



NORTH WEALD BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT AND NEWSLETTER 2023-2024

Review from Parish Council Chairman, Councillor Alan Buckley

Dear Residents,

It has been a very busy year for the Parish Council and I am pleased to tell you that these are the events that I have attended:

- Official Opening – North Weald Woodland at Weald Common
- Battle of Britain Wreath Laying Service at the Cross of Sacrifice in the grounds of St Andrew's Churchyard
- Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at the Debt of Honour & Airfield Memorial
- Hastingwood Village Hall afternoon teas
- GreenAcres Christmas Memorial Service
- Various meetings with developers



Please see inside the newsletter for a review of some of the other activities the Parish Council has been involved with over the past 12 months:

- Reporting Fly Tipping to the appropriate authorities – Vicarage Lane, Kiln Road and Church Lane to name a couple of areas.
- Reporting Potholes, damaged road surfaces and pavements throughout the Parish to Essex County Council
- Commenting on 77 Planning Applications as Statutory Authority and Speaking at District Council Planning Committees (on behalf of residents)
- Maintaining and providing 116 streetlights in local roads (not P1 Routes)
- Provision and emptying of 12 dog waste bins
- Provisions of cemetery and Providing Burial Plots (11)
- Maintained recreation facilities and open spaces and 3 Play Parks, including emptying waste bins and grass cutting on some open spaces, such as Pike Way, Bluemans End
- The creation of North Weald Woodland
- Provision of allotments at Wheelers Farm Gardens, Hastingwood, Thornwood – 119 Plots and our Orchard
- Liaising with District and County Councillors on behalf of residents (facilitating three District and County Cllr Surgeries in the Parish Hall)
- Managing the Parish Hall (only hall owned by PC in the parish)
- Attending and facilitating meetings with developers
- Distribution of Position Statement to all homes in the parish
- Annual Commemorative Services of Remembrance and Battle of Britain Sunday
- Provision of CCTV at various places
- Provision of street furniture such as bus shelters, noticeboards & benches
- Provision of 3 defibrillators
- Garden at parade of shops and by flagpole

Regards,

Councillor Alan Buckley, Chairman

April 2024

Weald Common Tree Planting Project

In October, the newly planted North Weald Woodland was officially opened at Weald Common. Over 2,400 trees had been planted on the field adjacent to the Weald Common access road. Native species, sourced by Essex County Council's Senior Forestry and Woodland Officer, included willow, poplar, hazel, alder, hawthorn, sweet chestnut and oak.



Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Alan Buckley, invited local resident, Roger Anthony to cut the ribbon. Mr Anthony (pictured alongside Cllr Buckley and Epping Forest District Vice Chairman Cllr Les Burrows) had kindly donated 7 oak saplings to the project. The saplings had grown from an old oak tree believed to have once stood in the grounds of Bluemans Farm. Epping Forest resident, Anne Danhaive also donated an oak tree.

Children from St Andrew's Primary School Eco-Warrior Group attended the event. A special bench and an information board recognising their contribution to the project has been installed in the section where the children planted the final 40 trees.



A bench purchased from funds gifted by the former North Weald Bassett Preservation Society was also unveiled.

A plaque dedicated to the late Queen Elizabeth II Green Canopy project was unveiled. You will find the plaque next to a Copper Beech tree, the first tree planted to commemorate the start of the project.

Two information boards have been installed, one of which gives a brief history of Weald Common, including information about the Redoubt and the Radio Station.

In November, the former North Weald Horticultural Society gifted £350 towards the purchase of an additional bench to be sited in the new woodland area.

We are looking forward to seeing how the woodland evolves over the coming years, helping to enhance the biodiversity in this important location. Visitors are encouraged to walk the well-trodden pathways.

Battle of Britain Service

The Parish Council were asked by RAFA to organise the Wreath Laying service at the Cross of Sacrifice in the grounds of St Andrew's Churchyard, to commemorate the Battle of Britain on Sunday, 17th September.

Wreaths were laid by representatives of - RAF 56 Squadron; Epping Forest District Council; Essex County Council; North Weald Bassett Parish Council; The Royal Norwegian Air Force; Royal British Legion; RAFA; ATC 414 Squadron; North Weald Airfield Museum. A special wreath was also laid in memory of Mrs Doris Holden by her daughter, Mrs Valerie Arthur.



