

Minutes 17th August 2017
Meeting of Elmstead Parish Council
Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead Market, CO7 7ET

Present: Councillors Paul Beard (Chairman), Solma Ahmed, Nick Bell, Ron Fairweather, Bob Kavanagh, Mike Kirby, Jean Routledge, Jane Triscott and Martine Ward
Also Present: Mrs Baxter (Clerk) and 6 members of the public

Cllr Beard opened the meeting by thanking the councillors, District councillors and clerk for their help over the past month.

- 17/160 Apologies for Absence**
Cllr Snowden and District Councillors Heaney and Nicholls
- 17/161 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Non Pecuniary Interests**
None
- 17/162 Approval and signing of the minutes from 20th July 2017.**
It was resolved to accept the minutes from 20th July 2017 as true and accurate.
Proposed Cllr Kirby, Seconded: Cllr Bell, 8 in favour, 1 abstention (did not attend the meeting)
- 17/163 To receive an update about the progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Council on 20th July 2017.**
The clerk made a verbal update.
It was discussed that we should follow up with Bluegates Solar to find out whether they approve our request for an extension of time to spend their donation of £10,000.
Cllr Kavanagh updated the PC regarding the barrier on the Clacton Road car park which is being left unlocked. The builders and developers are aware of the importance of locking the gate, it is not them. The barrier is used by other parties, including recycling, who have left the gate open on occasion. Cllr Kavanagh tried to call the resident who made the complaint but there is no answer so he has left a message.
- 17/164 Public Speaking**
A resident reports that the development of 32 houses on Clacton Road is to be called Elmstead Green. She objects strongly, we already have two greens in the village. Cllr Kavanagh will visit the site and speak to them.
- 17/165 Community Champion Tesco - Jo Clarke**
To hear about the schemes that can be organised for the local community such as litter picks.
Jo is employed by Tesco and spends half her time working on community projects. She arranges litter picks and provides what is needed. We need to give her a date, she will find out who our zone warden is. There is the blue token scheme which runs in store. Non-profit organisations which have a scheme to enhance the community can apply. The scheme with the most tokens gets £4,000, second gets £2,000 and third gets £1,000. Jo can help with the application.
Tesco have promised that by the end of 2017 they won't waste food fit for consumption and have put a process in place for distributing that food to community groups. If we want information Jo can refer us.
Tesco has a community board where they can advertise events or other community information.
Jo can volunteer her time – she attends the Elmstead Marketeers.
Cllr Beard would like to see a litter pick along Colchester Road and in the remote areas of the village. Cllr Bell added that you can call TDC to come and pick up litter.
Cllr Beard suggested looking at our community groups and a think about projects for the blue token scheme.
Cllr Beard thanked Jo for coming and telling the PC about her role.

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17/166 County Councillor report

See attached

A120 upgrade: this will not be funded by the Marks Tey Village Development. It will be properly funded by other sources. It is expected to be done 2025-2027.

Skills shortage: it was asked whether we have a skills shortage breakdown for Elmstead. It might be possible to see for Tendring.

Cllr Guglielmi was asked if there is a planning threshold at 32 houses – he answered no, there is a threshold at 14 houses, any less and there is no section 106 requirement.

18th August in the deadline for the Local Plan consultation, it will then be examined.

Cllr Nicholls is now a cabinet member for planning and will be involved. If we need any further communication with Cath Bicknell (Head of planning) let Cllr Guglielmi know.

The case for the 5 year housing supply is very tight.

17/167 District Councillor reports.

Not in attendance

17/168 Alresford Road

- i) *Residents of Alresford Road have met with Cllr Beard to discuss concerns about the speed of traffic along this road. County Councillor Guglielmi has suggested that the PC requests a speed survey through the Local Highways Panel.*

Cllr Guglielmi: A speed survey will show the frequency of traffic, peak times, HGVs as well as speed.

It was resolved to request a speed survey for Alresford Road and send the application to Cllr Guglielmi.

Proposed: Cllr Beard, Seconded: Cllr Ward, all in favour

- ii) *The residents above have also asked if the PC can assist in getting the hedges on the Elmstead Parish side of Alresford Road cut back to enable people to walk along the grass verge. There is no pavement along this road.*

There was a discussion around what right the PC would have in asking the farmer to cut back the hedges.

Cllr Guglielmi: if the trees were planted when the quarry was installed it may have been part of the planning conditions. He needs to find out if it is a Highways maintained verge, which will take time. If it is Essex Highways then it should be cut twice a year. It was also discussed that with the speed of traffic along the road it would be dangerous to walk along that verge.

