2024

WEST BERGHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

#### **Parish Councillors:**

Brian Butcher (Chair)

Harry Stone (Vice Chair)

Manya Barrow

Paul Chamberlain

Sara Cullis

John Gili-Ross

Katie Pulford

Andrew Savage

**David Short** 

Bob Tyrell

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#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Cllr Brian Butcher

It was both an honour and privilege to have been re-elected as Chair of West Bergholt Parish Council in May 2024 and it has certainly been an honour and privilege of which I am very proud to have represented the community in this role.



I thoroughly enjoyed my second year as Chair and I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you when attending various local events, whilst representing you the residents, having just started my third year as Chair.

Indeed, I cannot believe it is a year ago that I wrote my first Chair's annual report, so much has happened in this year in that we have:

- Welcomed Paul Chamberlain as a Parish Councillor
- Built a Lorkin Daniell accessible toilet
- Installed all-inclusive play equipment on the Lorkin Daniell
- Run a Young Photographer of the Year competition
- Purchased an Honour Board
- Erected a Parish Christmas tree



- Held a Village Quiz, raising money for equipment for Bluebells
- Written Newsletters after each Parish Council meeting
- Oversaw transfer of Mumford greensward to an Asset of Community Value
- Continued campaigning against the Norwich to Tilbury pylons
- Set up a Youth Engagement Working Party
- Paid for the speed survey in Colchester Road
- Introduced the Volunteer of the Year Award



Now might be the time to thank our three village handymen, Simon, Matt and Nigel, our assistant Clerk Julie, our hall administrator Vicky, our Bulletin editor Jacqui and webmaster Dave for their dedication over the last year as well. We have now said goodbye to Nigel and welcomed Ian.

One person it would be remiss of me not to offer my most heartfelt thanks to, and those of my fellow councillor's, is our Clerk Laura. Laura is a person who ensures that we all gel, and checks we deliver the highest level of service we can to West Bergholt.



My thanks go to all my fellow Parish Councillors as well for their freely given time and commitment over the last twelve months to help maintain West Bergholt as the great place it is to live in.

This commitment continues in the rest of this booklet in that you'll find reports on finance, planning and the environment respectively written by Andrew, our Responsible Finance Officer, Bob, our Chair of Planning and John, Chair of Environment and Highways.

This booklet is different from any we have published before though as the Parish Council in that it is in colour, and it includes photographs of our achievements over the last year. I trust you will find this booklet of interest, and may I take this opportunity to wish the residents of West Bergholt all the best for the next twelve months as the Parish Council settles down to deliver its aims for the next twelve months as undoubtedly you will have read in in the Summer Bulletin that has hopefully landed on your mat

Finally, at the end of this booklet you will find all the contact details you'll need to contact the Parish Council, on anything we can assist with, we look forward to hearing from you.



#### **REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEES:**

FINANCE, POLICY & PERSONNEL REPORT

Chair - CIIr Andrew Savage

I am pleased to announce that the External Auditors have 'signed off' the 2022/23 accounts. My thanks therefore go to Laura for all her hard work and to Jan Stobart for undertaking the Internal Audit.



The accounts for the following year, ending March 2024, have now been prepared, internally audited and are ready for the External Auditors. (In fact we have just heard they too have been signed off!)

The Parish Council's accounts show an income for the year of £121,426 compared to the budget of £120,950. This is against an expenditure of £100,942 where the budget figure was £120,950. This means that around £20,000 less was spent than planned for. This is mostly due to continued delays to our major projects – the Community Hub and the acquisition of the William Sims Sports Field. Of course, the project funds are retained and will be used this year as the projects move forward.

The Orpen Memorial Hall accounts show an income of £52,434 compared to the budget of £50,293 – the increase is due to additional John Lampon Hall bookings and bank interest. This is against an expenditure of £44,615 compared to the budget figure of £50,293. The significant underspend is mostly due to reduced annual cleaning and gas costs.

However, the main feature of the year was grants, and what they achieved. These grants were spread over many projects. Indeed, whilst the previous year saw the installation of solar panels and batteries on and within the Orpen Hall building, we obtained an 'Awards for All' grant application of £9,975 which enabled us to fit an additional battery to the solar energy system and still have £7,700 to convert the Complex to LED lighting.