Remembrance

The Parish Council's Annual Act of Remembrance and Thanksgiving took place at the Airfield Memorial & Debt of Honour on Sunday, 12th November 2023.



Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Alan Buckley, welcomed more than 300 people to the service which was led by the Venerable Christopher Burke, Archdeacon of Barking. Many organisations and local groups were represented with 33 wreaths being laid. The Community Wreath was laid by the family of the late Mrs Doris Holden. Bugler Michael Wood performed the Last Post and Reveille.



D-DAY 80 – 6 JUNE 2024



Thursday, 6th June 2024 is the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings in Normandy, France. The Parish Council will be lighting a special Lamp Light of Peace in commemoration at 9.15pm at the Airfield Memorial & Debt of Honour. This will be at the same time as the national lighting of Beacons around the country. Look out for further details to be published on the Parish Council's website, noticeboards and social media.

Supporting Royal British Legion Fundraiser



Parish Councillors Nigel Bedford, Andrew Tyler and Colin Kinnear were keen to support the Royal British Legion's fundraising quiz night in February and organised two teams to attend the event.

Volunteering

In addition to taking on the role of Parish Councillor, councillors are also busy in volunteering their time in other activities. Below are just a few examples.



COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Coordinated by Cllr Baden Clegg and local resident Jimmy Waters, the volunteer led Community Speed Watch team continues to operate around the parish. The team continue to highlight particular areas of concern including Upland Road, Weald Bridge Road and Hastingwood Road. Cllr Andy Irvine is an active member of the team in Hastingwood.

Interested in volunteering? Please contact:

Community.speedwatch@essex-fire.gov.uk

CllrClegg@northweald-pc.gov.uk



OVER 70'S YOUTH CLUB

Cllr Mrs Shirley Hawkins organises events and activities for the Over 70's Youth Club based in the Parish Hall at Thornwood. In October last year members of the club enjoyed a holiday in Devon.

Cllr Mrs Hawkins also organised a lunch on Christmas Day in the Parish Hall which was open to residents who were spending the day alone. The day was well attended. Cllr Mrs Hawkins was successful in gaining sponsorship from local companies for the day.



NORTH WEALD POPPY APPEAL

Since 2018 Cllr Andrew Tyler and his group of friends, have volunteered to collect for the North Weald Poppy Appeal at North Weald Airfield, which takes place on the 3 weekends on the run up to Remembrance Sunday. Last November, the group were pleased to welcome new volunteer and parish councillor Colin Kinnear.

Norway House Christmas Party

As in previous years, Parish Councillors supported the annual Childrens Christmas Party at Norway House by giving personal donations towards the cost of sweets and snacks. Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Alan Buckley, received a message of thanks from the Manager of Norway House.



Citizen Of The Year Awards 2022

Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Alan Buckley, presented the council's Citizen of the Year Awards at the Parish Assembly held on 16th March 2023. St Andrew's Primary School Eco Warrior Group received the overall winner award and the Young Citizen of the Year Group award. The Eco Warriors had involvement with planting the final 40 trees at the new North Weald Woodland in Weald Common.

Recipients of other award categories were:
Community Champion – Linda Little
Special Co-ordination – Joanna Maliniak
North Weald Village Hall Champion – Margaret Mulliner



Environmental Award – Roger Anthony; Special Community Champion Award – Colin Quilter
Special Lifetime Award – Derek Speller; Business Organisations of the Year Award – Kevin Hebden and Team from Thornwood Grounds Maintenance and Dhruve Vasani and team from North Weald Chemists. Runner-up in the Young Citizen of the Year Group Award was the Taekwondo Group based in the Parish Hall.

North Weald Village Green



The Parish Council has responsibility for the flagpole located on the Village Green. Cllrs Mark Stroud and Andrew Tyler volunteer to change the flags on designated days during the year, for example on St George's Day when the St George's Cross is raised. The council also recognises North Weald's links with the Royal Norwegian Airforce on Norway Day, by raising the Norwegian flag.



Members of the former North Weald Preservation Society continue to look after the planter next to the flagpole on the Village Green, providing a much welcome display of colour throughout the year.

