

Minutes 20th July 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 and Martine Ward
Also Present: Mrs Baxter (Clerk) and 7 members of the public including Mr J Hills (Hills Residential Ltd.)
District Councillor Heaney

Cllr Beard opened the meeting with the news that Anne Smith has resigned from the Parish Council taking the number of councillors down to 10 with one vacancy. Cllr Beard thanked the councillors, District councillors and clerk for their help over the past month.

17/141 Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllrs Jean Routledge, Jane Triscott and Julie Snowden. Also from County Councillor Carlo Guglielmi.

17/142 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests and Non Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Beard declared a non pecuniary interest in item 17/148 with regard to planning application 17/00927/DETAIL.

17/143 Approval and signing of the minutes from 15th June 2017.

It was resolved to accept the minutes from 15th June 2017 as true and accurate. They were signed by the Chairman.

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

17/144 To receive an update about the progress of resolutions from the last meeting of the Council on 15th June 2017.

The clerk made a verbal update.

17/145 Public Speaking

It was reported that Essex Highways have fixed the broken bollard on Bromley Road but that there is a pothole in the middle of the road and lots of cracks. It needs a proper resurface. The clerk will report it to Essex Highways.

It was asked why the development of 32 houses on Clacton Road is calling itself Elmstead Green. This was objected to as there is already a green in Elmstead. The clerk is to check with TDC.

17/146 County Councillor report

An electronic copy has been circulated, please see attached.

17/147 District Councillor reports.

Cllr Nicholls was on holiday.

17/148 Planning Applications – To decide comments to return to TDC planning

17/00927/DETAIL Mr J Hills - Hills Residential Ltd Land to The East of Tye Road Elmstead Colchester Essex CO7 7BB Reserved matters application for construction of new access to serve housing development approved under 16/00219/OUT. Deadline 24th July 2017.

The location of access, visibility, speed of traffic and footpath were discussed. Mr Hills advised the PC that Essex Highways did not require a footpath on Tye Road but that they will be putting one in as a temporary measure with the aim of getting links to Elmstead through the Meadow Close development. It was agreed to object to the application.

Cllr Beard later updated the PC that the access through Meadow Close is not agreed and will depend upon who purchases that development.

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17/00961/FUL Havenbrook Clacton Road Elmstead Essex CO7 7DB Proposed 6 No. detached dwellings. Deadline 21st July 2017.

Cllr Beard read the objection made by the neighbouring property. Plot 2 was discussed and whether it would create a loss of privacy for this property.

It was resolved to object to the application for the following reasons; On Plot 2 the house is too close to the neighbouring house, the site is overdeveloped with 6 houses, the layout is cramped and not in keeping with the development of 32 houses which is adjacent (houses are closer together and gardens are smaller) and the PC objects to backland development.

Proposed: Cllr Fairweather, Seconded Cllr Bell, all in favour.

It was also resolved to add that the PC would prefer to see smaller houses with fewer bedrooms.

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

Planning Applications - For information only:

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

The Parish Council were informed that this appeal has changed from a written appeal to an appeal by hearing. We were also informed that in addition to the submission we have already made we can make comments on the appellant's submission of the 9th June 2017 and the revised drawing. Deadline 20th July 2017.

17/00968/FUL Tudor House Chapel Lane Elmstead Colchester Essex CO7 7AG Erection of rain shelter.

17/01043/FUL 2 Hatchcroft Gardens Elmstead Colchester Essex CO7 7AJ Proposed two storey side extension. No comments made.

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. No comments made.

17/00926/FUL Casa Mia Old School Lane Elmstead Ground Floor extension to front for entrance porch. No comments made.

Planning Determinations - For information only:

None

17/149 Planning – Any informational updates on developments in Elmstead; Church Road, Charity Field?

Church Road – the sale is in the solicitor's hands and there is no completion date.

Once we know who the purchaser is we will invite them to a meeting.

Charity Field – nothing to report, aspects are being worked upon.

17/150 Planning – TDC Local Plan - Public Consultation on the Tendring District Local Plan 2013-2033 and Beyond Publication Draft

- i) Tendring District Local Plan - Publication Draft - Section 1 will be available for you to view and comment between the following dates:*

Start date: 16/06/17 09:00 End date: 28/07/17 17:00

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- ii) *Tendring District Local Plan - Sustainability Appraisal Addendum will be available to view and comment between the following dates:*

Start date: 14/07/17 09:00 End date: 25/08/17 17:00

Does the PC wish to comment on the current consultation, if so is a separate meeting necessary to review the consultation documents?

Regarding the Local Plan exhibition held at the community centre on 4th July it was noted that there had been a good turnout, that the map was not clear or helpful, it was disappointing that TDC didn't ask for feedback and that questions were not answered. Cllr Heaney said that the maps are not finalised, the planners are still trying to sort out the green gaps, and that TDC were pleased the event was so well attended.

Regarding the consultation it was discussed that the PC had made their comments in their response to the original consultation and in the letter to Cath Bicknell (Head of Planning TDC). It was resolved not to make a response to the current consultation. Proposed: Cllr Bell, Seconded Cllr Kavanagh, all in favour.

