

# West Bergholt Parish Council

## National Grid Pylons in West Bergholt

## Hall Road Pond Clearance

## PC's Climate Emergency Working Party

## Annual Parish Meeting and Volunteer of the Year

# NEWSLETTER

from PC Meeting of March 2024

## CCC Planning Officer addresses the PC

Colchester City Council (CCC) Planning Officer James Ryan discussed his role in the statutory consultation process and showed part of his Norwich to Tilbury presentation. The consultation is due to land in mid-April and will provide a much more detailed picture of the route through West Bergholt from Crabtree Lane across to Fossetts Lane. The Parish Council will be making a list of concerns and then will discuss with James to feed back into the City Council's response.

## Payment approved for Hall Rd Pond work.

The Council approved a payment to Arches Plant Hire for the emergency work dredging the Hall Road Pond. Although the pond itself was not responsible for the flooding of Hall Road, clearing tonnes of silt and some of the nearby farm ditches has alleviated the flooding considerably, whilst the village waited for a response from Essex Highways.

## Terms of Reference and imminent projects

The Climate Emergency Working Party's Terms of Reference were approved by the Parish Council at the meeting, available on [westbergholt-pc.gov.uk/policies](https://westbergholt-pc.gov.uk/policies). It was also agreed for the PC to facilitate an exhibition for residents on "Essex Parishes Solar Energy Scheme" and support of the Bee Squared project. Bee Squared is a project to provide Heathlands school children and St Mary's Church with 5g of wildflowers each to grow in their front gardens to encourage bee and pollinating insects. Each will be asked to display a bee colouring sheet in their front window and can add a bee icon to the WB map.

## Plans in progress for Annual Parish Meeting

The APM will be held on Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm, browsing of displays from 7.15pm. CEO of Colchester City Council, Mrs Pam Donnelly and Commander of the Colchester Garrison, Lieutenant Colonel Ed Rankin are due to speak. It was agreed at the PC meeting that a new award "Volunteer of the Year" will be awarded at the APM, nominations are available online.

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