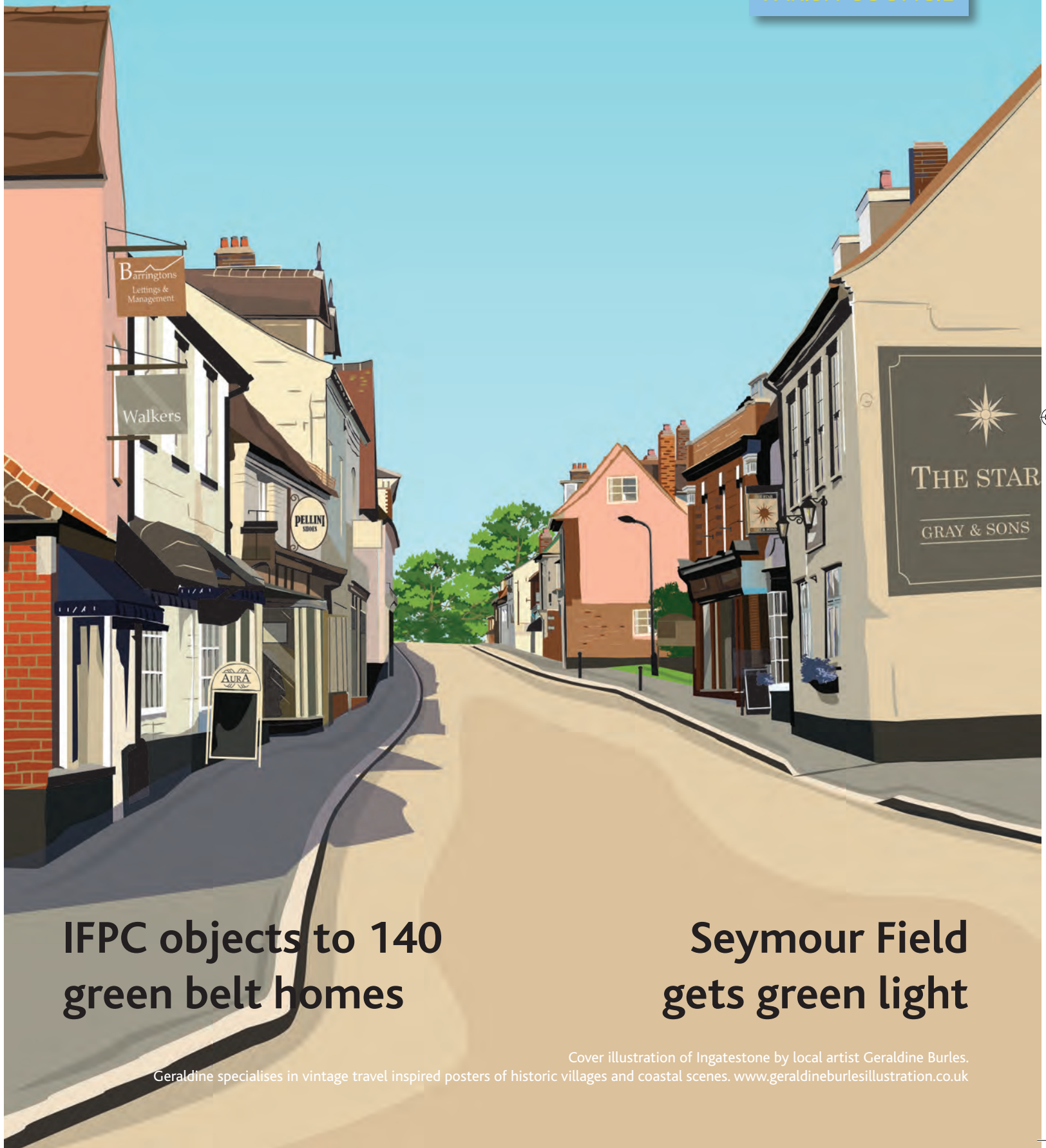


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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to this edition of the Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council newsletter. We hope you like the new layout and design. It is our intention to publish and deliver the newsletter quarterly throughout the parish.



This is a special edition as contained within it is a residents' questionnaire from the Neighbour Plan Working Group. These questionnaires will provide evidence to help formulate our plan for the villages for the next 20 years. We really hope you find time to complete and return it. It is also available online at www.ingatestone-fryerningpc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/questionnaire.

A huge amount of work has gone on over the last quarter, often behind the scenes, and this newsletter contains more detailed reports. At long last we have signed the agreement to lease to take over Seymour Field and Pavilion from Brentwood Council. It has been a frustrating process and certainly at the outset I never expected that it would take 18 months of negotiations. The 25-year lease will ensure that the field remains recreational land for the next

generation. We have ambitious plans and once the necessary building work is completed we can start to implement them.

The decision by Brentwood Borough Council to withhold grant support to the parishes, in spite of announcements from central government that they should pass down an appropriate level of funding, meant that Ingatestone and Fryerning has lost over £9,000 this year. The parish council budgets carefully to maintain our villages but this loss of funding meant that we had little alternative but to raise the precept for the 2018-19 financial year.

The parish council always welcomes comments and suggestions. Over the last year or two we have redesigned our website, and now have Facebook and twitter accounts, and of course your parish councillors are accessible by email or phone.


Best Wishes

Cllr Paul Jeater
Chair Ingatestone & Fryerning Parish Council

PARISH DATES, VENUES & TIMES

All meetings are held at **7.30pm in Ingatestone Library, High Street** unless otherwise stated.


All agendas are published five days in advance of the meeting on the parish council noticeboards, Facebook and parish council website.

 **Full Council** meets on the 1st Thursday of the month.

 **Churchyards and Environments Committee** meets on the 2nd Monday of the month.

 **Policy & Resources Committee** meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month.

 **Planning Committee** meets every other Thursday at 9.30am in Ingatestone Library.

 **Communications & IT** meets quarterly

Minutes of all meetings are available on the parish council website, Ingatestone Library and from the parish council office.

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GENERAL NEWS

SEYMOUR FIELD GETS GREEN LIGHT

Seymour Field, pavilion and car park have been successfully acquired by the parish council for the next 25 years with the Agreement for Lease, Lease and Licence for Alterations being agreed by the parish council, the Brentwood Borough Council and the Football Foundation. The Agreement for Lease was duly signed at Full Council on the 21 May 2018 as the parish council seeks to preserve the village's green and recreational space.

Why was the parish council so keen to acquire this asset? Seymour Field is our only publicly owned recreation field as it is not only the home to all the village's football teams it is also widely used for casual recreation such as dog walkers, youth groups and of course it is home to the annual Ingatestone and Fryerning Horticultural Society summer show. The village is growing and the parish council was determined to ensure that it should remain a publicly owned recreation area not only for current residents but also for future generations.

What happens next?

Due to the length of time that it has taken the parish council to secure the Field and Pavilion with Brentwood Borough Council (since October 2016) the sequence of the handover period will be as follows:

1. Week commencing the 21 May 2018 we sent copies of the signed documents to the Football Foundation and we have commenced the grant application process which will take up to 3 weeks to the 15 June 2018
2. On receipt of our application for £99,000 towards the renovation costs of the pavilion, which will cost circa £250,000 in total, the Football Foundation will take between 8 and 10 weeks to approve the grant which will take us to the 24 August 2018
3. On receipt of the approval we will then be able to agree the preferred building tender renovate the pavilion in liaison with our appointed professional project manager. We will also be looking to bring the field up to football association standards
4. In line with the Agreement for lease the parish council, having secured the funds from the Football Foundation, will then sign the Lease and take over the responsibility for Seymour Field and Pavilion 10 working days from this date which will take us to the 7 September 2018
5. To comply with the Football Foundation's agreement we will then have to commence the works within 6 months of obtaining the grant (February 2019) which will be in the football season
6. The parish council will be making grant applications for £20,000 and £15,000 respectively to the Community Initiative Fund (CIF) and the Local Service Fund (LSF) run by the Essex County Council which enables parish councils to enhance existing community assets and financially support new initiatives



7. Further grants will also be sought by the parish council and applied for if the criteria meets the funds requirements
8. An ongoing maintenance contract for the upkeep of the field by the parish council will also come into effect in September 2018
9. In addition, following several incursions onto the field in recent years we also need to budget to improve security measures to ensure that the field can be enjoyed by local residents throughout the year.

The Horticultural Show – July 2018

The Horticultural Show will go ahead as planned in July 2018 under the stewardship of Brentwood Borough Council with the existing facilities being made available.

The 2018/19 Football Season

Because of the time delays before the parish council was able to sign the documentation Brentwood Borough Council will secure alternative locations for the senior football clubs home games for the 2018/19 football season in order for us to be able to comply with the Football Foundation's 6 month deadline. The Junior teams, who do not use the Pavilion, and whose games are played at the far end of the field will be able to continue to play on the field as they will not be near the building site.

The car park however will be closed from the commencement of the works sometime in September/October until the fit out works have been completed as it will become part of the restricted area and access for construction traffic only. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused during this period.

We believe that having acquired a lease on Seymour Field & Pavilion guarantees that it remains a recreational facility and provides a wonderful opportunity to develop a quality asset that can be enjoyed by the people of Ingatestone & Fryerning for years to come.

We got there in the end!

Thank you Abi Wood, Clerk to the parish council, for all your support during my negotiations on behalf of the parish council with Brentwood Borough Council over the last 17 months to make this happen.

Cllr Peter Davey

GENERAL NEWS



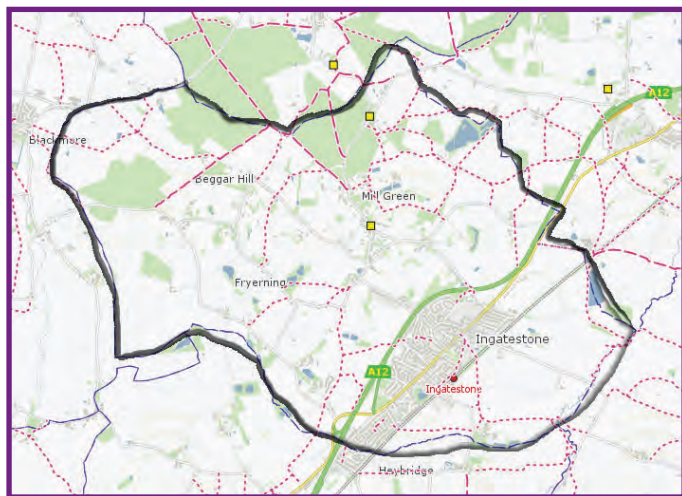
SUPPORT OUR RAILWAY STATION

Steve and Dave who run Ingatestone Station would like to thank their local customers for their support. People have been using the ticket office to purchase tickets and rail cards and seek advice on rail information.

IFPC wants to encourage parishioners to continue to support the station and keep buying tickets over the counter. If we don't use it, we'll lose it.

Don't forget that you also can get your online tickets printed out at the ticket office. Our ticket office staff are always willing to advise on the best routes and the most value for money way to travel.

WALKING LEAFLETS



The parish office has a number leaflets detailing walks around the parish.

- Centenary Walk (two loops, 2 hours for each)
- Tree walk no.1 (Fryerning & Mill Green, 90 minutes)
- Tree walk no.2 (via Ingatestone Hall & Trueloves Lane, 90 Minutes)

If you would like a free copy, please call into the office!

A 'PARISHIONER' WRITES

Martyn Hart (often referred to as the 'parishioner' in the council minutes) would like to say big thank you to the 282 residents who voted for him at the parish council election in January.