It was resolved to ask Cllr Guglielmi to research what the options are for us regarding getting the hedges cut back.

Proposed Cllr Beard, Seconded Cllr Bell, all in favour.

17/169 Planning Applications – To decide comments to return to TDC planning

17/01189/FUL Land adjacent Havenbrook Clacton Road Elmstead Essex CO7 7DB. Erection of detached dwelling and garage. Extended deadline for comments 23rd August.

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Both applications were discussed together. It looks like infill with no planning objection to make.

It was resolved to return no comments. Proposed Cllr Kavanagh, Seconded Cllr Beard.

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17/01260/FUL Land adjacent to Finch Lane Bromley Road Elmstead. Detached dwelling and garage. Deadline for comments 23rd August 2017.

This plot was part of an application for 10 houses in 2016 which was withdrawn. The same objections that were made to that application still apply along with TDC having its 5 year housing supply. Cllr Kavanagh proposed to be in favour of the application, no seconder.

It was resolved to object to the application.

Proposed: Cllr Routledge, Seconded: Cllr Ward, 9 in favour, 1 against.

17/00961/FUL Havenbrook Clacton Road Elmstead Essex CO7 7DB. Proposed 6 No. detached bungalows. Amended buildings and site plan.

Cllrs viewed the amended plans. As the deadline was 15th August the clerk let the planning officer know that the changes had addressed some of the concerns in our original objections and that the remainder of the objections still stood.

Planning Applications - For information only:

17/00945/FUL 23 Lucerne Road Elmstead Colchester Essex CO7 7YB. Single storey utility room and WC. No adverse comments.

17/01072/FUL Sunnymead Farm Alresford Road Wivenhoe Colchester Essex CO7 9JZ. Renovation of two existing barns to be used as microbrewery and food processing unit. No adverse comments.

17/01240/DETAIL Mr Oliver Hookway - Go Homes Land off Clacton Road Elmstead Essex. Variation of condition 1 of planning permission 16/01994/DETAIL - Revised site plan to update garage position to plot 01.

Planning Determinations - For information only:

17/00926/FUL Casa Mia Old School Lane Elmstead Colchester Essex. Ground floor extension to front for entrance porch. Approval – Full

17/00969/FUL 36 Church Road Elmstead Colchester Essex CO7 7AW. Proposed first floor extension and front porch alteration to change existing hip roof to flat roof. Approval - Full

17/170 Appeal Hearing

APP/P1560/W/7/3169150 Mr J Hills Land adjacent Market Field School, School Road Elmstead Outline application for the erection of 62 dwellings, associated garaging, parking and infrastructure.

The hearing date is Wednesday 27th September at 10am at the Council Offices, Weeley. To discuss attendance at the hearing.

See Minute item 17/171 next, this will be discussed at the next Planning Committee Meeting.

17/171 Planning Committee

Does the PC wish to create a separate planning committee with delegated powers to meet, discuss and decide upon responses to planning applications, and to represent the PC at TDC Planning Committee Meetings and Appeal hearings? Draft committee terms of reference to follow.

Cllr Beard joined the PC to make a difference but doesn't feel that is possible while so much of the meetings is taken up with planning. It was resolved to create a separate Planning Committee with the following members; Cllrs Routledge, Triscott, Bell, Fairweather and Kirby,

Proposed: Cllr Beard, Seconded: Cllr Routledge, all in favour
Cllr Ahmed left the meeting.

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It was resolved to approve the terms of reference for the committee with the date of meetings to be the second Thursday in each month.

Proposed: Cllr Routledge, Seconded: Cllr Kirby, all in favour.

17/172 Finance

To look through the finance report and approve the payments for August. See appendix 1

It was resolved to accept the finance report and approve the payments for August.

Proposed: Cllr Bell, Seconded: Cllr Beard, 8 in favour, 1 abstention

Cllrs Kavanagh and Snowden are to be trained as part of the Speedwatch training.

Cllrs discussed the antivirus options, the clerk was to make the decision.

17/173 Events Committee (May Fair and Carnival)

To consider the membership of the committee and updates/next steps.

Held over until September.

17/174 Elmstead Playing Field

Market Field School are considering installing a fence to the rear of the playing field to be 30m long, at their cost. The School has received quotes for a 6 foot fence and a 4 foot fence and the 6 foot fence is cheaper. Details to be circulated.

It was resolved to agree to the new fence to match the existing fencing.

Proposed: Cllr Kavanagh, Seconded: Cllr Beard, 8 in favour, 1 against.

