



THE VILLAGE VOICE

Bringing you all the news from

Great Burstead and South Green Village Council

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Village Council Meetings

(Open to the public)

South Green Memorial Hall at 7.30pm

11th APRIL 2018

2nd MAY 2018

6th JUNE 2018

(see Website/Notice Boards for further details)

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Notice Board on South Green

Notice Board at St Mary Magdalene Church Street

FUN DAY SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST - COME ALONG ENJOY THE FUN

As reported in the last edition of the Village Voice the Council are once again hosting a Fun Day on The Green on the Sunday 26th August (12.30 – 4.30). Please make a note in your diary of the date and that entrance is free. The majority of last year's

participants are once again attending, but new participants would be very welcome and if you are interested in taking part please do not hesitate to contact - Councillor Linda Willingham e-mail: keithandlinda.willingham@yahoo.co.uk

TWO SPECIAL CONSTABLES FOR OUR VILLAGE

In January 2018 the Village Council unanimously resolved to take part in the Essex Police Special Constables scheme. A representative of Essex Police attended our January meeting and explained the benefits of the scheme. It was then decided to go ahead and request that Essex Police provide two Special Constables for our village.

The Village Council will fund the reasonable expenses of the two Special Constables who will be dedicated to patrolling and concentrating on concerns within the village. They would only be drawn away from the village if there were very serious incidents elsewhere. The Village Council will also fund the shift allowance for each Special Constable of £1000 per year. Special Constables will provide reassurance and a police presence.

Special Constables are trained voluntary

Police Officers who have the powers of the regular police. They will be able to focus on local concerns within the village and use their local knowledge to benefit residents.

The Village Council is currently assessing a CCTV installation project at South Green and there is the potential for appointed Special Constables to have access to live images from this CCTV to provide further local knowledge.

The recruitment process is taking place and Essex Police are looking for suitable applicants for this pivotal role within our village. Applicants need to be fit and able to volunteer 10 hours per month. There is no upper age limit. If you wish to serve our village as a Special Constable and have a keen interest in the village please see the advert on the back page.

VILLAGE COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Would you like to become a Village Councillor and serve your local community? For further information please contact the Village Clerk.

NEW VILLAGE SIGN GREAT BURSTEAD

The sign has been manufactured and is ready for installation later in the year. There will be an installation event. Please check our website and notice boards for dates and timing.

YOUR VILLAGE COUNCILLORS

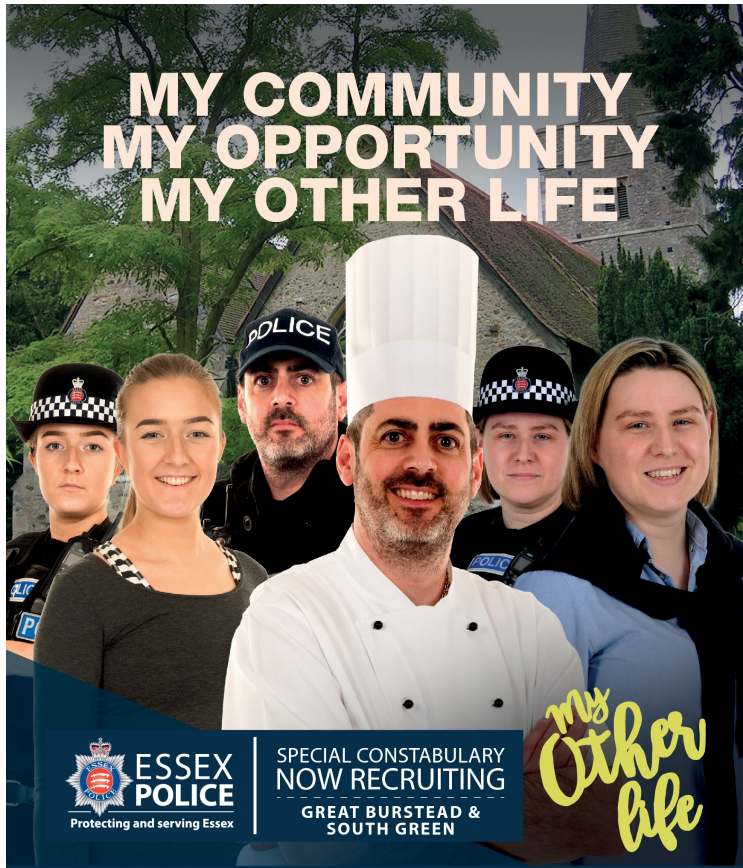
Councillor Alan Boyce

Councillor Bob Chapman

Councillor John Dear

Councillor Marie Dear (Chairman)

Councillor Linda Willingham (Vice Chairman)



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MY OPPORTUNITY
MY OTHER LIFE**

ESSEX POLICE
Protecting and serving Essex

**SPECIAL CONSTABULARY
NOW RECRUITING**
GREAT BURSTEAD &
SOUTH GREEN

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If you want to make a real difference in your town then volunteer as a Community Special Constable and play a part in keeping your neighbourhood safe.
Gt. Burstead & South Green are supporting Essex Police to increase local and visible policing in their area.
Visit www.essex.police.uk/Specials/GreatBursteadandSouthGreen to find out more

LITTER PICK SATURDAY 7th APRIL - 10.00am SOUTH GREEN MEMORIAL HALL

Spring time is the ideal time to get out and tidy up the village. Litter picks, black sacks, hoops, gloves and refreshments will be provided. For further info please contact:
Councillor Bob Chapman: robert.chapman5854@gmail.com.

VACANCY - PART TIME VILLAGE CLERK

Working from home, some evening work.
For more information please contact: Martin Ainscough,
Tel: 01245 478815 email: clerkofgbsg@hotmail.com

Precept to Rise by 1.4 Pence a Week

The precept, the local taxation residents pay for Village Council projects and activities, has not risen for over 8 years. As Basildon Borough Council stopped providing the Local Council Tax Support Grant, which made up part of the precept, it was resolved to raise the precept. Should the grant be reinstated next year the precept may be lowered. The rise to £12.15 per annum for a Band D property (which will be slightly higher or lower depending on band) equates to 1.4 pence a week - 72 pence per annum. The Village Council still has the lowest precept of all the Basildon Borough Local Councils and it is also one of the lowest precepts in Essex.



CCTV AT SOUTH GREEN CONSULTATION

The Village Council is assessing the installation of CCTV at South Green. The installation would comprise four cameras mounted on a pole near the bell bollards, at the exit of the shops car park, South Green. The cameras store high quality images 24/7. The CCTV would not be trained on residents' windows in the apartments over the shops or those of Southwood Court as it is possible to block the cameras from viewing or storing images from given areas. The cameras would have quite a wide scope; to the far side of the green, to the recycling point, onto the Southend Road, the shops car park and parade of shops.

We are in the process of taking part in the Special Constables scheme, initiated by Essex Police, and when Special Constables are appointed it will be possible to give them access to live images to aid their patrols.

CCTV will be a deterrent to issues which arise around the area. CCTV will provide extra safety for our residents which is strongly supported by the Village Council.

Please treat this article as a consultation. If you have views on the project please contact our Village Clerk or our Chairman,
Marie Dear email: marie.dear@btinternet.com

Easter Services St Mary Magdalene Church Great Burstead

Maundy Thursday - 29 March
8.00pm Mass of Last Supper
(with Foot washing and Watch)

Good Friday - 30 March
2.00pm Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday 31 March (Easter Eve)
7.30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Day - Sunday 1 April
8.00am Said Eucharist
10.00am Parish Sung Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong