who are at an educational, social and/or economic disadvantage resulting from trauma or emerging mental health issues. They may have experienced sexual or domestic abuse, separation anxiety or significant loss. Many young people are referred to Kids Inspire because other support agencies consider them 'too complex' to help. Thanks to the specialist services we are able to offer, Kids Inspire has assisted Social Care in closing numerous cases. I think you will agree, a worthy charity to support.



**Annual Town Meeting
Tuesday 19th March 2019
doors open at 7pm with the
main meeting starting at 8pm
at
Champions Manor Hall
Hullbridge Road.**

This is a public meeting enabling residents to come along and meet the Councillors and Staff of the Town Council.

There will be displays from local groups and organisations. Speakers for the Main Meeting are from

Marc Outen Essex Wildlife Trust
Neighbourhood Plan Consultant

WHAT IS A TOWN COUNCILLOR?

A Town Councillor is a democratically elected representative who has the potential to make a real difference to people's lives. As a local councillor your residents will expect you to: respond to their queries and investigate their concerns, communicate council decisions that affect them, know your ward and surrounding area and be aware of any problems, represent their views at Town Council meetings and lead on local campaigns

on their behalf.

As a Councillor you will have many different roles to balance ranging from policy and budget setting, decision making regarding local projects and commenting on local planning applications.

If you are interested in joining the Town Council nomination forms are available from the Town Council offices at Champions Manor Hall or by emailing electoral.register@chelmsford.gov.uk

Completed nominations must be returned by hand to Chelmsford City Council between 26th March - 3rd April 2019. It is strongly advised that an appointment is made prior to the completed nomination being submitted.

Environment Committee

Chairman: Councillor Keith Bentley

The following matters are reserved and delegated to the Environment Committee: Issues in and around South Woodham Ferrers to include the following:

Traffic Management, Litter Control, Roads, Pavements and Footpaths, Signage, Public Transport, Garden of Remembrance, Millennium Place and the town sign, Woodham Fenn, Hanging Baskets and sponsored roundabout.

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

New interment beds were placed at the Garden of Remembrance in 2018. If you would like further information about Garden of Remembrance services please call Karen Dean on 01245 429446.



New raised Poppy beds were planted at the Garden of Remembrance and the Tommy Silhouettes have been relocated to the Garden of Remembrance.



WOODHAM FENN Ongoing maintenance was carried out at the Woodham Fenn. Interpretation Boards detailing local wildlife and wild plants. This summer saw the introduction of cattle. A new voluntary Warden is in post and is collecting data and arranging working parties to ensure that the area can be enjoyed by all.

HANGING BASKETS AND PLANTERS

Floral basket displays are provided in the town centre and other retail areas of the town. Flower displays will brighten the town this summer. The Town Council continue to sponsor planting of the roundabout at the junction of Inchbonnie Road



and Ferrers Road.

TOMMY



NEW NOTICEBOARDS

Replacement noticeboards were installed at One Stop and Collingwood School



LITTER PICK EVENTS

Successful litter pick events have taken place in the Town. If you would like to volunteer please join the Facebook group SWF Litter pickers or call Karen on 01245 429446



Projects for 2019/20

The Environment Committee is researching the following projects for 2019/20:

- Fenn—Disabled access
- Re- site dog bins not fully utilised
- Footpath through the Scattering Copse
- Entrance Arch and Youth Garden improvements at the Garden of Remembrance

Planning Committee

Vice-Chairman: Councillor Kevin Golding

The following matters are reserved and delegated to the Planning Committee:

To consider and comment on all plans, development briefs, planning and tree applications submitted for development within and around South Woodham Ferrers or in areas that could affect South Woodham Ferrers. To respond to any issues regarding the development of land and property within and around South Woodham Ferrers.

Throughout the year the Committee considered and made recommendations to the Planning Authority on a number of planning applications and also attended Local Plan Examination Hearing Sessions for Chelmsford City Council's Local Plan.



At the Hearings, further evidence was submitted with regards to the proposed closure of St Mary's primary School, Woodham Ferrers and its potential impact on South Woodham Ferrers.

More information on the Local Plan can be viewed at



www.chelmsford.gov.uk

Other Consultations considered by the Planning Committee were; the Essex County Council (Hullbridge Road, South Woodham Ferrers)(Bus Gate) Order 201 and the Maldon District Green Infrastructure Strategy SPD

Leisure Committee

Chairman: Councillor Richard Weir-Ewing

The following matters are reserved and delegated to the Leisure Committee: Children's Play Area and Blue Cage Hullbridge Road, the Bowling Green at Champions Manor Hall Community Centre, Allotments, the Bandstand in Queen Elizabeth II Square, youth facilities and activities, development of leisure and community facilities, delivery of the Town Council's annual programme of events.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Christmas Fayre was held in November. Local organisations and businesses provided stalls in Trinity Square and Queen Elizabeth II Square. Entertainment was provided on the Bandstand and stage in Trinity Sq.



CHRISTMAS TREE

This year the town had a 30ft Christmas tree kindly donated by Chelmsford City Council



Chelmsford City Council. These free sessions are provided during Easter and the summer months and held at Saltcoats Park.

The April 2019 dates have been booked. Details of the sessions are available on the Town Council's website.

BOWLING GREEN AT CHAMPIONS MANOR HALL

The artificial green at Champions Manor Hall Community Centre is regularly maintained to keep the green in tip top condition. South Woodham Ferrers Bowls Club manage the green on behalf of the Town Council and information on bowling or joining the Club can be obtained direct by calling Tel. 07974 995041.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Seasonal lighting for the town centre is provided during the Christmas festivities by the Town Council. Financial contributions to the lighting scheme are received from Asda and Chelmsford City Council.



SWIMMING POOL

The Town Council make an annual contribution of £10,000 towards the running of the swimming pool at the Leisure Centre.

PLAY IN PARK

The Town Council make an annual contribution to the Play in the Park schemes organised by

INTERPRETATION BOARD AT THE WASHLANDS

Highlighting areas of public interest



Forthcoming Events

FUN ON THE BANDSTAND

Support provided for these events held during August and organised by Asda at the Bandstand in Queen Elizabeth II Square, to accommodate bad weather provision Club Wooham has been booked as a backup to ensure sessions do not have to be cancelled.

ASDA

OUTDOOR CINEMA

Date and film to be confirmed



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 16 November

Held in the town centre, this event involves local groups, organisations and businesses. Arrangements have already begun for this year's event.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS BUFFET LUNCH

Friday 6 December, 12.30 to 3pm at Champions Manor Hall Community Centre.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Saturday 14 December, 4.30pm to 6.30pm at Champions Manor Hall Community Centre.



CHAMPIONS FILM CLUB

As a member of the Film Club, residents are able to view monthly films at Champions Manor Hall Community Centre. Sponsored by Palmers Solicitors. Membership available from the Town Council at a cost of £3 per year



ARTS FESTIVAL

Support provided for this event being held on 2 & 3 November at Champions Manor Hall Community Centre.

Organised by the Innerwheel.