17/175 Village Image *An update on Cllr Kavanagh's proposal for improvements to the appearance of North Green. Has there been any feedback regarding the removal of the phone box from the North Green?*

Cllr Kavanagh: The bench on North Green has been covered with an antirust paint for metal and will be painted green.

There has been no objections to the removal of the phone box (advertised in Upmarket).

It was resolved to instigate the removal of the phone box.

Proposed: Cllr Kavanagh, Seconded Cllr Beard, all in favour.

It was reported that a dog walker had had to put her dog poo bag in the litter bin on North Green as there is no dog bin along that stretch of road. The clerk is to look into the costs of an additional bin.

Cllr Kavanagh reported that the pavement is overgrown between the car park and Budgens. He will take photos.

The bin in the community centre car park is overflowing – ask TDC if they empty it.

17/176 Councillor Training

To discuss the council's training needs, requests and whether to consider arranging for a bespoke training session in Elmstead by EALC. To consider respective costs.

Cllr Ward expressed an interest in finance training and Cllr Triscott in planning training. No other requested training at this time.

17/177 Communications *Items of interest for inclusion in our October Upmarket report in addition to the report of meeting.*

The PC vacancy. The defibrillator should be up and running in Budgens. The Tesco litter pick.

17/178 Items for next agenda or for information only

Send a thank you to Kingsley Sparrow to thank him for the electrical work installing the defibrillator in Budgens. Cllr Fairweather to send the correspondence details to the clerk. Cllr Triscott – find out about the lights being on all night in Alfells and adjacent streets. Cllr Ward – to discuss a weight limit for lorries on Tye Road and School Road in the next meeting. Cllr Routledge reported that the speedwatch training will be in St

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Osyth on the 6th September. Speedwatch will be out if possible on Edward Day – 21st September.

**There being no further public business councillors were thanked for their attendance.
The meeting closed at 10.13pm.**

Date of next Parish Meeting: Thursday 21st September 2017

To be held in the Community Centre, School Road, Elmstead

Minuted by Mrs. A Baxter

20th July 2017

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Appendix 1

Elmstead Parish Council Finance Report

Closing Balances to 31st July 2017 are:

Current Account to end of month	£29,824.11
Total Expenses unpaid at end of month	£4,507.70
Total of expenses below (July payments - request for approval)	£2,119.80
Balance in current account after monthly expenses	£23,196.61
Deposit Account to Bank Statement Ref 153	£27,714.65
Active Saver Account (Bluegates Donation)	£10,057.39
Estimated Overall Closing Balance - Current and Deposit	£60,968.65

Income Details for July 2017:

Total income for the month	£ 0.00

Approval is requested for the following payments:

A&J Lighting Solutions - 2 LED conversions at £85/each plus £34 VAT	£204.00
Community Centre Hall Hire for July x 2	£32.00
EALC – Councillor Training Days 1 & 2 (M Ward)	£160.00
Upsons – Mower collection & delivery, replace hydro coupling, service mower and parts includes VAT £280.46	£1,682.74
Mr A Dingwall – handyman expenses – petrol for strimmer, parts for strimmer, black bin bags and antibacterial gel	£41.06
Total	£2,119.80

Report prepared by A Baxter – Clerk & RFO
14th August 2017

Notes

- 1) There are arrangements being made to conduct Speedwatch training in the community centre for 3 new volunteers for Elmstead and others from Great Bentley, Wivenhoe and St Osyth. The hall hire charge is £24, Cllr Fairweather has offered to waive the fee from the community centre, or the PC could pay the charge.
- 2) Our Norton anti-virus protection runs out 2nd September and our renewal fee is £39.99. The clerk is looking into other options, do any councillors have any expertise in this?
- 3) The expenses unpaid at the end of the month are high because the expenses agreed for July and July salaries were paid at the beginning of August.

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ECC Report August 2017

A120 consultation not merely ‘popularity contest’

Residents have been reassured that upgrades to the A120 between Braintree and the A12 will not come down to simply being a ‘popularity contest’.

Essex County Council Deputy Leader, Kevin Bentley, has pledged to create “an A120 that works for everyone” as further insights were released from a public consultation.

The Council launched an eight-week consultation in January on five potential route options for an upgrade to the current single carriageway A120 between Braintree and the A12.

2,795 people responded to the consultation and the Council is still analysing in-depth feedback before it gives a recommendation for a preferred route option in the autumn.

Option C and Option E are the most popular first choices for 29% and 27% of respondents respectively.

