

West Bergholt Parish Council

NEWSLETTER #20

from PC Meetings of Mar/Apr 2025

LD Field Practice Goal

Repairs to youth practice goal area agreed

The Parish Council agreed to a quote of £12,270 for repairs to the Lorkin Daniell Field practice goal area, which will subsequently be paid in full from section 106 monies (Leisure Services). The entire artificial turf will be replaced with the addition of longer lasting concrete edging and repairs will be made to goal posts. Work is due to commence in June 2025, ready for the summer holidays.

Tennis Courts/MUGA

End of year accounts and minor increase

The end of year accounts for the tennis courts/Multi Use Games Area, to the side of the Orpen Memorial Hall, were noted by the Parish Council. The tennis courts have been well used over the past year and the hope is that this will increase even more with the online booking system and new noticeboard. A small increase in the hire charge was agreed from £5.50 to £6.00 per hour hire to cover costs, but there was to be no increase to the floodlight tokens of £1.50 per half hour. To book please text the Hall Admin on 07434 949631.

Greater Essex Devolution

Response to Government consultation

The Parish Council agreed a response to the Government's consultation on the proposed [Greater Essex Devolution](#) highlighting the concerns that Town & Parish Councils were not even considered in the document, even though they are the closest local authority level to residents.

WB Community Hub

Work to the Orpen Hall extension continues

The WB Community Hub extension to the Orpen Hall continues, with receipt of the Rural England Prosperity Grant of £24,999 towards the costs, along with £10K from the CIF. The PC will now access further funds from developer section 106 monies as previously agreed with CCC. Work should finish in June 2025, with the Hub opening to residents in July.

Pylons

Latest response to National Grid

The latest response from WBPC has been sent to National Grid's targeted statutory consultation and Cllr Short was thanked for his continued work on this issue.

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