New Sensory Garden



The Parish Council has been successful in obtaining funding from UK Government to create a Sensory Garden at Weald Common. Plans are underway to incorporate the garden within the existing Eldridge Wood which is located next to the Children's play area. The garden will contain seating, including an audio bench and a talking point bench depicting RAF aircraft in recognition of North Weald's history with the Airfield. The Parish Council has worked closely on the project with officers from Epping Forest District Council. Please look out for further information on the Parish Council's website, social media and noticeboards.

North Weald Bassett Cemetery

In response to a suggestion from a member of the public, the Parish Council's Environmental & Open Spaces Committee have agreed to the installation of a Letters to Heaven post box at the cemetery. These special post boxes enable people to write messages to loved ones who have passed away. The post boxes have been installed in many cemeteries and crematoriums throughout the country. The idea was originally inspired by a 9-year-old girl who wanted to write to her grandparents. The initiative has received the support of King Charles, the Prime Minister and Bereavement Charities. The post box will be installed on the inside wall of the entrance to the cemetery and all members of the community will be welcome to post their messages. Once installed, further information will be posted on the Parish Council's website, social media and noticeboards. For enquiries regarding the cemetery, please contact the Clerk on 07572 507591 or email clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk

Your Parish Councillors

WARD	PARISH	DISTRICT	COUNTY
North Weald (Village)	Cllr Alan Buckley (Chairman) Cllr Nigel Bedford Cllr Terry Blanks Cllr Nick Born Cllr Mrs Sheila Jackman, MBE Cllr Colin Kinnear Cllr Mark Stroud Cllr Andrew Tyler Cllr Ms Dawn Wood	Cllr Peter Bolton Cllr Jaymey Mclvor	Cllr Chris Whitbread
Thornwood	Cllr Baden Clegg Cllr Mrs Shirley Hawkins Cllr Richard Spearman	Cllr Les Burrows Cllr Holly Whitbread	Cllr Holly Whitbread
Hastingwood	Cllr Paula Etherington Cllr Andy Irvine	Cllr Richard Morgan	Cllr Chris Whitbread



L to R: Cllr Baden Clegg, Chairman of Planning Committee, Cllr Alan Buckley, Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Shirley Hawkins, Vice Chair



In May 2023 the Parish Council welcomed new councillors Nick Born and Colin Kinnear

LOCAL COUNCILS – WHO DOES WHAT? Within the borders of Essex there are three tiers of council: County, District and Parish. All have clearly defined roles, although there is some duplication and overlap of responsibilities.

Full details of services, including information on how to contact your local councillor, can be found on the following websites:

Essex County Council

www.essex.gov.uk

Epping Forest District Council

www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk

North Weald Bassett Parish Council

www.northweald-pc.gov.uk

LISTED BELOW ARE SOME, BUT NOT ALL, OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- North Weald Bassett Cemetery
- Looking after open spaces (including hedge and grass cutting on Parish Council-owned land)
- Allotments – we have sites in North Weald, Thornwood and Hastingwood
- Maintaining Defibrillators in the following locations:
North Weald Village Hall, Parish Hall Weald Hall Lane, Thornwood; Hastingwood Village Hall
- Maintaining Play Areas in the following locations: Weald Common, North Weald, School Green Lane, North Weald, Thornwood Common Playing Field
- Streetlights (columns are identified with a number beginning '6')
- Street furniture, including bus shelters and emptying dog bins
- Planning applications (the council is a statutory consultee)
- Organisation of Remembrance Sunday events, including a service at the Airfield Memorial & Debt of Honour followed by a Community Luncheon
- Attendance at community days
- Noticeboard updates
- Liaise with other organisations and councils
- Provide recycle bags
- Managing the Parish Hall at Thornwood Common

The Parish Council is a facilitator, passing problems and concerns raised by residents onto District and County Council who will ultimately decide if any action is required.





LOCAL COUNCILS

Who does what?