- These were followed by Option A (17%), Option D (14%) and Option B (13%).
- 82% of people agreed that the A12 between Braintree and the A12 needed to be completely upgraded to a dual carriageway

Cllr Kevin Bentley, Deputy Leader at Essex County Council, said: “More than four out of five people believe an upgrade is needed to the A120 and that is why we are now building a water-tight case for funding to build an improved A120.

“As you can see from the raw data, there’s no clear standout route everyone agrees on as a first choice but this consultation was never supposed to be merely a popularity contest.

“We are digging into the detail of the consultation responses at the minute to help us determine a route option that is not only works for our residents, but delivers the best economic contribution for our businesses and those who use the A120 on a daily basis while of course paying close attention to the environmental impacts.

“It is vital we get this right and that is why we are unlikely to be recommending a favoured route option, or options, to the Government until the autumn.

Major boost for skills in Essex according to new key report

Major advances in tackling the skills shortage in Essex have been revealed in a new top level report for the county. Enormous progress been made to ensure local people are trained with the skills employers need, helping to boost Greater Essex’s £38billion economy.

The key report has been unveiled by The Essex Employment and Skills Board (ESB) in its latest edition of the Skills Evidence Base and shows that although Greater Essex’s 74,000 businesses still face a number of challenges, strong progress is being made thanks to various local initiatives.

The ESB is a strategic, employer-led board that also has local authority partners, including Essex County Council, and aims to ensure Essex has the skills the county needs to grow and prosper.

The fourth edition of the ESB’s report identifies priority sectors in the local economy and provides key information on skills needs and challenges.

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The latest priority sectors are:

Advanced manufacturing and engineering;

Care;

Construction;

Financial and related services;

Health;

IT, digital and creative and Logistics.

The report is fundamental in ensuring that the county responds to the main skills challenges it faces.

Angela O'Donoghue, an ESB board member and Principal and Chief Executive of South Essex College, added that a large number of Further Education Colleges in Essex have used the Skills Evidence Base to support successful bids to the Local Enterprise Partnership for the purchase of new equipment, to help fund the construction of new facilities and to enable curriculum development focused on local employer need.

In total, local colleges have used the report as leverage to secure more than £15million of funding to enhance their facilities and equipment.

Examples include a new Centre for Advanced Manufacturing at Harlow College, logistics facilities at South Essex College and STEM facilities at Colchester Institute

Other successes to date include the introduction of the ESB Education and Industry STEM programme, which has worked with employers to inspire more than 800 schoolchildren across Greater Essex in the past year.

The ESB has used its evidence base to deliver a Golden Hello and Tutor Training Programme to enable FE training providers to provide the training that industry needs and to create its 'What's Your Thing?' local careers information booklet, which was distributed to more than 20,000 young people.

Suzanne Jude, Chair of the Essex Employment and Skills Board, said that when the Skills Evidence Base was produced back in 2013, nothing like this existed in Essex, or indeed elsewhere in the country.

Four years later this Evidence Base is now widely viewed as the definitive source of intelligence on the skills challenges that employers in Essex's priority sectors are facing and provides a unique insight into the skills and jobs that are in demand across the county.

Cllr Kevin Bentley, Deputy Leader of Essex County Council and Cabinet Member for Economic Growth stated that bridging the skills gap in Essex is vital in ensuring that all businesses have the high-skilled workforces they need, as well as ensuring that residents are equipped to grasp the emerging opportunities as the county's economy continues to grow.

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The Essex Employment and Skills Board and its partners are already achieving some real successes, but more work must still be done to develop the future talent pool that is required.

To find out more about the ESB or download a copy of the latest Skills Evidence Base, please visit www.essexesb.co.uk.

The ESB has established a network of more than 150 local businesses helping them to deliver change to the skills system across Essex.

Some of its other board members include Raytheon UK, Ford UK, IFDS, London Stansted Airport (MAG), NHS, DP World, Coast Digital and the Federation of Small Businesses.

The Essex Skills Evidence Base covers the local authority areas of: Essex County Council; Southend-on-Sea Unitary Authority and Thurrock Unitary Authority and is made up of the following resources:

- A booklet report containing a summary of the more in-depth research and information that is freely available on our website: www.essexesb.co.uk/our-research.
- 14 local skills profiles covering all district, borough, city and unitary areas in Essex: Basildon, Braintree, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping Forest, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Southend-On-Sea, Tendring, Thurrock and Uttlesford.
- Seven sector-focused skills profiles: Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Care Construction Finance & Insurance Health IT, Digital & Creative Logistics

Develop new interests, qualifications and careers with ACL Essex

The ACL (Adult Community Learning) Essex new course guide is out and Essex residents can now find out more about the exciting range of courses on offer and enrol. Each course guide is packed full of a mix of creative, accredited and general interest courses all with the aim of helping learners to develop new interests, qualifications and careers.

