



# HEYBRIDGE BASIN

## Parish Council

Welcome to the latest edition of the Heybridge Basin Parish Council Newsletter.

### MAY 2023 ELECTIONS

Your newly elected Councillors are Martyn Hodges (Chair), Robert Bryson (Vice Chair), Jenny Sjollema, Colin Edmond, Graham Howat, Marion Hobden and Clint Swann. The Parish Council would like to extend a big thank you to all residents who voted on May 4<sup>th</sup>, there was a 51% voter turnout, which was the highest in the Maldon District.

### CORONATION PLAQUE

The plaque ordered by the PC, in celebration of His Majesty, King Charles, now sits proudly under the village sign.



### ON-STREET PARKING

Following on from the consultations held through a house-to-house survey and open village meetings, the PC has resolved to proceed with an application to change some of the parking regulations within the village.

The changes being applied for are:

- The installation of double red lines from Chapel Lane to the foot of Lock Hill on the right-hand side of Basin Road.
- The installation of double yellow lines on the opposite side of Basin Road up to the entrance to the Jolly Sailor car park. *This will improve access for delivery vehicles, refuse collection and emergency vehicles; Blue Badge holders will continue to be able to park on the double yellow lines.*

Part of the application includes compiling a house-by-house petition for support from residents living in the areas affected. Please note that this is a lengthy process, and the outcome is not guaranteed. Full details of the Working Group discussions are available on request via the Clerk.

## BASIN BUS SERVICES

Essex County Council has opened a consultation on a new transport strategy, including public transport, for the Maldon District which runs from 12<sup>th</sup> June to 24<sup>th</sup> July. You can express your views by taking part in the survey here: <https://www.essexhighways.org/maldon-future-transport-strategy>

## DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Row4AReason and other village groups have in the past, raised money to purchase and maintain two defibrillators in the village (*one by the Jolly Sailor and one by the Community Room*). It has been some time since any operator training courses have been run and there is a need to spread the skill amongst more residents. If you would be willing to undertake the training, please contact the Clerk who will liaise with Row4AReason to set this up.

## COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

You may have seen that the PC have been advertising for volunteers to join the Community Speed Watch Group, the objective of this is to gather evidence to support our application for a 20mph speed limit throughout the village and as such the project will probably be a temporary one until we have gathered sufficient data.

Thank you to those residents who have volunteered, all spaces have now been filled, meaning that the PC will be registering the village's interest to loan the equipment and be provided with training.

## PLANNING WITHIN THE VILLAGE

The Heybridge Basin Conservation Society (HBCS) worked hard for several years to create a Village Design Statement (VDS), which was published in 2006.

This VDS continues to play a very important role when assessing any new planning application within the village as MDC must take it into consideration when making their decisions. The PC is a consultee on every planning application in the village, allowing them to either support or object (*with reasons*). The PC has no direct power to approve or reject applications.

As the VDS is now 17 years old, and planning regulations have evolved in the last 17 years, now is a good opportunity to decide if the VDS needs refreshing or whether alongside it a Neighborhood Plan needs to be created. The PC recommends setting up a working group with representatives from the HBCS, HBPC and any resident with a special interest or skill in this area. This would ensure a coordinated village-wide review is undertaken.

The VDS can be accessed by visiting the HBPC website. The PC would like to invite any resident who would like to be involved in this working group to contact the Clerk.

## PADDLE SPORTS TASTER SESSIONS

MDC have organized some free paddle sports taster sessions for residents of the Basin on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August on the canal. The idea of the sessions is to offer residents the opportunity to try a paddle sport and learn how to be safe on the water.

On each day there will be 6 kayaks and 6 paddle boards going out at 9am, 11am and 1pm for up to 90 minutes with an instructor from East of England Paddle Sports.

If you would like more information or are interested in a session, please contact Ben: [Ben.thornett@maldon.gov.uk](mailto:Ben.thornett@maldon.gov.uk)