Our next grant was for something completely different. For quite some time funds were being raised for some inclusive play equipment within the Lorkin Daniell playground. Finally, obtaining the Community 360 'Hyperlocal' £10,000 grant enabled the work to go ahead.

The main reason for the slowness of the Community Hub project has been due to delays in obtaining confirmation of success in obtaining certain grants. Whilst a 'Love Essex Grant' of £500 for some furniture was provided extremely quickly, the substantial ones relating to the extension itself took longer – indeed, so much longer that the actual money won't be received until this financial year!

Of course, this is not a one-way process. The Parish Council does provide grants to parish organisations. This year they were:

- £300 to Friends of St Mary Old Church towards an Information Board.
- £495 to Bergholt Youth Group for various pieces of equipment.

Moving forward to this year's finances, the Parish Council will obtain sufficient finances to commence the Community Hub extension project. In addition, the projects and grants agreed within the Parish Council budget for 2024/25 are:

Neighbourhood Plan implementation projects

£8,000

Orpen Memorial Hall upgrade project £4,000

Climate Change initiative project £3,000

Grants <u>£1,000</u>

TOTAL £16,000

Despite all the work undertaken by the Parish Council, the precept has only increased by around 2.8%. For a Band D property this equated to less than **20 pence a month** extra per household. Hopefully this is thought to be good value for money!

#### **FNVIRONMENT & HIGHWAYS REPORT**

#### Chair - CIIr John Gili-Ross

A significant part of the Parish Councils expenditure goes towards keeping the village environs in a satisfactory condition, either through the work of our three handymen, the tools they need to do a good job or the materials needed for new builds, repairs or replacement items.



It is through good forward planning by the Environment & Highways committee that we have kept on top of demand and helped to maintain a great village environment.

We are blessed to have three really enthusiastic and capable handymen in Nigel Weall, Matt Harkness and Simon Forrester. The handymen deserve a massive thank you for all they do. Unfortunately, Nigel Weall has decided to retire from his role as village handyman after many years of great community service. He will be a difficult person to replace however in the first instance the vacancy has been advertised and candidates will be interviewed in due course. We all wish Nigel a big thank you, a happy retirement and good fortune for the future.

Katie Pulford continues as vice chair on the committee and with her hands on farming skills, she advises the committee on the best contractors to use for hedge trimming, green waste disposal and maintenance and repairs of the equipment used by the handymen. Harry Stone and David Short remain long serving members of the environment and highways committee providing continuity learning skills and advice to the committee as a whole. The committee members are very proactive and hands-on, and all willingly take on projects and tasks that will lead to benefits for the village.

We continue to work together with Cllr Lewis Barber with the objective to reinstate the right for our handymen to undertake selected highways tasks within West Bergholt. This last 12 months has seen numerous occasions when flood water has developed through obstructed or blocked drains in vital areas and often resulting to road closures until the blockage has been cleared. The handymen will always try to help but the restrictions placed by ECC Highways does not help to achieve speedy resolutions.

The village heath remains a place of wildlife refuge and natural beauty. All trees under council management are recorded and managed to not just maintain a safe environment but also to nurture each tree to realise their full and natural potential. As part of our late Queens green canopy project to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee we had a number of mature trees donated by the Colchester Mayor, the Allotments Committee, Oak View Landscape Services, TLC, Scissorhands and the Parish Council. All but one of the newly planted trees are flourishing and we remain hopeful that all trees will flourish over the coming months. Regrettable a number of trees have had to be felled in the last 12 months for safety reasons. Where practical the felled tree trunks have been left on the

ground to help encourage the establishment of wildlife refuges. This activity forms part of the village strategic environment plan. Furthermore, wildlife refuge areas and runs have been created in many areas of the village to encourage both wildlife and biodiversity. The grass has not been cut as often around the Lorkin Daniell field and Poor's Field for this purpose but to ensure the recreational activities offered by these areas are not impeded.

We again installed a Christmas tree at the triangle of Colchester and Chapel Roads to help brighten the village during the festive season. The tree was donated by Paul Chamberlain and James Owers led this project and together with Debra Hornigold and the handymen. The bad weather and strong winds presented some challenges and the tree had to be repositioned on two occasions but overall successful teamwork won the day. We plan to continue this initiative in future years and improve the display still further.

The temporary flagpole that sat at the front of the Orpen Hall became damaged and had to be taken down. This meant the village was without a suitable place to fly a flag and in particular to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the D-Day landings. We were fortunate to have Neil and Katie Pulford who were willing to lend us their flagpole for the occasion and we were able to fly the new "Less We Forget" flag purchased by the Parish Council for such occasions. It is hoped a new permanent flagpole can be installed shortly

David Short again prepared our village beacon ready for lighting to formally mark D-Day. What may appear to be a simple task, it involves significant planning to ensure a safe and effective display. The registration of our beacon is part of the international tribute marking a formal occasion and our beacon has appeared on the register ever since it was built by a village resident Adrian Leech many years ago.

Keeping our greensward areas appropriately cut and trimmed and clear of litter remains an on-going task for much of the year. A big thank you to the many villagers who pick up litter and discarded waste around the village and for helping to keep our village clean and tidy. Parents, please encourage your children to dispose of drink containers and waste either in the many bins or ideally get them to take them home for disposal.

Finally. I would like to thank the handymen and the committee members for their teamwork and support during the last year. Their efforts are very much appreciated

#### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Chair - CIIr Bob Tyrrell

**The West Bergholt Planning Committee** is a statutory consultee to Colchester City Council (CCC- is the Local Planning Authority) for all domestic and business planning applications that relate to the parish of West Bergholt. The PC is also a consultee on planning applications relating



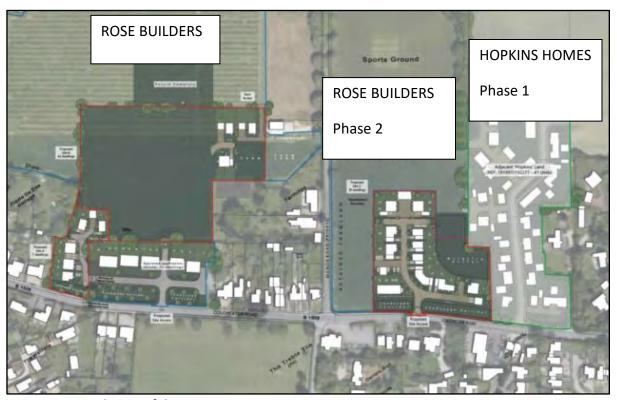
to waste, minerals, schools and certain highway matters to Essex County Council (ECC). The final planning decision rests with CCC or ECC

The WBPC Planning & Development Committee is constituted to consider and to respond on behalf of the Parish Council in respect to applications. The Committee meets on a monthly basis, normally on the 3rd Monday. Detail of previous meetings are on the PC website where you can view the latest committee agenda, planning decisions and past minutes.

#### **Planning Applications:**

The Parish Council (PC) has received 51 Applications this year. These may range from a simple house extension, medium sized new developments and application for commercial premises. Please see the list of planning applications attached. Unfortunately, the Parish Council cannot prevent developments from taking place, but our recommendations will be taken into consideration with other evidence submitted by Colchester City Council.

**HOUSING** as part of the West Bergholt Neighbourhood Plan (WBNP): Hopkins Homes is now nearing completion a further two phases by Rose Builders is in the planning stage. As part of the Hopkins development the PC will acquire 3 acres of land as a playing field, next to the cricket ground. For use as a sports facility for the village.



Current proposals part of the WBNP

#### **PYLONS:**

The National Grid has now published detailed plans of its 112 mile-long (180km) power line across East Anglia. If allowed, they will cross the Parish, to the north of the village. The PC has objected to the application.



Route of pylons - Parish



Route of pylons across West Bergholt

The PC is strongly against the proposals and would prefer an alternative solution in the North Sea. for more information see: https://pylonseastanglia.co.uk

**APPEALS:** There is currently an appeal against the refusal of change of use to residential use of Scarlett's Nursery. The site is outside the Village Settlement Boundary and hopefully the refusal will be upheld.

#### **Design Guidance:**

Colchester City Local Plan 2019 -2034, has been adopted by CCC

The West Bergholt Neighbourhood Plan is a useful weapon against speculative development. This will shortly be modified to incorporate relevant sections of the VDS (Village Design Statement), which is redundant.

The modified NP will cover new buildings and extension, as well as setting the context for development in the village by outlining the distinctive character areas of the village and its rural setting. The WBNP is available on the Village website.

