



Myland Community Council

About your council

Your council

- Myland Community Council is the first tier of local government in our area, responsible for many issues that affect our day-to-day lives. It is independent of Colchester Borough Council and Essex County Council.
- Your council was established in 1999 as Myland Parish Council, but became known as Myland Community Council in 2011. Its offices are on Nayland Road and are open to the public.
- ‘Parish council’ and ‘community council’ are different names for the same kind of organisation. MCC is now the largest parish/community council in Colchester, and one of the biggest in Essex.
- MCC has cordial relations with all three churches in Myland, but is not part of any church parish.



Councillors and council officers

- MCC has 17 councillors, who are either elected or co-opted onto the council. All councillors are volunteers and they have to be elected or re-elected every four years.
- Your council is not party political. Councillors are elected or co-opted as individuals, not as party representatives.
- MCC employs three staff: a full time Clerk, a part-time Assistant Clerk and a part-time Street Officer.

Council meetings

- Full council meetings normally take place on the last Wednesday of every month at the Methodist Church Hall on Nayland Road. You are free to attend these and all council meetings.
- Much of the council’s detailed work is carried out in working groups, which meet during most months. You are welcome to join a working group — you don’t have to be a councillor.

Our area

- MCC is responsible for an area that stretches from Highwoods Country Park in the east, to New Braiswick Park in the west, and from the boundary with the A12 in the north to the Colchester Station bridge in the south. You can view a detailed map at the community council offices or on the website www.mylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk
- In April 2013 the area represented by the council expanded to include New Braiswick Park. Myland is the fastest growing community in Essex, and possibly in the UK.
- There are more than 5,000 homes in Myland. Two new developments — on the sites known as Severalls and Chesterwell — will add some 1,200 and 1,600 dwellings respectively.
- Community facilities in Myland include Colchester General Hospital, the North Station, The Weston Homes Community Stadium and the Mile End and Queen Boudica primary schools.



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How your council works for you

Myland Community Council is here to improve the quality of life of all Myland residents by safeguarding our physical environment and promoting the sustainability of our community. MCC acts as a conduit between our community and relevant authorities such as Colchester Borough Council and Essex County Council. We do this by using our influence, campaigning, engaging the community and providing facilities.

Facilities, environment and community safety

In co-operation with Colchester Borough Council and Essex County Council we:

- Work to make sure our streets are clean by providing litter bins in public spaces
- Provide and look after seats in public spaces
- Provide and maintain bus shelters in a good and clean condition.

We also:

- Protect and enhance public rights of way by ensuring that footpaths are kept open and accessible
- Maintain the Myland war memorials and our village sign
- Help to keep the streets safe by working closely with the local community police officer.

Planning and development

Your council is a statutory consultee on all planning matters in Myland. We:

- Review all planning applications carefully and try to maintain the character of our area
- Advise Colchester Borough Council whether we believe planning applications should be passed or declined. However, the final decision always rests with the Borough Council
- Monitor all developments that have been granted planning approval and inform the Borough Council if we believe the development does not comply with the terms of its planning consent.
- Do all we can to prevent, slow down and improve inappropriate large-scale development proposals by providing detailed, professional-quality responses to developers, the Borough Council and the County Council. This is the most difficult and resource-intensive activity of your community council.

Community engagement

We want to engage with all community members and learn what you want for Myland. We try to do this by:

- Reserving time at the start of every council meeting for members of the public to have their say
- Publishing and delivering the free, quarterly Mylander magazine to every home in the community
- Holding public meetings about issues of community concern
- Inviting residents to our Annual Parish Meeting (usually in late March or early April)
- Holding an annual Community Fête (usually in August)
- Providing and maintaining notice boards in of public places across the community
- Ensuring the community council office is open for residents to seek advice and information
- Publishing a website with a wide range of local information
- Issuing press releases on matters of concern or celebration.

Learn more about Myland Community Council. Visit www.mylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk