



Clerk's Report

1. The bespoke Councillor training event was cancelled but I am looking to rearrange it for late November.
2. On 17th October I attended a meeting with the new head teacher of the primary school with Councillor Godfrey
3. A defibrillator training event has been organised as a collaboration between the Channels Residents Association and the Parish Council for 25th November which I have publicised both online and with local community groups.
4. County Councillor Steel has requested more nominations for the pothole repair programme so please let me know any potholes you wish to nominate. A request on Facebook has not received any response from residents.
5. Further to residents' complaints the potholes adjacent to the Ziggi Fireplace shop in Chatham Green were referred to Essex County Council. The response issued via Councillor Steel is that all the damage is on private land and that walkers from the Essex Way can easily avoid them thus it is an issue for those with legal rights over the land to resolve. I have advised the complainants.
6. The rocker in the children's play area has been repaired and reinstalled.
7. The path leading to the rear of the Memorial Hall has been repaired free of charge and the Memorial Hall have sent thanks to the Parish Council for making those arrangements with the original contractor.
8. I have provided you with the two dates for Councillor training in relation to the new Code of Conduct provided free of charge by Chelmsford City Council. Please make sure that you have let me know which session you will be attending so I can RSVP to the City Council.
9. The tree inspection report is being prepared and should be available for consideration at the December meeting.
10. As requested, I reported ground works that did not appear to have been made good by the Essex Regiment Way/ Costa Coffee roundabout. I was advised that Essex County Council is aware of the issue and undertaking inspections.
11. Regarding the complaints regarding overgrown weeds on the pavement of Chelmer Avenue, Councillor Knight has been in liaison with Councillor Steel and operatives at Chelmsford City Council to resolve the issue. I hope to have an update at the meeting.
12. Thanks to Councillor Knight Chelmsford City Council emptied the fly tip in the bin at Ash Tree Corner which sadly turned out to be a dead dog.
13. I reported the issue of debris from lorries at Channels Drive to the Police
14. Following the meeting with the local Police officer and despite 3 emails I am still awaiting a response from him regarding issues raised including CCTV and the coffee with cops event.
15. I am still awaiting a response from neighbourhood watch regarding issues of crime reporting.

16. The Rural Police team did respond to advise that they would be willing to attend the Parish to look to address issues of speeding traffic.
17. Each month I will keep you updated with matters that do not require action at this point in time by the Parish Council but need to be noted as ongoing. This month I can advise

| Item | Actions awaited | Date raised |
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| Local Highway Panel – application for a crossing at Ash Tree Corner | LHP has advised that they statistics show that a crossing can not be justified but they are considering a refuge to assist those crossing the road – cost estimate £7,500 – project in design phase which may include a filter land for Chelmer Avenue. | November 2019 |
| Essex County Council Bus shelter project | The Parish Council has confirmed ownership status of the shelters and awaiting licence documentation | December 2020 |
| Local Highway Panel applications | Application for 40mph buffer Zone on approach to 30mph limit to be shown with a 'village gate'. The village centre from the War Memorial to the school at The Street, and Brook Hill from the junction with The Street to Church Hill to be a 20mph area with 'wig wag's by the School – buffer zone and gates approved and in design phase. Wig Wags still under consideration. Other issues to be considered following Origin and Destination survey | April 2021. |
| Essex County Council | The issue of the removal of trees and the installation of white posts along Back Lane – As the posts were not authorised the issue is being investigated by Essex County Council | April 2021 |
| Byway 51 | Essex County Council extended the partial closure order until 15 th April 2023 | August 2021 |
| Glebe Field Right of Way | Application for right of way to be added to the definitive map – it has been advised that it is on the list for assessment by the Essex County Council legal team | September 2021 |
| Repair of pavements | Various fault reports referred to Essex County Council cabinet member for highways to investigate | November 2021 |
| Registration of the Memorial Hall with HM Land Registry | Await confirmation regarding the site plan from the Memorial Hall | November 2021 |
| Outcome of application for Local Council Award Foundation status renewal | Await NALC adjudication panel with outcome expected in December 2022. | September 2022 |

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