Martyn is still attending the parish council meetings, putting forward ideas and comments. He is also a key member of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC). If you would like to join Martyn at full council meetings have your say in the future of our villages, or even speak to him.

Please contact us at clerk@ingatestone-fryerningpc.gov.uk

351 BUS SERVICE

The recently revised 351 timetable now shows a regular half hourly service throughout the day Monday to Saturday. In my previous newsletter article I reported the unacceptable gap in this service around 5pm. It is good that this has now been resolved as shown in the new timetable.

Although bus services were cancelled during the recent period of cold weather, there was no indication of this on the First Buses mobile phone app. I raised this with First Buses, the operator for the 351 service, at a recent Parish Bus Passenger Transport Representatives meeting.

At that meeting advances in the provision of information were given although access to this data is, and will be, through mobile technology.

Mobile applications to support bus travel include downloading a timetable, see our nearest bus stops and the real time the bus should arrive, and purchase e-tickets.

I find the real time information app invaluable in letting me know the actual time I can expect a bus and allowing me to leave home at the appropriate time preventing unnecessary waiting when the service is late.

Unless we are aware of problems we can't press for improvements. I have seen only one complaint form this year. Is our 351 service that good? Please use the bus complaint forms available from either the parish office or downloaded from the parish website every time you have a problem with the bus service and copy the parish office.

Pleasant travelling.

Cllr Donald Frost
Bus Passenger Transport Representative



GENERAL NEWS

THE COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM RESPONDS TO RESIDENTS QUESTIONS

Residents have had two opportunities, in September and April, to meet with the Community Policing Team to hear about the changes in their organisation and to ask questions.

Following the meeting last September, our Community Police Officer met in the parish council offices to discuss the residents' concerns, namely burglaries, anti-social behaviour and the value of CCTV in crime prevention and detection. This has led to the clearing of the laurels on Fairfield, near Stonegate, where young people had been congregating and causing a nuisance and a meeting with the Community Safety Officer from Brentwood Borough to participate in their CCTV initiative with Thurrock Council whereby some 20 cameras are available for the Brentwood area, with two being installed in the parish, one in Fairfield and the second in the High Street near the shops, at no cost to the parish.

Police analysts work with the Team and follow a 'predictive policing' method to allocate the areas patrolled. Residents are encouraged to report everything so that the analysts are better briefed. The intelligence reported from residents across the district has led to the solving of crimes.

The April meeting was attended by the District Commander, Chief Inspector Lewis Basford, as well as his team. He said that the increase in police numbers made possible by the increase in the precept, meant that of the 150 new officers to be recruited 6 would come to our district for response policing, and 4 for community police work, plus access to a further 25 officers comprising the Operational Support Group for Essex. There are also armed response units with 10 armed vehicles on the road at any one time across Essex, so within 15 minutes of any site.

A new role of Rural Crime Officer had been created from the sale of confiscated criminal assets to address thefts from farms etc. The community policing role has been passed to PC Faye Matthams.

Mark presented crime figures for the past month. They were average for similar parishes. No crime patterns are emerging currently. There have been no burglaries or break-ins to sheds/garages/out houses. One incident of 'nuisance youth' had been reported. The local position continues to improve on all fronts. Crime statistics are reported on www.essex.police.uk/yourarea

Domestic violence is a big issue with incidents increasing by 50%. This is partly due to better reporting from victims as they see action being taken. About 33% of 999 calls involve this. As regards making fire stations available for police officers to use, this is a policy and could happen in Ingatestone in 12-18 months. Officers are being given improved computer equipment to allow them to work away from their base, and sites like fire stations are being upgraded with WIFI etc to provide outposted offices.

Ch/I Basford is hoping to strengthen the work of the local speed watch teams with a police officer trained in the calibrating and use of the new speed guns. With sufficient evidence it could be possible to apply for a camera.

Fly tipping has resulted in some prosecutions; usually fines not custodial sentences. The police try to confiscate vehicles where possible and to take driving licences away. There are other agencies involved in the control of this crime such as the borough councils and the Environment Agency. The fines are currently around £2,500.



THE COMMUNITY POLICE TEAM BRENTWOOD & EPPING FOREST DISTRICT

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To find out what is happening in our neighbourhood and all about your neighbourhood team, visit www.essex.police.uk/yourarea and enter your postcode.



Neighbourhood Plan Supplement

June 2018



This issue's special supplement will give you an update on the latest developments with Ingatestone and Fryerning Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan. We have been busy evidence-gathering since the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee first came together in November 2017. Our intention is to have a Neighbourhood Plan in place by the Autumn of 2019.

Ingatestone and Fryerning has a unique heritage and a dynamic future. Investment and change in the years ahead will only be worthwhile if it makes a real difference to the lives of local people and the future of its community.



This community-led process needs your involvement. Your opinions expressed via the two questionnaires out now - one for businesses and the other for residents, will be the evidence that will guide our action-planning. Once analysed we will be consulting with you over this autumn on options for tackling the issues you raise. Find out more...

Cllr Jane Winter, Chair of NPAC

AFFORDABLE HOUSING – WHAT CHANCES!

Brentwood Borough Council has a Housing Strategy – based on government policy.

Within it lies a quota for 'affordable housing' of developments of over 11 housing units, of 35%.

The government definition is "social rented, affordable rented and intermediate housing, provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the market. Eligibility is determined with regard to local incomes and local house prices. Affordable housing should include provisions to remain at an affordable price for future eligible households or for the subsidy to be recycled for alternative affordable housing provision."

There is a site in the Local Development Plan, adjacent to the Ingatestone by-pass, part bounded by the Roman Road, for some 40 units to be built. The parish council has expressed an interest in being involved at all stages with this site, and will be keen to see the 35% achieved, if not increased.