New for this year is the opportunity to develop artisan skills in Silversmithing.

ACL courses range from GCSE English and Maths to introduction to web design or coding; cookery skills to pottery classes; Spanish, Italian or Chinese Mandarin to photography and yoga.

As well as a range of apprenticeships available across the county ACL offers work based qualifications in fields such as Accountancy, Law, Health and Social Care, and Management supporting Essex businesses by providing professional qualifications for employees.

Essex County Councillor Ray Gooding, Cabinet Member for Education said: “By distributing our course guide to 98 per cent of Essex households we can hopefully reach people who are keen to develop new interests, qualifications and careers. Adult learning courses take place at locations across the county and as well as a wide variety of courses on offer, there’s a mix of course times, start dates and days of the week to make the courses accessible for as many people as possible.”

You can enrol by phone on 0345 603 7635 or via <http://www.aclessex.com/> Not all courses are listed in the course guide so for a full programme of learning opportunities visit the ACL website. There are hundreds of courses to choose from so make this year the year you learn something new with ACL.

- ACL Essex is the leading adult education provider in the county, engaging adults and young people in education, training and lifelong learning.

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- There are four different versions of the course guide depending on what part of the county you live in.

Nominations open for fifth annual Essex Teaching Awards

Pupils, parents and teachers are being encouraged to put inspirational school staff forward for much-deserved recognition after nominations opened for the 2018 Essex Teaching Awards.

The annual awards, which are run by Essex County Council, are in their fifth year and celebrate the outstanding work of the county's teachers and support staff.

This year's categories are:

- New Teacher of the Year
- Teaching Assistant of the Year
- Primary School Teacher of the Year
- Secondary School Teacher of the Year
- Special School Teacher of the Year
- Primary/Special School Headteacher of the Year
- Secondary School Headteacher of the Year
- Governing Body of the Year
- School Team of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Student Choice Award

13 of the 2017 Essex Teaching Awards winners were also awarded Pearson Teaching Awards Certificates of Excellence last month, while the senior leadership team at St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School in Colchester were named as Silver Award winners and will now go on to the UK final in October.

Cllr Ray Gooding, Essex County Council's Cabinet Member for Education, said that Essex schools continue to perform fantastically well. More than nine in ten are currently rated as good or outstanding by Ofsted, while pupils continue to achieve some excellent results.

With another fantastic academic year coming to an end, now is an ideal time to be thinking about the contribution of those working in our schools and the vital role they have played in the county's continued successes.

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These awards provide the ideal opportunity to acknowledge their commitment and recognize their hard work.

Nominations opened on Monday 10th July and will close on Friday 17th November 2017.

The Essex Teaching Awards 2018 will take place in February 2018.

For more information about the Essex Teaching Awards or to make a nomination, please visit www.essex.gov.uk/teachingawards

£3 million boost for vulnerable children in Essex

Children and young people in care in Essex are set to benefit from a new approach to residential care following a £3million boost from the Department for Education's (DfE) Children's Social Care Innovation Programme.

The successful outcome of Essex County Council's bid to the programme was announced on Thursday 6th July by Robert Goodwill, Minister for Children and Families, in his first speech to the children's social care sector at the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS) conference.

The funding – part of a £30million package being shared nationally – will support the development of an alternative to traditional residential care over the next three years, aimed at children who have previously had multiple, unsuccessful care placements not only in Essex, but also in Hertfordshire and Norfolk.

It will involve trialling intensive and targeted support within the family home, combined with periods of time in care, which will mean the level of overall state intervention required is greatly reduced and the experience for vulnerable young people is improved.

Councillor Dick Madden, Essex County Council Cabinet Member for Children and Families said that he was absolutely delighted the DfE has recognised the value of this bid and excited to work in partnership with Hertfordshire and Norfolk, as well as local children's homes and the voluntary sector to deliver the Council's vision.

Taking a more innovative approach to delivering children's social care is drastically needed across the country to ensure in continuing to achieve positive outcomes for young people and ECC is one of the organisations leading the way in pioneering new methods and ways of working.

Not only will the new project allow ECC to support children and young people already in care, it will also focus on early prevention to enable, where it is safe and appropriate to do so, children to remain at home with their families in the first instance.