#### Planning meetings:

The Committee has regular meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the John Lampon Hall. The agenda is published three days in advance. Anyone who wishes to express their views on a planning matter is welcome to attend, and in particular, the Committee welcomes preplanning application discussions.

To provide a greater consistency on Planning Applications will quote the relevant WBNP Policy number and text as a reason for any objections.

Finally, I would like to thank my colleagues on the committee for their support over the past months.

Application No.	Location	West Bergholt PC Decision Date	WBPC Decision	Proposal	CBC/Appeal Decision Date	CBC/Appeal Decision
230301	5 Bradbrook Cottages	22/02/2023	Support	Proposed first floor side extension	03/04/2023	Approved
230400	Orpen Memorial Hall	20/04/2023	N/A	Extension to the John Lampon Hall for Community Hub	28/04/2023	Approved
<u>222861</u>	Hop House, 2nd Floor Office	21/12/2022	Observation	Change of use from office to single residential flat	02/05/2023	Approved
222860	Hop House, 2nd Floor Office	21/12/2022	Objection	Change of use from office to single residential flat	02/05/2023	Approved
230627	67 Chapel Road	20/04/2023	Support	Single storey rear and side extension	11/05/2023	Approved
230665	Sanborn, Spring Lane,	20/04/2023	Support	First floor rear bedroom extension	15/05/2023	Approved
230705	134 Colchester Road	20/04/2023	Support	Single storey rear extension	17/05/2023	Approved
230874	Oaklands, Nayland Road	26/04/2023	Objection	New 2 Storey Extension	05/06/2023	Refused
231061	Colne House, School Lane,	24/05/2023	Support	Proposed loft conversion, 1st floor extension & new porch	29/06/2023	Approved
231102	8a Bradbrook Cottages	24/05/2023	Support	Garage conversion and porch	21/06/2023	Approved
231172	19 Bradbrook Cottages	19/06/2021	Support	Erection of 2-bedroom detached family home	19/07/2023	Approved
231404	West Bergholt Reservoir, Hall Road	17/07/2023	Support	Proposed ARQIVA smart metering 1no. GPS antenna a	09/08/2023	Approved
223165	Kings Vineyard, Fossetts Lane	16/01/2023	Support	Replacement dwelling and construction of detached garage	O/S	Approved

231562	67 Chapel Road	17/07/2023	Support	Single storey rear and side extension	O/S	Approved
231401	Daniells House, Colchester Road	17/07/2023	Support	External refurbishment	O/S	Refused
230990	11 Lexden Road	24/05/2023	Support	The installation of roof mounted solar panels	24/07/2023	Approved
231629	4 Hall Road,	17/07/2023	Support	Single Storey rear/side extension	31/08/2023	Approved
230596	Scarletts Quality Plants, Nayland Road	20/04/2023	Objection	up to 12 self-build and custom housebuilding plots	22/09/2023	Refused
<u>231795</u>	16 Newbridge Hill	14/08/2023	Support	Proposed extension to existing rear garden room/conservatory.	25/09/2023	Approved
230874	Oaklands, Nayland Road	18/09/2023	Objection	2 Storey Extension	25/10/2023	Refused
231911	8 New Church Road	18/09/2023	Objection	Erection of a timber pre- fabricated single storey granny annexe	24/10/2023	Approved
<u>232195</u>	4 Bourne Road	16/10/2023	Support	Single storey rear extension	23/11/2023	Approved
231736	Land adj to, Hill House, 155 Colchester Road	14/08/2023	Objection	Erection of two dwellings, complete with access and parking – reserved matters	24/11/2023	Approved
232125	Grange Cottage, Hall Road	27/09/2023	Support	To construct a single storey storage shed.	05/12/2023	Approved
232406	62 Albany Road	13/11/2023	Support	Two storey rear extension and front porch.	11/12/2023	Approved
232435	Church Cottage, Hall Road	13/11/2023	Support	Loft conversion and. erection of an outbuilding.	14/12/2023	Approved
232194	Hill House Farm, 157 Colchester Road	16/10/2023	Support	Construction of a single storey annex	20/12/2023	Approved
232569	21 Lexden Road	22/11/2023	Support	Single storey front extension	05/01/2024	Approved
232446	44 Lexden Road	22/11/2023	Support	Single storey Orangery.	09/01/2024	Approved
232641	3 Garling Walk	18/12/2023	Support	Two storey extension to the side and rear.	17/01/2024	Refused
<u>232716</u>	49 Mumford Road	09/01/2024	Support	New conservatory with Aluminium frames and a glazed roof	06/02/2024	Approved
232785	Coney Byes House, Coney Byes Lane		Support	Single storey side extensions; one and two storey rear extensions and carport.	12/02/2024	Approved
232766	Old Rectory Lodge, Cooks Hall Road	18/12/2023	Support	Replacement rear extension and link to rebuilt outbuilding.	16/02/2024	Approved
<u>232678</u>	Poors Land - Certificate of lawfulness	18/12/2023	N/A	Single storey pitched roof detached building for use as a servery and all-inclusive disabled access toilet	25/01/2024	Approved
220526	Land adj 67, Braiswick,	16/11/2022	Support	(reserved matters)	11/09/2023	Approved
<u>231375</u>	109 Colchester Road	19/06/2023	Objection	First Floor Timber Frame Rear Bedroom Extension & Internal Alterations	05/01/2024	Approved
232398	108 Mumford Road	13/11/2023	Support	Proposed garage conversion	07/12/2023	Approved
232751	Blackheath Bulb Company, Nayland Road	18/12/2023	Objection	Replacement of three agricultural buildings with three dwellings	26/01/2024	Refused
220526	Land adj. 67 Braiswick	16/03/2022	Observation	Reserved matters following outline approval of 27 dwellings	11/09/2023	Support
230365	Land Adjacent To 67, Braiswick,	22-Mar-23	Objection	Application to vary condition 17 (footway to western kerb radius)	13/11/2023	Withdrawn
240018	Twain, Chapel Lane	30/01/2024	Support	single storey front extension	29/02/2024	Approved
232259	Land adj, Armoury Road	16/10/2023	Objection	Reserved matters	21/03/2024	Approved
231910	Chestnut Cottage, 131 Colchester Road	18/09/2023	Support	Proposed new 2no. car cart lodge	29/09/2023	Refused