We believe communities have the power to influence change. We want to see any developments in the parish are designed to meet local needs. If you wish to help with this process and particularly have skills in this area, we would welcome your participation.





NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SUPPLEMENT

OUR VISION STATEMENT

The vision statement forms part of the production of the Neighbourhood Plan in that it encapsulates who we are, where we are and where we are going.

Your Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC), comprising residents and councillors, meets at the Library monthly and is open to all residents. It has produced the vision statement below and would be interested to receive any comments that would make it more relevant to yourselves. Once agreed, the NPAC will use it to develop policies against which planning decisions will be made.

Ingatstone and Fryerning aspire to thrive as vibrant and distinctive rural villages with easy access to fields and the countryside; to continue to respect and reflect the views of the communities, to evolve and expand whilst retaining their unique and distinctive character, and to provide a good quality of life for current and future generations of residents.

As residents and with our parish council, we will support this vision by:

- Recognising and protecting the character and history of the neighbourhood area, its three conservation areas (High Street, Station Lane, Tor Bryan) listed buildings and sites.
- Supporting measured, proportionate, timely and sustainable development to meet local requirements, particularly those of our young people and older residents.
- Influence key 'age friendly' issues e.g. community safety, housing, planning, street lighting, green spaces, playing fields and parks, community centres, war memorials, seats and shelters, public toilets.
- Engaging residents, particularly older people in the creation of Neighbourhood networks, enabling action for safer, kinder, cleaner, inclusive, connected communities (online/offline).
- Promote a flourishing local economy with a range of successful independent businesses.
- Giving consideration to effective transport links, the staffed train station, the bus service and access routes for movement around the village of cyclists and pedestrians.
- Endorsing policies that have a positive effect on the environment, including those that remove or minimise flood risk, mitigate climate change, reduce our carbon footprint and minimise the impact of traffic to protect the quality of air within the parish.



BELL MEAD DEVELOPMENT

As the development nears completion we are pleased to report that the contribution to the community infrastructure is also being completed.

Four additional car park spaces have been created increasing the free parking paid for by the parish council for residents and visitors, and a new footpath with bridge and lighting leads to the train station. Permission was acquired from Lord Petre to construct this path on his land.

The new path and bridge falls within the new management company's responsibility for maintenance.



SUPPORT FOR OUR BUSINESSES

We have established that within our community there are approximately 200 businesses.

We also know that within Brentwood's Local Development Plan a site has been earmarked for 'employment' to be developed in the next 1 – 5 years. This site is alongside the slip road from the A12.

We have developed a questionnaire for the businesses to establish how we can help them remain here and prosper and are keen to work on solutions they identify.

www.ingatstone-fryerningpc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/business-questionnaire

Results are being returned and issues are being raised – parking, both for customers and employees, skills deficits, the shortage of affordable housing and mobile phone coverage are amongst the most frequently listed.

As over 60% state that they wish to stay with us and expand we will be looking for innovative solutions to meet their needs. If you would like to help us think all this through, please join the working group of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee that is focusing on businesses.



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SUPPLEMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON THE PARISH

How in the next twenty years can Ingatestone and Fryerning establish environmental priorities to prepare itself for the changes needed to combat climate change and live within the environmental limits of the planet? There are a number of key issues that we need as a community to consider:

- Can we encourage shopping locally and encourage the sale of local produce?
- Can we reduce our use of single use plastic and reduce the impact of litter in our villages?
- Can we increase our levels of recycling and lobby to keep the recycling centre adjacent to parish?
- Can we encourage energy efficient and sustainable development that does not impinge on green belt or agricultural land and so ensure that any development reinforces and enhances the character of Ingatestone?
- Can we ensure that new housing meets high environmental standards ideally carbon neutral?
- Can we encourage walking, cycling and use of public transport that will improve safety for pedestrians especially children, disabled persons, and elderly residents?
- Can we encourage the use of allotments and ensure that there is an adequate supply?
- Can we encourage car sharing to reduce emissions & pressure on car parking? Looking ahead to the provision of recharging points in car parks as electric vehicles become more common in the years leading up to 2040.
- Can we ensure regular monitoring of air pollution especially in areas close to A12 (likely to be expanded by 2040), adjacent to our infant and junior schools?
- Can we campaign to maintain and improve local bus services and see the introduction of late night trains from Chelmsford?

PARKING INVENTORY RESULTS

The 2011 Census identified a population of 4,785 people living in 2,095 households in the Parish, with 3,026 or 1.44 cars per household, the majority kept in private driveways.

Commercial vehicles kept in the Parish do not appear to be shown in the census data.

Designated car parks are at the railway station (267 spaces, pay-and-display), the Community Club (73 p-a-d), Bell Mead (24 Free) and Market Place (20 Free). Additionally there are 14 spaces at the Seymour Field car park. In total these provide 398 spaces. The station represents the great majority of the availability. Shopper's car parking behind the Co-op and Budgens supermarkets provides 24 spaces, free to use but time-limited. Six locations totalling 67 spaces are controlled by resident permits Mon-Sat 9am – 6pm.

Along the High Street there are about 30 designated spaces with 1-hour limits. The rest of the High Street is no-parking from 9am to 6pm. The situation in The Limes is unclear. Signage shows both sides as 'private', but both sides are usually congested with vehicles and spaces turn over frequently. A number of residential roads have 1-hour restrictions at various times during the day, to deter all-day parking by commuters and others.

Around 170 spaces for the use of businesses were identified. This excluded supermarkets, schools and halls but includes pubs and restaurants in the village centre.

You will have a chance to comment on parking availability and propose solutions for the future in the Resident's Questionnaire. An on-line version is available at www.ingatestone-fryerningpc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/questionnaire

HAVE WE GOT ANY ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE?

Do you think we have any places or spaces in our community that are important to local people?

Assets of Community Value (ACVs) can only be nominated if they are of interest socially (such as for sport, culture or recreational uses) or increase the wellbeing of the community now and into the future.

