

# West Bergholt Parish Council

## NEWSLETTER #19

from PC Meeting of February 2025

### Colchester's Local Plan

### CCC Local Plan Preferred Options document

Colchester recently produced its latest Local Plan (Regulation 18) Preferred Options document which included three new sites for development in West Bergholt, with the possibility of 250 more homes. This obviously raised a lot of concern locally, however, following [CCC's Local Plan meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> Feb](#) the initial draft of the document was refused by the City Council and a new development scheme timetable will be created. It is now likely to be months before any final decision is made, but the Parish Council will keep a close eye on the process & keep residents updated.

### WB Summer Project

### Funds approved for summer project

The Parish Council agreed to spend £800 of its Project's budget on funding an initiative to take parents/carers with young children to the beach four times during the school holidays, this will enable even the most vulnerable families in the village to experience a day by the sea this summer. The £800 will fund a minibus from Mersea Lions with a driver and a beach hut for the day, four times during the summer holidays, together with any other associated items.

### Christmas Tree Working Party

### Never too early to start planning!

It might be February, but the Parish Council agreed to the establishment of a Christmas Tree Working Party at its latest PC meeting. The intention is for a regular Christmas Tree lighting event and possible Christmas market around early December each year. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact [clerk@westbergholt-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@westbergholt-pc.gov.uk).

### Community Energy Event

### Information Evening on 12<sup>th</sup> March

The Council was updated on the planned free [Community Energy Event](#) in the Orpen Hall at 7pm on Wed 12<sup>th</sup> March. Residents will be able to find out more about how they can keep their energy costs down, from solar panels on a pay as you go scheme to a community energy project. There will also be advisers from the Citizens Advice Bureau & Colchester Council present, and an opportunity to book a free home energy assessment with Community Energy Colchester. Free refreshments will also be available on the night.

**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/)