Robert Goodwill, Minister for Children and Families, said: "Through the Innovation Programme, we continue to fund exciting and pioneering projects that look to shake-up our traditional approach to social care.

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“Together they proffer a broad and balanced portfolio which both test new innovations, and scale and spread those that have been successful in Round One of the programme.

“I am delighted that we have supported this project, and look forward to continuing to hear about its great work in the future.”

- The Children’s Social Care Innovation Programme seeks to develop, test and share effective ways of supporting children who need help from children’s social care services
- 24 projects funded through the programme will receive a share of £30 million
- Evaluation reports on previous Innovation Programme projects have also been published today <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/implementation-evaluation-of-doncaster-childrens-services-trust>

Drivers urged to go online to avoid V Festival congestion

Drivers are being warned to expect delays later this month as thousands of festival-goers head to V Festival in Chelmsford.

The major music event comes to Hylands Park on 19 and 20 August, later this week with Essex Traffic Control Centre (ETCC) warning road users to check congestion and traffic management before travelling at www.essex.gov.uk/traffic or by following [@Essex_travel](https://twitter.com/Essex_travel) on Twitter.

The longest delays are likely to come on Friday, 18 August and Monday, 21 August as thousands of festival-goers arrive and leave the festival.

A number of roads surrounding the venue will be temporarily closed or have temporary speed limits to enable visitors to come and go safely. The roundabout at Greenbury Way will be closed in some directions between 9am on Friday, 18 August and 4pm on Monday, 21 August.

Locally signed, temporary 30mph speed limits will also be in place from 9am on Thursday, 17 August until 8pm Monday, 21 August to maintain road safety.

Essex County Council’s Cabinet Member for Highways, Cllr Ian Grundy, said: “The Essex Traffic Control Centre has many years’ experience helping to manage V Festival traffic. Staff work closely over the weekend with the organisers and emergency services with plans in place to solve any potential issues, including any emergency closure of the A12.”

Traffic control centre staff will remain at their County Hall screens throughout the long festival weekend to live tweet at [@Essex_travel](https://twitter.com/Essex_travel). They will monitor traffic and

#can control part time signals to help reduce congestion, if required.

All traffic management is subject to change so please check and obey local signage.

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TDC Report August 2017

ENCOURAGING FAMILIES TO GET MOVING THIS SUMMER

Sports and leisure centres across Tendring are encouraging families to get moving this summer as part of a Government campaign to reduce obesity. Free Sessions are being staged at sites in Clacton, Brightlingsea, Walton, Manningtree and Dovercourt over the coming weeks before children return to school.

They are all part of the nationwide Change4Life initiative which aims to prevent people becoming overweight by encouraging them to eat better and move more. Within each session children do a ten-minute shake up activity and there is a different one each week.

Once they have been completed the children get a stamp in a special passport to show they have taken part.

It is all being linked to Disney films such as Frozen, Beauty and the Beast and Cars to make it more fun.

All people have to do is go to the Change4Life website, put in their postcode and their nearest activity will come up.

At Clacton Leisure Centre there are family circuits from 11am to 11.45am each Saturday; at Brightlingsea Sports Centre get Fit Have Fun Sessions are being staged on Wednesdays from 5.45pm to 6.30pm; at Walton on the Naze Lifestyles it's parent and teen gym sessions on Mondays from 4.30pm 5pm; **Manningtree Sports Centre is putting on a sporting challenge circuit training session from 4.30pm to 5pm on Wednesdays**; and Dovercourt Bay Lifestyles is running a family outdoor boot camp on Mondays from 10.30am to 11am.

EXTRA TIME GIVEN FOR LEGAL AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED OFF

Extra time has been given to complete a legal agreement over plans to build 25 new bungalows in Mistlely.

Tendring District Council's Planning Committee agreed the application for the site to the south of Pound Corner in Harwich Road last year.

This was subject to legal terms being sorted out within six months for on-site Council housing or affordable housing; transfer of land for allotments and two new bus stops.

Negotiations have been taking place with the developer and are now almost finished.

TDC's Head of Planning Cath Bicknell asked for an extension until September 30 to have everything completed.

The request was approved by TDC's Planning Committee last Tuesday.

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CHANGES TO PLANS FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT REFUSED BY COMMITTEE

On the same evening significant changes to plans for a major development in Mistley were also refused. Frances and I made strong representation, as these changes would have led and paved the way to accommodate an extra 200 houses on the site.

An application for this has already been received by the Council.

The Committee last Tuesday unanimously rejected the alterations to the scheme.