A community group (such as a society, parish council, neighbourhood forum, not for profit organisation or a group of at least 21 individuals) that is locally connected to the area can nominate an asset to the local authority.

Brentwood Borough Council has a list of 13 at present – none are in Ingatestone & Fryerning. On the list are pubs, woodland, car parks, a community centre and an animal sanctuary.

If an asset is listed, then if it comes up for sale, the community has the opportunity to bid for it. The community will have up to six months to raise the funds, at the end of the period, the owner may sell it to whoever and at whatever price they choose.

There are case studies on the internet (www.locality.org.uk/our-work/assets/case-studies) and you may well have read of saving local shops/pubs etc in the national press.

So – is there an asset you would wish to retain in the village? Please send your suggestions to the parish council office.



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN SUPPLEMENT

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

WHO LIVES HERE?

- 4,785 people in 2,095 households, 770 children under 16, 1,220 older people over 65, 2,795 adults of working age, 85 lone parent families with children, 355 single pensioner households, 355 people from black or minority ethnic groups, 330 people born outside the UK.
- Compared with the average for England our community has fewer children under 16 as a percentage, fewer adults of working age 10% more people over 65, fewer lone parent families, more single pensioner households, fewer BME people and fewer residents born outside the UK.

(source : Census 2011)

HOW IS THE LOCAL POPULATION CHANGING?

- Many rural communities highlight that younger groups – particularly families – are moving out. This is often due to lack of affordable housing, or not having suitable employment and training opportunities. These groups are often replaced by more affluent older families, for example moving in from urban areas.

EQUITY AND PROSPERITY

- 237 residents claim housing and council tax benefits. This is 11.3% of our households, compared with an England average of 20.6%.
- Income Support is claimed by 39 of our residents, which is 1.4% of working age adults, compared to the England average of 3.2%.
- Pension credit claimants total 127, 10.4% of people 65+, compared to the England average of 24.4%.
- 49 children are in 'out of work' households – 5.2% aged 0-15, compared to the England average of 19.2%.
- 126 children are in lone parent households – 13.4% aged 0-15, compared to the England average of 27.9%.

POOR HEALTH AND DISABILITY

- Health is a fundamental factor in wellbeing and quality of life.
- We have 285 people (16-64) living with a limiting long-term illness, which at 10.2% is below the England average of 12.8%.
- 150 residents over 65 claim the Attendance Allowance, which is 12.2% compared with England average of 16.7%.
- 115 residents claim the Disability Living Allowance, 2.4% of the population, compared to 5.1% nationally.

ECONOMY

- 2271 residents aged 16-74 are economically active. This is 66.7%, whereas the England average is 69.9%
- 1136 residents aged 16-74 are economically inactive which is 33.3% compared to the England average of 30.1%
- 1252 residents aged 16-74 are in full-time employment. This is 36.7% compared to the England average of 38.6%
- 444 residents work part time. 13%, compared to 13.7% nationally.
- 421 are self employed, which is 12.4% compared with a national average of 9.8%
- 165 residents work from home. 4.8% compared to the national average of 3.5%.

SKILLS LEVELS

- Skills levels in the local population can be an important driver of community sustainability.
- According to the 2011 Census, we have 780 people aged 16+ with no qualifications. 19.4%, compared to the England average of 22.5%
- 525 or 13% have some qualifications, 660 or 16.4% have 5+ GCSEs, 425 or 10.6% have at least two A levels, 1320 or 32.8% have a degree+
- The largest employment sector is Financial and insurance. Second largest is retail, and third is education.

HOUSING & THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- 831 detached houses. 37.7% compared with 22.3% across England
- 749 semi-detached houses, 34% compared with 30.7% nationally
- 275 purpose build flats, 12.5% compared with 16.7% nationally
- 64 converted flats, 2.9% compared with 5.4% nationally
- 9 caravan or other temporary accommodation, 0.4% which is the same nationally.
- 1627 of our houses are owner occupied, which is 77.7% compared with 64/1% nationally.
- 204 properties are social rented, 9.7% compared with 17.7% nationally
- 206 houses are privately rented, 9.8% compared with 15.4% nationally
- We have a higher than average number of vacant properties – 4.9% as compared to 4.3% nationally.

COMMITTEE UPDATES



PLANNING

IFPC RESPONDS TO OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR 140 HOMES

The parish council has given detailed consideration to the revised application to construct 140 properties on green belt land in our parish. The parish council believe this proposed development will have a significant detrimental impact on the green belt, visual amenity, environmental quality, and highways and would not be welcomed by the majority of our residents. For the above reasons we request that the application be refused.



Strategic Growth Options Consultation Executive Summary makes reference to quality of life and community infrastructure. The statement makes it clear that education, healthcare, transport, community facilities such as parking and green infrastructure need to be considered. These things will be impacted by a development of this magnitude in an area which in many instances is already at breaking point.

The council very strongly objects to this proposal for a number of reasons as follows:

This proposal represents inappropriate development in the Metropolitan Green Belt and Special Landscape Area and by definition will be harmful. The proposal will materially detract from its openness and represents an encroachment of development into the countryside.

As a result, it will conflict with policies GB1 and GB2 of the Brentwood Borough Council (BBC) Replacement Local Plan (2005), those contained in the National Planning Framework (2012), as well as Green Belt Policy within the emerging Draft Local Plan all of which set out protect the green belt from inappropriate development of this sort. The parish council do not believe that "very special circumstances" have been demonstrated to justify the damage the development will cause.

Recently an application (16/01040/FUL) for the construction of a camping and caravan site on agricultural land very close to the application site was rejected by an inspector for the very same reasons as stated above. The parish council believe these reasons are even more pertinent in this case since significantly more agricultural land will be lost in accommodating 140 properties.

