

## Annual Report to Parishioners 2018

This past year has again been busy, with new projects being completed and others in the pipeline.

The kitchen and toilet re-fit at St Marks Hall was completed in March. This was part funded by the Essex County Council Community Initiatives Fund.

The Parish Council took over the management of Back Lane Toilets in April 2018, following a major refit of this building carried out by the District Council. This will ensure that the Toilets will remain open for the foreseeable future.

CCTV in the Market Square is still being investigated which will assist with the prevention of Anti-Social Behaviour. In addition the Parish Council has signed up to have designated Special Constables patrolling the Town Centre, although this may take a couple of years to bring to fruition.

Following the sale of a plot of land in Stambridge Road, money is now available to carry out major improvements to the Allotments Site in the coming year.

The Parish Council owned facilities at St Marks Hall and the Parish Rooms have seen increased usage over the year to provide facilities for a range of community and commercial activities.

Continued pressure has been brought on Essex County Council regarding the condition of the roads, drains and streetlights.

With the continuing economic climate, the Parish Council has done its best to keep the precept level as low as possible, however the increase this year reflects increased administration costs and the expense of taking over the toilets.

Our long-standing functions, Allotments, the Lawn Cemetery and Doggetts Wildlife Area, together with Streetlighting and Bus Shelters continue to be maintained to the highest standard possible.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors and our staff for their support and assistance during the past year.

Arthur Williams  
Chairman  
Rochford Parish Council

**Councillors for the year 2017/18**

Arthur Williams Chairman  
Roger Bacon  
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Wendy Moss  
Matt Softly  
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