There was also a very substantial reduction in open space from what had previously been agreed.

Tendring Farms also wanted permission for a potential of two and half storey homes across the 23 hectare development.

The alterations will lead to a different impact on the area which had been already objected by Mistley Parish Council, who also had concerns about the change of access.

The Parish Council felt the more northerly access on Clacton Road would lead to traffic congestion.

The Committee agreed with me that this variation would have led to a closing up of the green gap between Mistley and Lawford.

The committee refused the application due to the impact it would have on the rural setting due to the inadequate landscaping.

A further reason was the potential for two and a half storey properties 13 metres high anywhere on the site.

SEASIDE PROJECT TO HIGHLIGHT THE HERITAGE of TENDRING COAST

The history of Tendring's coastline is set to be brought to life through a series of free events supported by Essex County Council, Tendring District Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The two-year 'Resorting to the Coast' project launches at the end of August and aims to highlight the historic seaside heritage of Tendring's coastal towns with help from The Grand Theatre of Lemmings Theatre Company.

The project will enable local people to discover the history of seaside entertainment through street theatre, installations, theatrical re-enactment and the sharing of memories. 'Resorting to the Coast' will engage audiences with the fascinating history of Clown Bertram, our local seaside hero. Clown Bertram was a leading comedy character from Clacton and entertained crowds with his performances of banjo songs, a ventriloquist act, knobbly knees competitions and much more. He was the most popular and best-loved

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performer ever to appear in Clacton and spent 18 seasons from 1922 to 1939 entertaining both adults and children alike in packed houses.

During the last week of August ‘Resorting to the Coast’ with the Grand Theatre of Lemmings will visit Clacton, Walton, Frinton, Jaywick Sands and Harwich with their modern-day Clown Bertram and his bright young things. You can also expect hula hooping, comedy, magic, music and a flea circus.

Details on where you can find ‘Resorting to the Coast’ with the Grand Theatre of Lemmings:

- Wednesday, 30 August 12-4pm at Dovercourt Greensward, next to boating lake
- Thursday, 31 August 12-4pm at Jaywick Martello Tower
- Friday, 1 September 12~4pm at Frinton seafront, next to beach patrol
- Saturday, 2 September 12~4pm at Walton seafront, to the right of the pier
- Sunday, 3 September 12~4pm at Clacton seafront, to the right of the pier

“Resorting to the Coast’ has been made possible thanks to a National Lottery grant of £316,400 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). Essex County Council and Tendring District Council are also contributing time and resources alongside volunteers, including local heritage groups, who are the driving force behind a range of activities.

Spanning two years, ‘Resorting to the Coast’ will proactively engage with local community groups and schools to bring the seaside heritage of Clacton, Frinton, Harwich/ Dovercourt, Jaywick and Walton-on-the-Naze to life. The Grand Theatre of Lemmings is an organisation that works with local communities to help them celebrate their heritage, enabling everyone to feel proud of where they come from. They do this through schools projects, community celebration events and theatre. For this project they will be working with heritage professionals from local history societies to provide an accurate account of just what the entertainment involved.

Commenting on the project, Mandy Rose, Artistic Director, said: “We are thrilled to be partnered with Essex County Council, Tendring District Council and Heritage Lottery Fund and are really excited to engage a whole new generation with their fun and varied seaside history. We can’t wait to get stuck in and recreate such a fun and well-loved character such as Clown Bertram.”

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‘Resorting to the Coast’ is looking for volunteers to help with each event. Activities for volunteers could include splat-a-rat, sandcastle competition, hula hoop, dressing up and a general facilitation for fun. Old or young, all are welcome! If you would like to help please contact Mandy Rose by emailing admin@lemmingstheatre.co.uk.

FOUR MORE AIRCRAFT UNVEILED FOR CLACTON AIRSHOW

Four more exciting aircraft have been unveiled for this year’s Clacton Airshow - making it one of the best ever line-ups.

The MiG-15 and the Strikemaster will be appearing on both days of the event on August 24 and 25 while the P-51 Mustang is taking part on the first day and the Hawker Hurricane on the Friday.

The programme is now complete and will provide a feast for flight fans of all ages and tastes.

The Polish-built MiG-15 is currently operated by the Norwegian Air Force Historical Squadron. It finished service with the Polish Air Force in 1990. It is maintained by experienced Polish engineers and is painted and marked as “RED 18” to represent the Russian-Soviet pilot and cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin’s MiG-15.

The BAC 167 Strikemaster is a British jet-powered training and light attack aircraft and was a development from the Hunting Jet Provost trainer. It was first flown in 1967 and marketed as a counter-insurgency plane and was bought by many air forces across the globe. There were 146 built in all.

