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New 'Basket Swing' added to Children's Playground

Following on from the Magnolia Park Children's Playground refurbishment in 2016, it was always Council's plan to replace the small springy bike. We are delighted to report that this has now been replaced with the installation of a new 'Mini Basket Swing', which has additional soft play surface beneath it and is an all-inclusive play piece. The Basket Swing is a piece of equipment that was greatly favoured by our late Chairman Vic Leach and his family. While the swing is not a memorial to Vic, it is something he was keen to have in one of our Parish Playgrounds and

Council felt it was fitting and agreed it was an excellent item to have installed.



Magnolia Park Adult Gym Relocation

Council are delighted to report that its well-used and much-loved Adult Gym has now been relocated within Magnolia Park. For those of you who are regular users, Council hope that the new position is more tranquil and considered to be better located with views across both the rose garden and the park.

As promised in our last newsletter, a new

replacement Spacewalker will also be purchased and installed in the Spring. In addition to this, Council are

purchasing two new pieces of equipment for the Adult Gym: a cycle and a rower. This is in response to requests from users who have said this is what they

would like to use if new equipment were provided. You may recall one of Council's reasons for relocating the equipment in the first place was to facilitate a more family-friendly access gateway

to the children's playground and we can confirm that we are looking to have this installed in the Summer.



A little note ...

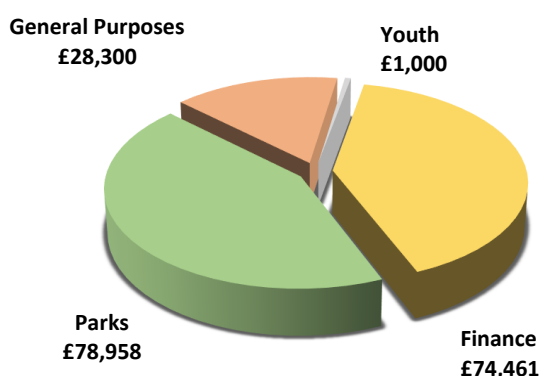
Please be aware that Magnolia Park Car Park closes its gates by: **5:00pm in Winter & 9:00pm in Summer**



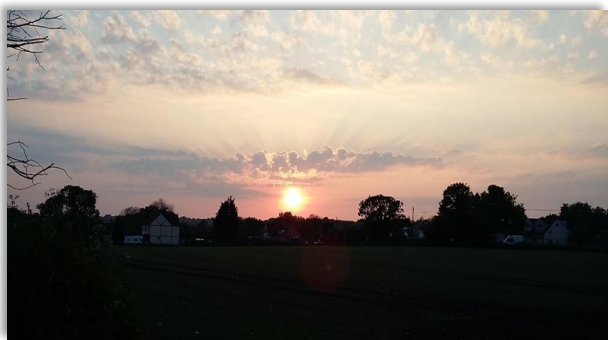
The Parish Precept for 2018-19

Hawkwell Parish Council has set its Precept for 2018/19 at £182,752. Council continues to try very hard to keep costs down and operates within strict budgets. The Council believes it provides Parishioners good value for money and it remains the third lowest charging parish in the Rochford District. New initiatives are carefully planned and external funding for capital projects is sought in many instances. The increase for 2018/19 for the average Band D property is 0.07p per annum. The annual Parish charge for a Band D property for 2018/19 will be £37.34 and for this modest sum Council maintains three parks, two play areas, an adult gym, 150 street lights and 17 bus shelters. This also includes the cost of emptying 21 dog and litter bins within its parks. We will be adding some new pieces of equipment to the Adult Gym in Magnolia Park early in the new financial year, whilst managing an overall reduction in the Parks budget. The General Purposes budget has increased to allow for a number of street lighting lamp heads to be updated. However, we have managed to maintain the overall budget almost at the same level as for 2017/18.

Hawkwell Parish Council's Precept for 2018/19 equates to just over 2.2% of your total Council Tax charge which is paid over to Rochford District Council but goes to Essex County Council (66.5%), ECC Adult Social Care Precept (4.5%), Essex Fire Authority (4%), the Police & Crime Commissioner for Essex (10%), Rochford District Council (13%) and the Parish Council for the area in which you reside (average 2%). The pie chart shows the breakdown of the Council's Budget for 2018/19 by Standing Committee budgets.



Keen Photographers Wanted!



Hawkwell is fortunate to have many areas of beauty, both natural and historic; open spaces, parks and nature reserves such as Magnolia Nature Reserve are ideal beauty spots for keen photographers, along with stunning historical buildings such as St Mary's Church along Rectory Road. We are therefore encouraging residents to send in their photographs of Hawkwell so we can display them on our website and feature them in our newsletters.