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ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL 	EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL 	NORTH WEALD BASSETT PC 
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Children's Services

Schools: Nursery, primary, secondary and special pre-school education	
Youth, adult, family and community education, student support	
Children's and families' services including Welfare, fostering, adoption and child protection	
Youth centres, youth justice, secure Accommodation and youth offender teams	






Highways

Street Lighting	
Traffic management and road safety	
Highway maintenance	
Streetlights marked with a label beginning with '6' followed by 3 digits	
Bus shelters, street furniture (some)	



Passenger Transport

Public transport, discounted travel schemes and local transport coordination	
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Social Care

Adult Services	
Services for older people including nursing home, residential and day care and meals	
Services for people with a physical disability, learning disability or mental health need	
Asylum seekers	
Employment support services	






Housing

Social Housing	
Housing benefit and welfare services	
Homelessness	
Housing strategy	

Cultural Services

Culture and heritage including archives museums and galleries	 
Parish archive	
Libraries and information services	


Leisure and Recreation

Recreation & Sport	 
Open spaces, common land, playgrounds, allotments, nature reserve, village green	
Footpaths	
Village halls (some)	



Burial Grounds (some)



Waste

Collection	
Disposal	
Dog bins that are owned by NWBPC	
Litter bins owned by NWBPC	






Planning Applications

Building and development control	
Consultation, public enquiry representation	

Strategic Planning

Planning policy including conservation and listed buildings	
Environmental initiatives	
Economic and community development	

Local Taxation Collection

Council tax and non-domestic rates (business Rates)	
Registration of births, deaths and marriages	
Elections: Local and national including registration of electors	
Emergency planning	
Local land charges	

USEFUL CONTACTS

Essex County Council: 0345 743 05

Epping Forest District Council: 01992 564000

North Weald Bassett Parish Council:
07572 507591

POSITION STATEMENT - DEVELOPMENT OF NEW HOMES IN THE PARISH OF NORTH WEALD BASSETT

The Epping Forest District Local Plan was formally adopted in March 2023. Included within it are the allocation of a number of sites in the Parish of North Weald Bassett for new housing development, set to take place between now and 2033. These sites are detailed on the following page. In total, the villages of North Weald, Thornwood Common and Hastingwood, are set to see **at least 2,286 new homes**, along with redevelopment of North Weald Airfield providing an additional 10 hectares of employment space along with a site from which EFDCs waste operation fleet (bin lorries and other associated vehicles) will operate. There will also be further development around Ongar, Epping and Harlow.

For over 6 year's now the Parish Council, along with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, have tried to raise public awareness of this development, including posting leaflets through doors, articles in Village Life, and regular updates on social media. We have been involved in the Local Plan process from the start (2011), and have been working with developers using the feedback received from you following the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire, in the hope of trying to influence the development which is coming our way in terms of how it's designed, heritage, open space, traffic and transport, respecting the village feel of our areas and respecting our current population.

We have been through tens of thousands of pages of documents and proposals, looked at all the available evidence, represented our residents at every opportunity we can, expressing both concerns and in some cases support, sat through a lengthy Local Plan process, and tried as much as possible to ensure we influence all development proposals.

HOWEVER... The Parish Council is now at the stage where it has become unbelievably frustrated with what are clear gaping flaws in the Planning System. These flaws allow for each development site to progress entirely separately to others in the local area, meaning developers are not required to talk to each other. Whilst they state that they are required to consider the impact of other development in the area, we are yet to see any tangible evidence of this. The Parish Council is also not confident that the approach taken by both Epping Forest District Council and Essex County Council is a collaborative one. This is especially relevant when it comes to the highly probable traffic impact to our Parish as a result of all this new development.

The Transport Assessment Report dated January 2019 submitted as part of the evidence base for the Local Plan (EB503¹) states that *'The analysis demonstrates that the combination of more ambitious sustainable modal shift, changes in travel behaviour and a package of physical highway improvements **could potentially mitigate** the most significant impacts of the Local Plan'*.

The Parish Council understands the need for new homes, and will continue to strive to work with both developers and the relevant local authorities, however the **current position** of the Parish Council is as follows:

"North Weald Bassett Parish Council is NOT CONFIDENT that the resultant traffic as a consequence of the proposed development both within and outside the parish has been considered as a whole, and no evidence has been provided to show that residents WILL NOT suffer because of them. As such, it is our intention to hold the relevant authorities to account, to facilitate a joint forum where developers, the local authorities and the Parish Council can get together, so that evidence can be presented to Parish Council showing the traffic impact of this development, and what it means for our residents. Our Parishioners should not suffer any detriment due to this growth, but should in fact benefit from these developments."

