

West Bergholt Parish Council

Parish Councillors

WB Community Hub

Government consultation on council meetings

Time Capsule 2025

NEWSLETTER

from PC Meeting of November 2024

Two new co-opted members

West Bergholt Parish Council (WBPC) co-opted two new members at their latest meeting, filling the current vacancies. Colchester City Council has now been informed that Veronique Tyler and William Pigeon are new Councillors for West Bergholt. They will complete their Register of Members Interests form, join relevant Committees and be assigned an official gov.uk email address as soon as possible. The council thanks them for their willingness to serve in the village.

Work to restart at Orpen Memorial Hall

Following damage to an unknown gas pipe, work was suspended on the new WB Community Hub 6m extension to the side of the John Lampon Hall in September. However, having now heard from Cadent, the gas network company, a diversion plan has been agreed and work should re-start in the new year.

Remote attendance & proxy voting

The Parish Council agreed to a response to the Government's consultation on enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings (including parish councils). The council was in agreement with the broad principle of remote attendance at formal meetings, although with limitations, however it was against the introduction of proxy voting as it was considered a form of predetermination and could result in a reduction of attendance and effectiveness.

The Parish Council agreed to time capsule

The council agreed to take advantage of the work due to recommence on the WB Community Hub and bury a time capsule for posterity. A 16.5-inch time capsule has been purchased, that is due to last 250 years and will be buried in the building work, with a plaque fixed on the wall to notify future generations. WBPC will work with Heathlands School and other village organisations to decide what will be suitable for inclusion inside the capsule.

Read the minutes of the meeting in full at
westbergholt-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/meetings/minutes/