The North American P-51 Mustang is always a favourite with the crowds and flew bomber escort in the last few months of the Second World War and also carried out ground attacks over Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia.

The aircraft makes regular appearances at air shows around Europe, including Duxford’s Flying Legends show.

Last, but not least, the Hawker Hurricane is the unsung hero of the Battle of Britain and was built as a response to the RAF’s urgent requirement for a low-wing monoplane fighter.

There are only 12 left around the world in airworthy condition despite 14,231 being produced between 1937 and 1944.

The aircraft appearing at Clacton is the only flying example of the famous Hurri-bombers who carried the fight to the European mainland in 1941-42. We are the only remaining air show on the East Coast and I am sure that the crowds will flock to Tendring for this popular two-day event, one of the most important on the calendar.

There is just over two weeks to go to take-off and final preparations are now being put into place.

The four latest aircraft to be announced will join up with the RAF Tutor, Team Raven, the Vampire Pair and Gerald Cooper for the event as well as the ever-

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popular Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF), made up of the Lancaster and two Spitfires.

Also confirmed as taking part are the Tigers Parachute team; the Catalina and the world famous Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team the Red Arrows. The night flights on August 24 will involve OTTO the helicopter, the Twister Duo Fireflies and will be followed by a firework display on Clacton Pier.

BBC Essex will once again be providing Radio Airshow on 103.5FM and 729MW.

Clacton Airshow can also be contacted via twitter @ClactonAirshow and via its website, www.clactonairshow.com

TENDRING BUSINESSES: HELP US TO HELP YOU!

Help us to help you! That's the message to businesses across Tendring in an effort to provide them with better support.

Tendring District Council's Regeneration Team is sending out a short survey to get a better understanding of companies' needs and aspirations.

Do they find business bulletins and newsletters useful; what events would they like to see arranged in the future and what is of interest to them?

Zoe Fairley, TDC's Cabinet Member for Investment and Growth, said it is all very well the Council doing what it believes the business sector wants.

More importantly though, we want to know what ticks their boxes and what type of material they want to receive and what type of events they would attend, she said.

We want to use the resources we have to work closely with the business community in Tendring – and to do that we need a bit of feedback from them. It is all about gaining a better understanding of where they are coming from and just how we can be a positive help to them.

Companies and sole traders should have already received two business bulletins and the first *Tendring Business Talk* newsletter from the Council's Regeneration Team.

A range of events have been held in recent months throughout the District, including 'drop ins' and business surgeries.

"We would welcome their views and comments and want their ideas on if we should continue with these - as well as any topics they'd be interested to see covered," added Cllr Fairley.

"Therefore please complete the very simple questionnaire so we can make sure we are providing the support and assistance needed for Tendring businesses to further prosper and grow."

The questionnaire is split into two sections - one regarding recent communication and the second in relation to possible events – and should not take more than a few minutes to complete.

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The survey can be accessed at:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/?sm=r8_2BeyjOoHBQGMz8qC_2FQgQ_3D_3D

HALF TERM RESTRUCTURE OF TENDRING’S CABINET

A half term restructure of Tendring District Council’s (TDC) Cabinet has taken place to steer the organisation through the next two years.

TDC Leader Neil Stock said that with the administration having been in place since 2015 it was time for a refresh to deal with the exciting challenges ahead.

“We have a number of major projects on the go, such as Jaywick Sands and Garden Communities, as well as many other initiatives around the District which we are looking to vigorously pursue,” he said.

“There are also ongoing financial difficulties – which are being faced by all local authorities up and down the country – which are going to call for tough decisions being made.

“We are now halfway through this term of office with the next TDC elections in 2019 and it is only right to take a look at where we are, and where we want to be in the near future.

“While there are tricky challenges ahead it is also a very exciting time for Tendring with so much taking place as we continue to deliver high quality affordable services, while at the same time balancing the books.

“I feel now is the perfect opportunity to have a change which will guide us through a very important period for both the Council and the District.”

The changes take place with immediate effect and the new Cabinet is as follows:

Leader – Councillor Neil Stock

Finance and Corporate Resources – Councillor Carlo Guglielmi

Environment – Councillor Michael Talbot

Housing – Councillor Paul Honeywood

Health and Education – Councillor Lynda McWilliams

Corporate Enforcement – Councillor Fred Nicholls

Investment and Growth – Councillor Zoe Fairley

Leisure and Tourism – Councillor Mick Skeels snr

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