January 2024
Statement of North Weald Bassett Parish Council

¹ [EB503-Transport-Assessment-Report-Essex-Highways-January-2019.pdf \(efdclocalplan.org\)](#)

Map of North
Weald Bassett
Parish



Defibrillators



The Parish Council manages and maintains 3 defibrillators at the following locations:

- Parish Hall at Thornwood Common
- North Weald Village Hall
- Hastingwood Village Hall

All are situated on the outside wall of the buildings.

Trustees of the Queens Hall Community Centre also manage and maintain a defibrillator, which is situated on the outside wall of the building. Please note, this defibrillator is only accessible during hall opening hours.

Allotments



Are you interested in growing your own fruit and vegetables? The Parish Council is responsible for 4 allotment sites. Dedicated volunteer Wardens manage the sites at Wheelers Farm Gardens, Queens Road and Thornwood. The Hastingwood site is managed by Cllrs Mrs Shirley Hawkins and Richard Spearman. We have a limited number of plots available to rent in North Weald. For further information, or to be added to the waiting list (priority is given to residents of the parish), please contact the Clerk on 07572 507591, or email clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk

Cllr Mrs Shirley Hawkins, together with a small group of volunteers, manages the community allotment garden at Thornwood Allotment site. Extra help with maintenance is always welcome. If you have time to spare and would like to get involved, please contact Shirley on 01992 577100



A message from Wheelers Farm Gardens and Queens Road Allotment Site Warden – Paul Dines

MIDORI (Japanese for green, growth, new birth, feminine name so a good name for mother earth)

Heavy cold grey skies
Giving way to bird song
On budding branches.

Here at Queens Road and Wheelers Farm Gardens allotments the urge to get going and get growing is in the air.

Last year brought with it its own set of challenges but success and failure are all part of the enjoyment of running an allotment. Fresh air, exercise being in touch with the process of growing your own food these are just some of the benefits and rewards that we experience.

We are a growing community in more ways than one and with members getting involved sourcing various items for other plot holder's and assisting in running the allotments is really good to see. We look forward to a great year and a productive harvest and welcome any new members.

Best regards,

Paul



'Coffee with Cops'



The Parish Council continues to host 'Coffee with Cops'. Look out for details of future events published on the Parish Council's noticeboards, website and social media. All are welcome to attend.

Cllr Mrs Sheila Jackman MBE and PC Andy Cook pictured at the last event held in the Parish Office at Queens Hall, North Weald.

Anti-social Behaviour



The Parish Council continues to report incidents of anti-social behaviour on behalf of residents. Over the past 12 months we have seen an increase in the numbers of NO2 gas cannisters being discarded around the parish.

Residents can report issues direct to Epping Forest District Council. Lots of helpful advice can be found on their website: www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk

Find out more about joining Neighbourhood Watch

A message from North Weald's Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator



North Weald has come together and is running a Neighbourhood Watch group, which is a network across the area which gets together to take action to reduce crime. We now have almost **twenty Road Co-ordinators**, who have formed a contact group with their neighbours, to alert neighbours of suspicious activity in the village. Through these groups and **village media**, we have also shared crime prevention advice on areas such as vehicle protection, property protection, social media safety and how to report crime. We also now have "Neighbourhood Watch Signs" on lamp posts, regular interaction with the police and the Parish Council. and improved crime reporting.

New Membership – Will You Join Us?

We want to encourage every household in the village to join us as a member of North Weald NW. Every member represents eyes and ears on the lookout for possible crimes which we can quickly nip in the bud or ensure the police are informed. It's so easy to join, it's just one quick email away and we'll get back in touch with you. Northwealdneighbourhoodwatch@gmail.com

Here's how to join...