OUTSTANDING						
221574	Land off, Colchester Road - amendment to s.106	20/07/2022	Observation	Application to Modify or Discharge a Section 106 Planning Obligation 191997	O/S	
230973	8 Church Close	24/05/2023	Support	Reserved matters	O/S	
232383	The Manse, Chapel Lane,	13/11/2023	Support	Change of use of the church hall to a day nursery.		
232722	Highfield Farm, Fordham Road	18/12/2023	Support	Outline application to site three Shepherd's Huts on agricultural land for rental/leisure purposes		
<u>240331</u>	Barns at, Hall Road,	04/04/2024	Observation	Reserved matters		
<u>240394</u>	Land adj to, Hill House, 155 Colchester Road	27/03/2024	Support	Variation to condition		
240514	17 Pirie Road	27/03/2024	Support	Outline application for attached two-storey, 2-bedroom residential dwelling.		
240499	87 Colchester Road	27/03/2024	Objection	Reserved matters		

#### **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

West Bergholt Parish Council had received a number of nominations to be the recipients for this year's award one person stood out.



The recipient of this year's Volunteer of the Year Award was Philip McNeill. Lieutenant Colonel Rankin presented Philip with his award (photo above) at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2024. Kevin Sturdy of the 1<sup>st</sup> WB Scouts expressed his thanks to Philip for the work he has done for the Scouts over the years and how lucky the organisation has been to benefit from Phil's time and the money he has saved them:

'He has been the treasurer for 1st West Bergholt Scout Group since September 1997 which, in itself, is an achievement. But, in addition, he has also helped as a skills instructor with the Scout Troop since the early 2000s, turning out most Wednesdays to help run the Troop and provide instruction and guidance to our young people. In this role, he has also helped organise and run hikes and camps for the Scouts and the Group. Furthermore, he has been the main person behind the maintenance of the Scout Hut for over 25 years, giving up his free time at weekends to repair, replace and renew the Hut and its fixtures and fittings. As the Group Scout Leader said the Group would not be what it is without his dedication and support.'

#### **PARISH COUNCIL GRANT AWARDS 2024:**

#### £300 to Friends of St Mary's Old Church (FOSMOC)

Of the annual grant allocation of £1,000 to local organisations, this year the Parish Council awarded a grant of £300 to the Friends of St Mary's Old Church for a permanent display panel to inform visitors about the medieval wall paintings that were discovered during redecorating work and to launch an appeal for donations to conserve them. Martin Long, chair of the FOSMOC, collected the award and thanked the Council. He explained how the 1,000-year-old church is supported by a group of Friends, a committee of people, who put in a lot of time and effort to continue to do good work.