Residents wishing to send in photographs of Hawkwell please submit them by email to info@hawkwellparishcouncil.gov.uk or post a copy to our Parish office (address at the back of this newsletter*) along with your name and details of the area/place you took the photograph. We can then feature them on our website for all to enjoy!

(*Please note, we will be unable to return any photographs sent to us via post.)



* Photographs taken by one of our young residents, William, aged 11.



Councillor Ms Angelina Rees-Jones was co-opted in February 2018

Parish Council Welcomes Two New Councillors

Hello,

As a new Councillor for Hawkwell, I am looking forward to helping our Parish continue the valuable and much needed work they currently do. I have personally benefitted from the improvements within our local parks such as Spencers and Glencroft Open Space, where I often walk my dog. We are fortunate to have historical points of interest such as St. Mary's church and access to amenities around us which makes our day-to-day lives easier. One of the things I am particularly interested in doing is to look at ways the Parish can enrich the lives of the community to benefit from the area they call home. Whether it be in the evenings after work when friends or family come to visit or every day, it is of great importance to me that we feel we live somewhere we can be proud of. There is already a great sense of community spirit within the area and the Christmas parcels initiative, for example, is one of the many things the Parish does to foster this.

As a Councillor, I am keen to ensure new members of the community will want to remain in the area much like many of our long-standing members. As times change and the pace of life increases, we all need somewhere to stand still and Hawkwell is a great place to do this. I want to do more to enable this and ensure we continue to cherish the local area.

I have lived in Hawkwell for six years and prior to having children I did not use many of the Parish's local amenities. However, since having children we visit the parks together—our favourite being the newly refurbished Magnolia Park Playground – which gave me a newfound respect for the level of work undertaken to provide local amenities and services. When I saw the advert asking for volunteers to join Hawkwell Parish Council I saw it as an opportunity to give something back to the local community. I hope to be able to bring energy and fresh ideas to the Council to help shape the future of the Parish for the entire community.

Councillor Mrs Nicola Shaw was co-opted in January 2018

Community Engagement

Up to 17 resident Councillors may serve on Hawkwell Parish Council and at present we have a total of 11 serving Councillors.

So, what do you expect from a Parish Councillor?

Well, Members of the council serve on various Committees which work to enhance the community and find ways to solve any issues that fall under their remit.

Current key Committees are: Planning, Parks, Finance, General Purposes and Health & Safety and key Working Groups are established for projects surrounding areas such as Youth, Christmas Parcels (which is a yearly initiative run by Hawkwell Parish Council for the elderly in our Parish), and Christmas Lights. The Parks, Finance

and General Purposes Committees have their own budgets and are responsible for a range of different functions around the Parish from street lighting to the upkeep of the Parish's parks.

Members are always keen to receive interest from residents wishing to help shape our community. If you're not sure what your Parish Councillors do, you could always pop along to one of the Parish Council meetings which are normally held on the first two Mondays of the month. (Please see the website for details or contact the office.) However, we are mindful that not all residents can attend our meetings, so this year we would like to give you a voice through surveys to help us decide on the priorities for the Parish.

These surveys and further details will be available in future newsletters, so watch this space!

Christmas Parcels 2017

Hawkwell Parish Council continued with its tradition of delivering Christmas food parcels to some of its elderly residents who live alone. At Christmas time 2017, Councillors, staff and volunteers delivered a total of 190 Christmas parcels and 93 tins of biscuits to those

elderly residents who live in sheltered accommodation. Council would like to thank KeyMed, Waitrose and Tesco for their donations towards the parcels initiative. Also, a big thank you to the two residents who kindly donated their winter fuel allowance to contribute towards the parcels.





You're invited to our Welcome Café to meet others, share your experiences, access information on support available to you, make new friends and build peer support over tea or coffee.

You can find out more and self refer via:
Call: 01376 316126

Visit our website: www.futuresinmind.org.uk

Email: enquiries@futuresinmind.org.uk

Live in Rochford & Rayleigh area?

Recovering from or affected by mental ill health and/or substances and alcohol misuse?

Starting 1st August
Every Tuesday 12-4pm

Trust Links (behind closed Adult Community College)
34 Rocheway, Rochford, SS4 1DR



DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL USEFUL CONTACTS

Different Councils have different responsibilities:

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (ECC) FOR:

Highway issues:

www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads.aspx

☎ 0345 603 7631

Passenger Transport:

✉ passenger.transport@essex.gov.uk

General enquiries :

☎ 0345 743 0430



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Planning & Community

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