

West Bergholt Parish Council

Argent's Lane

2024-25 Budget & Precept

2024-25 Action Plan

Youth Engagement

NEWSLETTER

from PC Meeting of Jan 2024

Chair of PC interviewed by BBC.

CLlr Brian Butcher was interviewed by BBC Essex at 8.10am on Monday 22nd Jan (available on BBC Sounds) regarding the PC's concerns about the recent issues in Argent's Lane. Although an ECC asset, the PC would like to see a 30mph speed limit, the attendance of gritter trucks during cold weather and an alleviation to the flooding issues. Concerns were also raised about what will happen on the rat run when the A12 is closed for roadworks.

Budgets agreed for 2024-25.

The Responsible Finance Officer, CLlr Andrew Savage, proposed a draft 2024-25 Three-Year plan, budget and precept request (PC's proportion of your Council Tax), which was agreed unanimously by the Council. Mindful of both inflation and the cost-of-living crisis the PC agreed a 2.8% increase in the precept, resulting in a 4.5p a week (or £2.34 per year) rise in Council Tax (Band D properties).

Parish Council Action Plan agreed for the year.

The 2024-25 Action Plan contains new aims for the Parish Council, including identifying what is needed in the village for those living with disabilities and determining better facilities of those who cycle in West Bergholt. If you feel you can speak for either of those groups or have comments on the facilities needed for either, please contact clerk@westbergholt-pc.gov.uk to let us know your thoughts.

Proposed After School Drop-in Café

Further developments occurred with CLlr Harry Stone's Youth Engagement Working Party, including a meeting with parents and young people to gauge interest in the Drop-in Café idea, which was extremely positive. The Café is likely to be run by the YMCA and supported by parent volunteers. Updates will follow.

Read the minutes of the meeting in full at [westbergholt-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/meetings/minutes/](https://www.westbergholt-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/meetings/minutes/)