#### £494.85 to Bergholt Youth Group (BYG)

The other grant awarded in 2023-24 was to the Bergholt Youth Group for new traffic cones to ensure the safety of the children when using part of the car park for outdoor games and for new equipment to replace those lost to wear & tear. Matthew Slark, longtime volunteer at BYG, collected the award and explained that 80 children on average use BYG, when it is open, every other Friday evening.

Also celebrated, were the monies donated from the **Spring Village Quiz**:

#### £271 for SEND Equipment for use at Bluebells Pre-school

The £271 raised from team fees and raffle tickets at the 10<sup>th</sup> Feb Village Quiz helped contribute to a Sensory Den (photo to right) purchased by Bluebells Pre-school for children with mental & physical health issues. Jackie Leach of Bluebells has told the PC that the children love it, as they also love the new inclusive play equipment in the Lorkin Daniell Field.



Sensory Den

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2023-24**

## New Councillor Elected

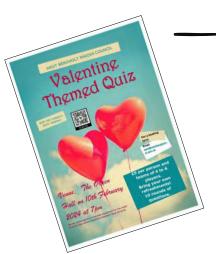
We are delighted to welcome Paul Chamberlain onto the West Bergholt Parish Council.

Cllr Chamberlain was co-opted at the September Parish Council Meeting.



Another great Village Quiz organised this

year!





# New inclusive playground equipment

Me-to-you swing, inclusive swing, sensory panels and new railings all installed.

Thanks go to:

Colchester City Council Hyperlocal Grant

City Councillors Locality Budget

Contributions from the previous West Bergholt Village Quiz

Funds raised from tea/coffee sales by the Orpen Players at their performances.









## Final additions to solar panels PV on Hall Roof

Real-time display unit had been fitted to the entryway to Orpen Hall





## Parish Christmas Tree

Many thanks to Cllr Paul Chamberlain of Chamberlain Homes for donating this year's tree.



# New toilet opened at Orpen Hall

Visitors can now use the externally accessible toilet with baby changing and inclusive facilities anytime during daylight hours.

Thanks to funding from the Enovert Landfill Communities Fund and Section 106 monies.









## Ways to save energy & keep costs down.

A £10K grant from the National Lottery Community Fund has enabled us to add an extra battery to our solar energy system and install energy efficient LED lighting throughout.

A NEST smart heating system has also been added throughout the Orpen Hall complex and the smoke/fire alarm system has been updated.

#### Improvements to the Hall





















## Village Handymen

Come rain or shine our village Handymen work hard to keep our village tidy and safe – thank you!

Work to Queen's Head Pond

Maintenance of Hall & Lexden Rd Ponds

ree work to Heath, Poor's Land & Field

ign repairs

Grass cutting throughout the village

Clearance of gullies at bottom of Chitts Hill

Litter picking throughout the Parish

General upkeep of the village and hedge trimming

Making areas safe until ECC or CCC partners arrive

## Looking Ahead:

After school Drop in Café for young people

Possession of new William Sims Sports Field Community Hub & Parish Office

New booking system for tennis courts/MUGA

Sturdier flagpole outside Orpen Hall

Further energy efficiencies to Hall

#### **PARISH COUNCIL CONTACTS:**







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Parish Council meetings are held at the Orpen Hall Complex every fourth Wednesday of each month except August and December, at 7.30pm unless otherwise advised (see notice boards). During the meeting the public are invited to raise any issue for consideration by the Parish Council during the "Questions from registered electors" item.

For general enquiries, email the Parish Council using <a href="clerk@westbergholt-pc.gov.uk">clerk@westbergholt-pc.gov.uk</a> or telephone the Clerk on 07726 424419. Contact made in this way will be dealt with by the Clerk or forwarded to relevant Parish Councillors. For specific enquiries about matters dealt with committees, email the contacts provided below, although please also copy to the Clerk.

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John Gili-Ross	Manya Barrow (Public Transport Rep)	Paul Chamberlain
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A diary of village events can be found on our web site at <a href="www.westbergholt-pc.gov.uk">www.westbergholt-pc.gov.uk</a>.