



Ashington Parish Council

NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER 2025

Major Changes in Local Government



THE biggest change in local government in our area is well underway, it will see the disappearance of both Essex County Council and Rochford District Council. They will be replaced by a new Unitary Authority governed by an elected mayor.

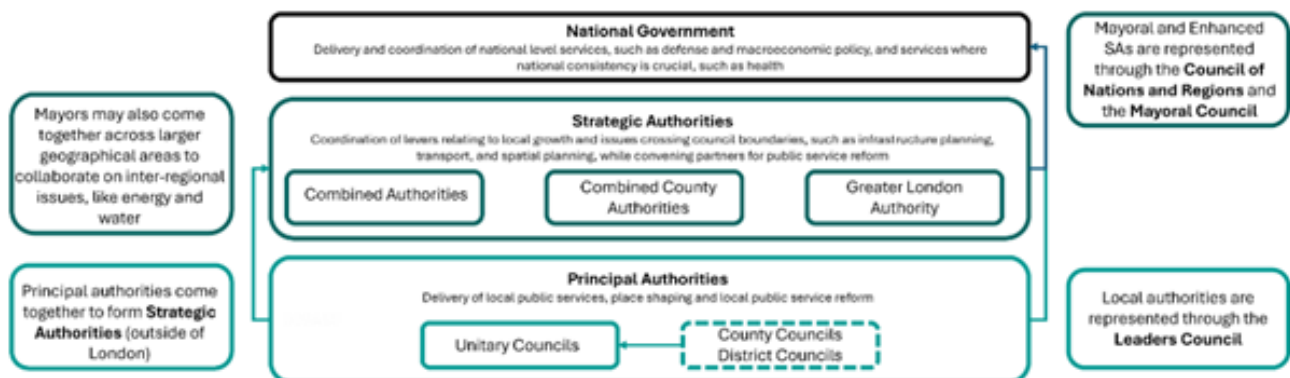
The make-up of the new Unitary Authorities for Essex are yet to be agreed by Government, these could number between 3-5. These will be decided on during the next few months. The future of Parish councils is still unknown, it is likely they will remain but perhaps in a different format. The new Authorities will deal with all matters dealt with by the old Councils.

Unitary Authorities are not new there are 62 in England some in cities like Nottingham and Leicester.

Policymaking and coordination

Tiers of government

Representation



Cllr. Michelle Nunn

NEW COUNCILLOR FOR SOUTH FAMBRIDGE

MY name is Michelle Nunn and I'm married with two children and have lived in South Fambridge for 14 years. I work as a Business Manager. The village has provided a safe and idyllic place to bring up our family and I'm passionate about maintaining that for the current residents and generations to come.

I believe in listening first, acting responsibly, and building trust—values I aim to uphold as a Parish Councillor. I am committed to representing our community with integrity and ensuring that every voice is heard.

New Defibrillator for South Fambridge



YOUR Council has fitted a new life saving Defibrillator in the village of South Fambridge. A resident contacted the Council with the suggestion that the community needed the facility in the village and the Council acted. The unit is attached to a lamp post on the corner of St. Thomas Road and Pemberton Field. Council received a £600 grant from the ECC Locality Fund towards the unit. The unit also contains a bleed kit. The picture shows members of the Village WhatsApp Community Group.

Inset picture: APC Councillor Michelle Nunn, David Catchpole - Chair APC and RDC and ECC Councillor Lauren Shaw.



A member of the village choses her book

A village well read



RESIDENTS of South Fambridge should be very well read thanks to the efforts of their new Parish Councillor Michelle Nunn.

Michelle joined the Council at our October meeting and wasted no time in organising a free library exchange for the village.

The new library is situated on the Fambridge Road next to the Parish Notice Board.

CHAIRMAN'S NEWS



Cllr. David Catchpole
Chairman

WE are about to enter the biggest change in local government for many years with the demise of both Rochford District Council and Essex County Council. The Rochford and Ashingdon areas will become part of a new Unitary Authority governed by an elected mayor. Parish councils will remain but in what form we wait to hear. It is designed to cut out levels of administration and cost. The benefits or otherwise we await to see.

Your parish council along with other parish councils have voted to produce a Neighbourhood Plan which should dovetail into the District Council's Local Development Plan, this is designed to allow residents to have their say on development and growth in their local area. It does not necessarily stop development but has to be considered by planning authorities.

We are pleased to welcome a new councillor to our parish, cllr. Michelle Nunn who will look after South Fambridge and is already very active on behalf of the residents.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP CREATE YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

**WANT TO FIND
OUT MORE ?**

Contact the clerk
T: 07950947731



You must live or work in
the Parish to be eligible



**Ashingdon
Parish
Council
would like to
wish all its
parishioners
a very
Happy
Christmas
and a
Healthy
New Year**

FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS



Monday 1st December 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 2nd February 2026

Monday 2nd March 2026

Monday 6th April 2026

Dates are subject to change



CONTACT THE CLERK ON 07950 947731 FOR MEETING DETAILS

CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall bookings **07307 692889**

St Andrews Church Hall bookings – Julie Goodge **01702 205918**

Neighbourhood Police **101**

1st Ashingdon Scout Group (St Andrews)

Group Scout Leader - John Blundell **01702 545666**

Cubs – Tracey Knight **07979 232322**

Brownies – Hilary Skeggs **01702 291131**

County Councillors

Laureen Shaw **01702 540398**

District Councillors

Mike Carter **07958 707070**

Danielle Belton **07824 594987**

Roger Constable **01702 548834**

Parish Councillors

David Catchpole (Ashingdon ward) **07581 463197**

Debbie Constable (Ashingdon ward) **01702 548834**

Sean Chittenden (Ashingdon ward) **01702 543704**

Pat Hennessy (Ashingdon West) **01702 205060**

David Reed (Ashingdon West) **01702 622953**

Glen Dryhurst (Ashingdon ward) **01702 543380**

Dan McCarthy (Ashingdon Heights ward) **01702 530870**

Sue Osborne (Ashingdon ward) **01702 544871**

Michelle Nunn (Ashingdon ward) **07950 306385**

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ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE

Take a look at:

www.ashingdonparishcouncil.gov.uk

PLANNING

All planning applications are now dealt with during our regular monthly council meetings at The Parish Room, Ashingdon Memorial Park, Cricket Pavilion. Members of the public are welcome to attend along with any other interested parties. Meetings normally start at 7.30 p.m. On the first Monday of the month except Bank Holidays and August..

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF BECOMING A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

There is currently two vacant seats on the Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a member of Ashingdon Parish Council please speak to our clerk, details below, or come along to one of our meetings which are held on the 1st Monday of each month (August no meeting) at 7.30 p.m. **Contact the Clerk on 07950 947731**