Policy GB2 of the Local Plan makes it clear that any new development needs to preserve and enhance the local landscape. The construction of 140 properties will seriously compromise the Special Landscape area and reduce the attractive open views across open farmland to the Wid Valley and beyond from the northern end of the village. The proposal does not satisfy the requirements of section GB22 which states that developments should not result in the loss of the best and most versatile agricultural land. The land in question is of good quality and is currently successfully used for arable farming.

A development of this size will result in a greater need for the sustainability of the area to match the potential increased pressure that the development will cause. The 2015 Borough

The Village Design Statement, produced by the people of Ingatestone and not by the parish council as suggested in the applicants planning statement, makes it clear that the people of the village do not support the release of green belt land adjacent to the village and that they believe that the existing village envelope should be maintained. The development proposed is therefore at odds with the views of local residents. Indeed a parish wide survey carried out by the parish council in November 2016 showed that 80% of respondents considered that the preservation of the green belt surrounding the village was important and this reinforces the earlier VDS conclusions.

This proposal is a perfect example of "blurring" of village boundaries. Any village needs green open spaces to define its beginning and end. Developing this site will be an example of how to destroy Ingatestone's village character and its rural approach from the South. It would decrease the separation between the village and Margaretting and increase urban sprawl.

The proposed new access road from the B1002 into the development site would result in a traffic hazard. The sight line looking north is poor. Traffic travels fast at this point and there is a potential for accidents occurring at what would become a very busy junction. Additional traffic movements generated by this development would result in further significant highway congestion within the High Street particularly during peak periods.

In January 2015 BBC carried out a Strategic Growth Options Consultation exercise and a list of suggested sites was attached as Appendix 1. This list included the application site but it was made clear that these sites were suggested to the borough council for consideration and not what the council was proposing at that stage. The parish council responded to this consultation and after due consideration of these proposed sites the borough produced a list of their proposed housing sites in January 2016. Significantly the application site was not included in this list. The parish council believe that was, and still is the right decision.

Cllr David Abrey



COMMITTEE UPDATES



PLANNING

IFPC OBJECTS TO NEW GARDEN CENTRE SITE

Brentwood Borough Council have yet to reach a decision on the planning application for 110 new houses at the Ingatestone Garden Centre site.

Whilst not within the parish of Ingatestone and Fryerning, the proposals are likely to have a significant impact on our Parish.



IFPC therefore submitted a detailed objection to BBC on a number of planning grounds including the loss of Green Belt land, highway safety/access concerns as well as infrastructure impacts including pre-school, primary and secondary school provision and health and social care facilities.

Mountnessing parish council along with 16 other members of the public have also objected to the proposals.

We will update further on the progress of the application in our next newsletter.

Cllr Kate Sutton



POLICY & RESOURCES

Policy and Resources Committee meets monthly and oversees the council's budgetary process and spending. It reviews contracts and any legal matters relating to the council.

Not surprisingly the meetings over the past few months have been dominated by the seemingly never-ending negotiations between the parish council and Brentwood Council over the lease and agreement to lease for Seymour Field and Pavilion. The whole process has been deeply frustrating but ultimately securing the lease will guarantee a key facility for sport and recreation in the Parish for the next 25 years and hopefully much longer.

We have also discussed preparations for the new General Data Protection Regulations ensuring that we maintain records in

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CHURCHYARD & ENVIRONMENT

As ever the Churchyards and Environment Committee has been busy maintaining the parish.

The residents of Stone Gate have long suffered anti-social behaviour in Fairfield Recreation Ground and contacted the committee for assistance. Working with the residents association the committee approved the reduction of the adjacent hedge to assist in 'opening up' the area.



The committee has also worked with the Borough Council to identify two parish council owned lampposts where CCTV can be placed. One location will be in Fairfield so that the camera can monitor any further anti-social behaviour.

Fryerning Cemetery has also seen the first bench installed in the new scheme where residents can sponsor a bench in memory of their loved ones. The committee is also exploring the possibility of creating an area for green burials, subject to further discussions.

Should any members of the public have any initiatives they would like to propose please do come forward as we are continually searching for innovation to further enhance Ingatestone for all of us.

Cllr Toby Blunsten



matters where we are required by law while at the same time guaranteeing privacy for those who correspond with us.

At the start of the year we had an in-depth discussion regarding our annual budget and setting a precept. This was complicated by the loss of grant support from Brentwood Council. The parish council is fully aware that it is spending public money that comes from local residents and the Policy and Resources Committee strives to ensure that best value is obtained.

Cllr Paul Jeater

COMMITTEE UPDATES



PERSONNEL

The Personnel Committee has met five times in 2017-18 to ensure the parish business is conducted in accordance with agreed policies and the staff have the skills and competencies needed to fulfil the parish council's action plan.

The staff are paid in accordance with the national pay scales for clerks, deputy and assistant clerks and RFOs, and the annual recommended changes implemented.



The committee keeps the workload under review and has this year presented a report to the full council to appoint an Apprentice in Business Administration to provide an employment opportunity within the parish to carry out the range of activities necessary to complete the apprenticeship framework, in support of the growing tasks the parish is undertaking. A bid for funding has been made to the Essex County Council's Community Infrastructure Fund to assist with costs.

The council agreed to support the clerk in studying for the Community Governance Qualification suggested in the National Training Strategy as a progression route from the Certificate in Local Council Administration, which will enhance the skills available to councillors and the work of parish committees.

Cllr Jane Winter



COMMUNICATIONS & IT

It's been a busy year so far for IFPC's Communications and IT Committee. This committee works hard behind the scenes with our clerk, Abi, taking care of the parishes' social media channels, website, public relations, newsletter and IT.

Last year we created a brand new communications policy, which is available on the documents section of our website, which outlines our plans. This can be viewed at www.ingatestone-fryerningpc.gov.uk/images/documents/parish_council/4CommsPolicy.pdf

In the last few months we have been taking this a step further and developing our newsletter – and this is the result. We hope you like the new design and would love to hear from you if you have any feedback, or community articles that you would like to include.

A big thank you to See Lees Consultancy (www.suelees.co.uk) who created our new fresh design and our talented local artist **Geraldine Burles**, for allowing us to use her image for the front cover.

As a parish council we haven't had our own logo and have always used the villages' coat of arms on our communications, agendas, minutes and social media. We now have a new, contemporary logo which we feel better reflects our villages. The two birds represent Ingatestone and Fryerning and they are in flight to symbolize our strong connections with travel, being a former coaching stop and a modern day, progressive commuter village. The green represents our rural setting.

Cllr Dawn Jelley



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NPAC)

HOW IS THE PRODUCTION OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROCEEDING?

At the Horticultural Show last July, the parish council announced the intention to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Ingatestone and Fryerning. Residents were asked to sign up if they could offer some time and expertise. Fortunately a group stepped forward, and we have been meeting monthly in the library since November to begin the evidence gathering.

By January we could report in our newsletter that the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee had been formally established as a committee of the parish council. Our website now features

dedicated pages on progress and working groups are gathering information about the environment and the people in our community.

The Business Working Group produced a digest of our businesses having found 220 of them either based or registered in the Parish. A questionnaire was designed and has been distributed to understand the needs our businesses have to maintain their activities and allow them to grow. Results are coming in and we are looking forward to the analysis that will lead us to assist them in the most appropriate way.

The Environment and Land Use Working Group has been assembling information about the built environment and the civic society. A residents' questionnaire is being distributed together with this newsletter, to ascertain what is important locally; what our strengths and weaknesses are as a parish; and will lead us to consult with you further on how we can achieve the 'vision' printed in this newsletter too.

We will report the results of the analysis of both questionnaires in our web pages.

Cllr Jane Winter



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM UPDATE



Ingatestone and Fryerning C of E (VA) Junior School travelled to Chelsea FC's training ground at the beginning of February, in Cobham, to represent Havering and Essex in the regional finals of the Premier League Stars football tournament. The winners of which would go on to represent Chelsea FC at the national finals in May.

The top five teams from across the south were invited to take part and played each other twice, with the top team going through to the finals. Ingatestone and Fryerning played really well and showed excellent determination in their first round of matches, winning two, drawing one and losing one. It proved to be a tough tournament, however after some refreshments and a quick team talk the boys made a positive start to their second round of matches and from this solid start they went on to win their remaining fixtures.

As a team we finished level on points at the end of the tournament; however we lost out on goal difference even

though we beat the eventual winners John Keble who were an excellent team from London and we wish them well in the finals.

Even though we didn't win it was a fantastic experience for the children and a wonderful achievement for our village school football team to compete at this level. During the day they got to meet George McEachran and Marc Guehi who played for England in their U17 World Cup winning side.



It has been a pleasure working with the team and they have proved to be excellent ambassadors for the school. Our journey and ambitions to play at the King Power Stadium are not quite over as we head to the training ground of West Ham FC at the

end of February to take part in the regional finals of the same competition. Hopefully we can go one step further!

Article by Neil Taggart, Head Teacher, Ingatestone and Fryerning C of E (VA) Junior School, The Furlongs, Ingatestone, Essex, CM4 0AL, Tel: 01277 353689

SONGS FOR A SUMMER AFTERNOON



Saturday 23rd June 2018 at 3.30 pm URC Ingatestone

Come and celebrate Ingatestone Choral Society's 70th birthday with songs and birthday cake

Conductor – Harry Bradford

Accompanist – Peter Webb

Tickets £5 (from choir members or on the door)

United Reformed Church, High Street, Ingatestone CM4 9EY

WHAT IS THE CHARLES COX TRUST?

It is a registered charity which was established in 1992 by the parish council in memory of Charles Cox, a long serving member of the Council, who was involved with many of the young people's clubs and organisations as well as being a hard working member of the community. That's why the parish council, at the time of his death, wanted to mark his efforts in some way and set up the Trust to honour all his work for children of the parish.

It was set up to help young people who live in the parishes of Ingatestone and Fryerning with any projects which can improve the social or educational welfare of individual youngsters, such as help towards the purchase of computer or sports equipment. Local schools and some of the children's clubs have benefitted from the trust. Young people or their parents can also apply for help with any of the above or with any other special purchase to help the child.

We are a self-funding trust and are always pleased to receive contributions to Trust funds.

The trustees meet twice a year, when all applications are considered. Please write, with full details to Charles Cox Trust c/o the parish council.

Michael Brisbane
Clerk/Trustee

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RED CROSS SUMMER OPEN GARDENS

Support the work of the Red Cross and attend their summer programme of open gardens in Essex - including one at Ingatestone Hall.



ESSEX OPEN GARDENS

Date	Name of House	Address
Sunday 3rd June	CANCELLED Horham Hall	Stanbrook, Thaxted, CM6 2NN CANCELLED
Sunday 3rd June	Mill End	Southminster, CM0 7HL
Sunday 10th June	Pebmarsh Trail	Halstead, CO9 2HN
Sunday 17th June	Gaston House	Little Hallingbury, CM22 7QS
Sunday 17th June	8 Dene Court	Chignall Road, Chelmsford, CM12 2JQ
Sunday 1st July	Deers	Clavering, Saffron Walden, CB11 4PX
Sunday 12th August	Ingatestone Hall	Ingatestone, Brentwood, CM4 9NR
Sunday 19th August	Mapledean Farm	Latchingdon, CM3 6LG

Email redcrossessex@redcross.org.uk
 Facebook [@redcrossessex](https://www.facebook.com/redcrossessex)

The British Red Cross Society, incorporated by Royal Charter 1908, is a charity registered in England and Wales (220648), Scotland (SC037726) and Isle of Man (7152)



42ND ANNUAL INGATESTONE CLASSIC CAR SHOW

42nd annual Ingatestone Classic car show event being held in the stunning and beautiful grounds of Ingatestone Hall on Sunday 29 July 2018, 9.30am until 3.30pm.



SUNDAY JULY 29th
 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Ingatestone Hall, Hall Ln, Ingatestone CM4 9NR
 Let's bring the sun and have some fun!
 Don't miss out
Ingatestone Hall Classic Car Show
 42nd
Free
 Family Day Out
 Refreshments, Bath, Free Picnic Area, Disabled Access
 Free entrance to the show only
 Entry to the hall is chargeable
 Classic cars pre register at
www.ingatestoneclassic.co.uk

This is the 42nd annual classic show and is open to all classics and significant interest vehicles.

It is free for the public to attend, classic vehicle owners must register.

For more information or to register your vehicle please visit www.ingatestoneclassic.co.uk

This is a charity event and aims to raise money for the Farleigh Hospice charity who provide a very special level of care and support.

As well as the fabulous array of spectacular classic vehicles on display there will also be tea, coffee and ice creams available as well as quizzes and raffle prizes to win.

Access to the lovely gardens of Ingatestone Hall is free so make a note in your diary for a great family picnic day out. Sunday 29 July 2018 from 9.30am until 3.30pm

For more information or to pre register your classic vehicle to display at this event please visit www.ingatestoneclassic.co.uk. Spaces are limited.

INGATESTONE & FRYERNING CRICKET CLUB



The club has fixtures on Saturdays and most Sundays throughout the summer. Youth cricket for girls and boys takes place on Thursdays from 4.30pm.

Key dates are:

Sunday 3 June - T20 Essex Cup

Sunday 8 July - Chairman's Day

Friday 3 August - 160th Anniversary Match v Upminster CC

Come and join us in our 160th year. New players welcome. Social memberships available from pavilion on match days or contact Paul Jeater (07889 232042).

HEART CHARITY APPEALS TO COMMUNITY TO HELP BEAT HEART DISEASE

The British Heart Foundation (BHF) is calling on the people of Ingatestone and Fryerning to help accelerate the fight against heart disease by starting a new community volunteer group in the local area.

Around 8,200 people across Brentwood and the local area are fighting a daily battle with heart and circulatory disease. Each year these devastating conditions claim the lives of more than 197 people alone.

The nation's heart charity is calling on the local community to take heart and join the fight against heart disease by starting up new community volunteer groups across the region and raising vital funds for heart research.

Community volunteer groups are the face of the BHF in their local communities. From running fundraising events to supporting schools and local businesses and organising collections, they are a fantastic way to support the charity's vital work.

For more information, please visit www.bhf.org.uk/localfundraising and to join the fight by starting as a community volunteer.



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



LOCAL FLYPASTS



Saturday 14th July 2018
Spitfire
Margaretting Family Fun Day



Sunday 19th August 2018
Spitfire and Hurricane
The Bell Public House, Ingatestone

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

USEFUL LOCAL CONTACTS

We often get contacted in the parish council office about local issues such as potholes, fly tipping and environmental concerns. So, we thought it would be useful to publish a handy contacts list for parishioners to refer to. You can also find out more at www.ingatestone-fryerningpc.gov.uk

You can contact **Essex County Council** for the following:

- General enquiries - 03457 430 430 or contact@essex.gov.uk
- Environmental issues: local flooding, conservation areas, emergency planning and more - 0345 43 0430
- Potholes- 0345 603 7631 or <http://www.essexhighways.org/Report-a-problem.aspx>
- Highways - 0345 603 7631 or text phone 0345 758 5592
- Blue badges - 0345 603 7630 or blue.badge@essex.gov.uk
- Bus passes - 0345 200 0388
- Schools - 0345 603 2200
- Social services - 0345 603 7630
- Protection for children and adults - 0345 606 1212
- Adult community learning - 0345 603 7635
- Births, ceremonies and deaths - 0345 603 7632
- Family information service - early years' education and paying for childcare - 0800 055 6874

You can contact **Brentwood Borough Council** for

- Fly tipping - 01277 312 500 or www.brentwood.gov.uk/index.php?cid=370
- Environmental health: Dog warden, food safety, health & safety, noise, pollution - 01277 312500
- Housing: Applications, sheltered and special needs, transfers - 01277 312500
- Homeless enquiries - 01277 312500
- Operational services: Cemeteries (other than Fryerning Cemetery), grass cutting, parks and countryside, refuse and bulky waste collections, recycling, trees (council) - 01277 312500
- Planning: Advice, applications, listed buildings, trees (on private land or with preservation orders) - 01277 312500
- Parking (car parks) eg fines or season tickets - 01277 312583
- Parking (On Street) eg fines and resident permits - 01245 606710

INGATESTONE AND FRYERNING PARISH COUNCIL - DATES FOR MEETINGS IN 2018/19

Date	Full Council	Churchyards & Environment	Policy & Resources	Planning	Communications & IT	Personnel	Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee
June 2018	7th Annual Assembly	11th	18th	14th, 28th			19th
July 2018	5th	9th	16th	12th, 26th	23rd		24th
August 2018	2nd	13th	20th	9th, 23rd		tbc	tbc
Sept 2018	6th	10th	17th	6th, 20th			tbc
Oct 2018	4th	8th	15th	4th, 18th	22nd		tbc
Nov 2018	1st	12th	19th	1st, 15th, 29th		tbc	tbc
Dec 2018	6th	10th	17th	13th			tbc
Jan 2019	3rd	14th	21st	10th, 24th	28th		tbc
Feb 2019	7th	11th	18th	7th, 21st		tbc	tbc
Mar 2019	7th	11th	18th	7th, 21st			tbc

Meetings of any other Committees to be agreed ad hoc.