North Weald Neighbourhood Watch Road Co-ordinators

We would like to encourage everyone to reach out to their local Road Co-ordinator and join NW. Just one quick email will set the ball rolling Northwealdneighbourhoodwatch@gmail.com

North Weald Methodist Church



On Tuesday 20th February the Parish Council was informed by the Estate Agent in charge of marketing the North Weald Methodist Church that the Parish Councils offer to purchase the site (for the full asking price) had not been accepted. This is obviously extremely disappointing, given out of the nearly 200 people who responded to the survey/poll, over 96% were fully in support of the Parish Council acquiring the site, hoping that it could remain as a community facility for the benefit of local residents. We have not been advised as to whom the site has been sold to, so are unable to provide any further information as to what the future of the site will be

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who completed the survey/poll for taking the time to share your view on this matter.

Play in the Park



Every year the Parish Council supports Epping Forest District Council's Play in the Park. The Parish Council pays for two sessions which are held at Thornwood Common Playing Field and the Memorial Playing Field, Queens Hall, North Weald. Look out for dates of future sessions to be published on noticeboards, social media and the Parish Council website.

Reporting Issues

The Parish Council reports many issues on behalf of residents, such as potholes, damaged kerbs, overgrown vegetation, defective streetlights and fly-tipping to name but a few. It may be helpful to know that residents are also able to report matters direct to the relevant authority.



Visit Essex County Council Highways website to report matters such as potholes, damaged kerbs, pavement issues, flooding, drainage, manhole covers, overgrown trees, Public rights of way, street lights, etc.

www.essexhighways.org

Visit Epping Forest District Council's website to report matters such as fly-tipping, www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk



Parish Council owned Streetlights

All streetlights in the parish are numbered. If the streetlight in your road begins with a '6' it is the responsibility of the Parish Council to maintain. These lights are normally located on residential streets **but not** on main roads. Please contact the Parish Council if your streetlight is not working.



Dog Waste Bins

Recently the Parish Council has been receiving complaints of dog fouling on pavements, particularly in the centre of North Weald village. Below is a reminder of the locations where bins are sited in North Weald which fall under the responsibility of the council:

- Play Area Field, Weald Common
- Higham View, steps leading to Weald Common access road
- North Weald Village Hall Car Park, opposite hall
- Kiln Road, just before the railway bridge
- Green in front of York Road
- Green at Blenheim Square
- Green at Wheelers Farm Gardens
- Memorial Playing Field, School Green Lane
- Nr St Andrew's Primary School, on the by-way just by the entrance
- Skipps Corner, Weald Common
- Bluemans End Playing Field
- Entrance to Bluemans End from Vicarage Lane East



Parish Hall, Weald Hall Lane, Thornwood

The Parish Hall in Weald Hall Lane, Thornwood, is the only hall owned and managed by the Parish Council. There are many groups who meet on a weekly / monthly basis:

- Epping Taekwondo
- Forest Pilates
- Emma Music for Babies
- Thornwood Seniors
- Harlow Bowmen
- Over 70's Youth Club
- NCT
- West Essex Flower Club
- Farmers Market
- Vintage Fayre
- Daisy First Aid

The hall is available for hire to Parishioners at reduced rates.

For bookings, please email clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk or call 07572 507591

Hastingwood Village Hall

Hastingwood Village Hall is owned by a Charitable Trust and managed by a dedicated Committee of volunteers. The following activities take place on a weekly basis:

- Ukulele
- ASL (Aspire Support Learn)
- Junior Boxing
- Martial Arts
- Glow Cheerleaders
- Harlow Tango
- Phonics Class
- Spiritual Meeting
- Caterpillar Music
- Prayer Meeting

Visit the hall website for further information www.hastingwoodvillagehall.co.uk or call 07842 382400

Queens Hall Community Centre

The Queens Hall Community Centre is managed by a group of trustees who volunteer their time to ensure the smooth running of the hall. The hall has the following groups in on a weekly basis:

- Red School – Pre-school nursery Mon to Friday Term Time Only
- Hamilton Dance
- UKA Karate
- ((Bounce)) / ((Bounce Barbells))
- Badminton
- Bowls Club
- North Weald Cricket Club - May - September
- North Weald Raiders Football - August - May
- Epping Youth Football - August - May
- Active Essex - School Holiday Club
- Youth Club

The hall is available for private hire for birthday parties from 0-11 and you can contact the booking clerk by email on queens.hallcc@gmail.com for further details.

