

Tendring Parish Council News.

Firstly, could I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year on behalf of the Parish Council. Hope you all had a good Christmas? Looking back to last month we would like to thank all those people who joined us for the production of the Ghostly Tales. The hall was packed and we all had an amazing evening thanks to the talented Matthew Woods who entertained us with stories of ghosts and ghoulies. Your Parish Councillors worked hard to ensure that the event was successful and we raised over £300 for local causes. The foodbank was one of the recipients with £100 being donated to them to help with Christmas treats for those less fortunate than ourselves.

As I write this we are preparing to man the bar and turn on the lights after the Christmas Carol service at St Edmund's. The profits will be added to the profits from Ghostly Tales and again be donated to local causes to include Toddler group, TYGERS and Homes 4 heroes. All worthy causes I am sure that you will agree.

Hopefully you all enjoyed the lights that we plan to construct in the Memorial garden, Bicycle triangle, opposite Crown house and at the Heath. These were put up by the Parish Councillors and this is our second year providing some lighting for the festive season.

Unfortunately due to some vandalism at Goose Green play area we will have to replace the fireman pole from the tower apparatus. This will cost us in excess of £1300 this amount was agreed at the last Council meeting. As a result of this and other breakages we have decided that there will be signage which suggests that the play area is only suitable for 12 year old and under. Hopefully this will reduce the costs of maintaining this area. We have also provided two loads of plainings to repair some of the potholes that appear in the Goose Green car park. Please could we request that if you use the car park that you drive slowly and consider how you drive. This will reduce the amount of damage done to the surface-turning wheels while stationary really breaks up the surface!

We would like to increase the participation of teenagers in the Village and so would like to find out if there are any teenagers who would like to take part in a Youth forum which could help us to understand the needs of this part of our community. This may also then give them an opportunity to promote themselves in the job market or education applications in future years. We are seeking young people who can articulate the views and needs of their cohort to inform future spending in the Village. If you would like to learn more please feel free to email me on cllr.jbrattan@tendringparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Planning news this month include a non material amendment to application 23/01307 for Stanley House, Heath road. It involves changes to windows, a garage changed to a study and changes to the materials used (render to brick). Planning regulations prevent us from commenting on this as it is in the remit of Tendring District Council. Previous comments on the original application will be noted.

The Local plan has gone before the Local Plan Committee, indications are that there will be limited housing development in Tendring Village. This will be restricted to the depot site at Tendring Heath, probably about ten houses. However, there will be substantial developments in Horsley Cross, Hare Green and Harwich with a smaller garden village at Weeley. This will obviously affect the volume of traffic coming through the Village. The Parish Council will be meeting with Tendring District Council representatives to explore these options ahead of a public consultation.

Other news include

A new waste contract for 3 years has been agreed by Tendring District Council. This will include a glass collection from our homes.

Unitary Councils to be announced in March with a 5 unitary Council model thought to be favoured. Mayoral elections in April 2026.

We are on the brink of setting our budget and then can set the precept for the Village. This will mean an Extraordinary meeting to be held in early January as Tendring District Council will only release the tax base figures in mid December. The budget and precept will then be agreed just ahead of the deadline imposed by the District Council. The date of this meeting will be available on our website.

Our next meeting are

Monday 22nd December (planning issues only)

Monday 5th January

at 7.30pm in the Village hall . All are welcome to attend.

Jill Brattan

Chair of Tendring Parish Council.