

# Kelvedon Parish Council

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## **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

**THURSDAY 22 APRIL 2010**

**7.45 pm at KELVEDON INSTITUTE**

**All Kelvedon electors, and members of societies and organisations, are most cordially invited to attend this year's Kelvedon Annual Parish Assembly.**

The Council would be grateful if you would bring this Assembly to the attention of your members and encourage them to attend. The Assembly is open to all local residents, of all ages and interests, and is the chance to hear about the Council's activities over the past year and its plans for the future.

At this year's Assembly reports will be presented by Parish, District and County Council Members on work undertaken during the year on behalf of the village plus reports from our Member of Parliament and the local Police.

Unlike the normal formal meetings of the Council, members of the audience may ask questions and participate in the debate so you can play an active part in the proceedings and raise matters with your local elected representatives.

A special item this year will be an exposition of possible sites for a pedestrian crossing/central refuge in the High Street. The advantages and disadvantages of the sites will be discussed and residents attending the meeting can express their preferences. There is no guarantee that Kelvedon will get a crossing but the community's views can be conveyed to the Highways Authority, Essex County Council.

It promises to be an interesting and lively evening, rounded off with a cup of tea and informal chats with your councillors. Please come and join us, and bring your friends and neighbours. We look forward to seeing you.

**DO COME ALONG ON THURSDAY 22 APRIL**

**IT'S YOUR VILLAGE – YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

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Kelvedon Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.45 pm in the Council Chamber, which is the ground floor of the Old Fire Station on the left-hand side at the bottom of the Chase next to the Indian Restaurant. All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public are permitted to address the meeting but are required to submit a brief written outline of their questions to the clerk in advance of the meeting.

Some of the Council's activities during the year are listed overleaf.

Parish councils are the first tier of local government, non-political, and in close contact with the community they serve. They provide a range of services and have the needs and desires of the community uppermost in their minds.

### **KELVEDON PARISH COUNCIL facilities:**

- **Allotments** at Stoney Flint, Church Hill (just over the level crossing). A very popular pastime, giving healthy exercise, country air and year-round fresh fruit and vegetables. There is water and car parking on site. A new area has recently been opened up and there is now no waiting list. A plot currently costs £17 p.a.
- **Play Equipment** at Kelvedon Playing Field, including a fully-fenced toddlers' play area, renovated floodlit multi games area and an extensive range of challenging equipment for older children and teenagers.
- **The Playing Field** – 3.5 acres providing a football pitch, floodlit hard play area and training area as well as all the facilities listed above.
- **Brockwell Meadows Local Nature Reserve** – 11.5 acres of water meadow managed to maintain a diversity of habitat, open to all throughout the year with fishing available in season to residents. The Council is supported by the Brockwell Group – volunteers who arrange events on the Meadows.
- **Summer flower troughs, seats, bus shelters, waste bins and dog bins** – throughout the village.
- **Car parks** – Small permit-only car park at Bellingham Place and large Pay and Display car park in the High Street (permits also available for this car park).

### **Other parish council activities**

- **Youth Forum** – a group of young residents meets regularly to discuss matters of concern to young people in the village. The Forum has run very successful discos throughout the year. The Forum has been working on a scheme for new play equipment on a piece of land at Thorne Road/Glebe Road and this should be installed in the spring of 2010.
- **Emergency Planning** – the parish council liaises with Braintree District Council and other organisations on the subject of emergency planning, especially flooding which is a major concern in Kelvedon. A local (Kelvedon) Emergency Plan has recently been agreed by the Council.
- **Footpaths** – an active group monitors local footpaths and reports problems to Essex County Council. A leaflet describing a walk between Kelvedon and Coggeshall has just been produced.

### **KELVEDON PARISH COUNCIL works in partnership** with volunteers and other bodies to

- **carry out litter clearance and road sweeping** – Mr Andrews, our Parish Amenity and Maintenance Warden, helps keep the village as clean and tidy as possible.
- **provide Christmas Lights** – a hard working team of volunteers installs and takes down the lights each year. The Council is responsible for some power costs and all replacement bulbs. Extra volunteers are always welcome.

### **KELVEDON PARISH COUNCIL gives grants to support**

- **Church Yards** – mowing and other costs at the parish church and Kelvedon URC.
- **The Local History Museum** – the Council is happy to help this unique local effort.
- **Kelvedon in Bloom** – The Committee, funded by volunteer effort and a grant from the Council, has been successful in the Anglia in Bloom Competition for many years.
- **Kelvedon Free Music Festival** – a very popular event held annually on the playing field and which draws music lovers from all over Essex.
- **Activity Day for young people**– organised by Braintree District Council at the Institute in the summer holidays.
- **Various Sports Clubs** – junior and senior football clubs and also the cricket club.
- **The Village Hall** – every year monies are available for village hall uses and grants have been given to the Institute for specific works and to the Kelvedon Community Association.
- **Kelvedon and Feering Scouts** – works to the Scout Hut.
- **Braintree Citizens' Advice Bureau**
- **Feering and Kelvedon Good Companions Clubs**
- **Packhorse Bridge Society**
- **Two Villages Voluntary Association** – Christmas vouchers

**In addition, the Council makes representations on highways and traffic matters, flooding, mineral extraction, planning applications, and all types of government (and other bodies) consultations.**

**Some things may have been missed out – or perhaps the Council doesn't deal with the one thing you think is of paramount importance to community life – so take this chance to find out.**