North Weald Village Hall

North Weald Village Hall is a registered charity managed by a group of trustees who volunteer their time to ensure the smooth running of the hall. The following activities take place on a weekly/monthly basis:


- North Weald Pre-school Mon- Friday Term Time Only
- Hamilton Dancing
- Debbie Garrard Time for Dance
- Energize Kickboxing
- Boxing circuit class
- North Weald Healing Centre
- North Weald Seniors Society
- All stars Jazz Sessions
- Lazy Salsa Sunday- salsa social dance
- North Weald Women's Institute
- Cigarette cards

The hall is also available for early years birthday parties. For bookings please email on northwealdVH@hotmail.com

Finance

North Weald Bassett Parish Council		Precept request	
Precept Request		2023 to 2024 £ thousands	2024 to 2025 £ thousands
Leisure / recreation	£	41,908	£ 31,741
Community Services	£	68,870	£ 75,490
Administration	£	153,616	£ 156,544
Other	£	4,184	£ 5,835
Use of Balances / Income Received	£	37,494	£ 34,758
Precept	£	231,084	£ 234,852
Address: Thornwood Common Parish Hall, Weald Hall Lane, Thornwood, Essex CM16 6NB Tel: 07572 507591 Email: clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk Website: www.northweald-pc.gov.uk			

Planning



North Weald Bassett Parish Council
Parish Hall at Thornwood Common, Weald Hall Lane, Thornwood, Essex CM16 6NB
Tel: 07572 507591 Email: clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk
Website: www.northweald-pc.gov.uk Clerk to the Council: Susan De Luca

1st March 2024

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE AND TIME FOR THIS MEETING

TO: MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE which will be held on **Thursday, 7th March 2024 at 8.45pm** in the **Parish Hall, Weald Hall Lane, Thornwood Common**, to transact the business shown in the Agenda below.

Susan De Luca
Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
To RECEIVE any apologies for absence.
- 2. OTHER ABSENCES**
To NOTE any absences for which no apology has been received.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To RECEIVE any Declarations of Interest by Members.
A Member with a personal interest in a matter must consider whether it is a Disclosable Pecuniary, Non-Pecuniary or Other Pecuniary Interest, and declare it accordingly. A Member who is unsure as to how to declare their interest should seek independent advice. If it is a Pecuniary Interest, the Member with the Interest MUST leave the Room for the duration of the Discussion.
- 4. RECONIFICATION OF MINUTES**
To CONFIRM the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 23rd January 2024, as attached to the Agenda at Appendix 1.
- 5. REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**
To NOTE any representations made by members of the public with regard to Planning Applications due to be considered by the Parish Council.
In accordance with procedure, no speaker shall be heard unless he/she has given the Clerk notice of intention to speak by 2.00pm on the day preceding the meeting; no more than two members of the public may speak on any one application; there is a time limit of 5 minutes per speaker.

Document attached Declaration required

The Parish Council Planning Committee continues to be led by Chairman Cllr Baden Clegg and over the past 12 months the Parish Council has made comment on 77 planning applications. The Committee is always keen to welcome members of the public to attend planning meetings where they can make representations of objections or support on planning applications. The Clerk to the Council has attended and spoken at EFDC Plans East and District Development Meetings on behalf of residents.

The Parish Council is a Statutory Consultee, with the ultimate decision being made by the Statutory Body which is Epping Forest District Council.

Did you know that you can make representation to both your Parish and District Council? You can attend and speak at Parish Council Planning Committee Meetings if you have concerns about a planning application in your area. Please contact the Parish Council for further details – email clerk@northweald-pc.gov.uk or call 07572 507561

Parish Office Opening Times

The Parish Council offers a 'Drop-in Service' for Residents on the following days:

Monday – *9.15am to 12pm – Parish Hall, Thornwood Common
Wednesday – 10am to 12pm – Queen's Hall, North Weald
Friday – *9.15am to 12pm – Parish Hall, Thornwood Common

*Please note these times **may change at short notice** if the Parish Hall is in use for other reasons.

If you have any queries on any of the Parish Council services, please contact the Clerk on 07572 507591

Parish Council Staff continue to work from home when not in the office

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