17/151 Finance

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

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

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

Cllr Fairweather updated the PC that the mower has broken and is in for repair. The coupling broke and it had to be collected by Upsons. They are able to fix it and return it within a few days. They will also do a service whilst it is stripped down for the repair. The total cost will be in the region of £1,500. There is £800 in the current budget for the service which was due soon anyway.

17/152 Finance Committee Meeting

- i) A brief report from the meeting of 13th July 2017.

Cllr Fairweather: The first quarter expenditure looks good. The handyman's wages look high but that is because his hours are weighted more heavily to the summer months.

- ii) The committee recommends that the signatories for the PC bank account should be constituted in future as follows:

The chairman of the council (Cllr Beard to be added),

The vice-chair of the council (Cllr Routledge in the process of being added),

The chairman of the finance committee (currently Cllr Fairweather) and

One other (currently Cllr Bell).

It was resolved to agree to the above proposal, Proposed: Cllr Fairweather, Seconded: Cllr Kavanagh, all in favour.

17/153 Strawberry Summer Fayre

An update from the working party on this event.

Cllr Fairweather has been trying to get a map of the event but can't get hold of the organiser. They were not happy about the £50 fee for the field. They do have the use of the School car park though.

17/154 Bluegates Donation

To hear a recommendation from the working party regarding three options that Essex Highways have given for the gateway signs and the options for the VAS signs. See separate report appendix 2.

Village Gates: It was resolved to agree to the recommendation for option 2, subject to cost. Proposed Cllr Kirby, seconded Cllr Ward, all in favour.

VAS Signs: It was resolved to make the application for the 2 VAS signs as recommended in the report. Proposed: Cllr Bell, Seconded Cllr Kavanagh, all in favour.

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17/155 Review of Village Maintenance Duties

To discuss the formation of a working party to look at the overall village maintenance schedule including the clearing of PROWS, the handyman's scheme of work and the grass cutting contract the PC has with Essex County Council.

It was resolved to create the above working party consisting of Cllrs Beard, Bell, Kavanagh and Fairweather.

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

17/156 Parishioner complaint on Elmstead Playing field

A resident who lives adjacent to the playing field has queried the use of photography on the field by the School.

It was resolved to write to the School to ask for an explanation.

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

17/157 Local Highways Panel Scheme: Installation of bollards outside Dormers, Clacton Road

The PC has received a completed validation report in response to our request to consider bollards outside Dormers to discourage visitors to Budgens parking directly outside the front of Dormers, or cutting across this pavement to access the car park.

The LHP suggests 2 bollards to prevent vehicles cutting the corner (blue crosses on photo), and also asks us to consider a third and fourth bollard alongside the edge of the carriageway (red line on photo) to prevent the area being used as a parking bay. The LHP asks us to liaise with the owner of Dormers; to hear back from Cllr Bell regarding this.

Cllr Bell has spoken to the owner of Dormers who is happy with the suggestion of bollards.

It was resolved that the PC asks Essex Highways to install the 4 bollards as suggested.

Proposed: Cllr Bell, Seconded: Cllr Ward, 4 in favour, 2 against.

17/158 Communications *Items of interest for inclusion in our September Upmarket report in addition to the report of meeting.*

Councillor Vacancy.

17/159 Items for next agenda or for information only

Cllr Beard suggests a separate planning committee which has its own meetings as the inclusion of planning in the main meeting is not working.

Cllr Bell reported that he had attended a TDALC meeting and met two representatives from EALC, Joy Darby and the chairman.

Cllr Beard reported that we have found out that the bus stop which our Alresford Road residents have been asking us to clean is not in Elmstead Parish, it's in Wivenhoe. The Parish Boundary runs down the centre of Alresford Road. He had asked Elmstead In Bloom if they would donate a planter as requested by the residents to brighten up the bus stop and was disappointed that EIB decided against doing this. Mrs Chubb pointed out that troughs don't do well right beside a road.

Cllr Kavanagh reported that a resident has complained that the gate to Clacton Road car park (stopping tall vehicles from accessing the car park) has been left unlocked on a few occasions. Cllr Kavanagh's brother is the project manager for the building development adjacent to the car park, but if it is one of the contractors who is leaving the gate open Cllr Kavanagh will need the dates to identify which one. The clerk will give Cllr Kavanagh the contact details for the resident to ask.

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There being no further public business councillors were thanked for their attendance.
 The meeting closed at 10.06pm.

Date of next Parish Meeting: Thursday 17th August 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 30th June 2017 are:

Current Account to end of month	£30,227.18
Total Expenses unpaid at end of month	£0.00
Total of expenses below (June payments - request for approval)	£3,503.31
Balance in current account after monthly expenses	£26,723.87
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	£64,495.91

Income Details for June 2017:

Total income for the month	£ 0.00
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Approval is requested for the following payments:

A&J Lighting Solutions - 13 LED conversions at £85/each and 7 LED Sox lantern conversions at £220/each. Two LED conversions still to be invoiced. £2,645 + £529 VAT (VAT to be reclaimed)	£3,174.00
Community Centre Hall Hire for June x 2	£32.00
Cllr Nick Bell – expenses for refreshments for June PC Meeting	£6.23
Mrs J Stobart – internal audit for y/e 31/3/17 (to notify the PC that this payment has been made since the last meeting)	£150.00
Mr A Dingwall – handyman expenses – petrol for strimmer and bungee straps for bin	£9.00
Mrs A Baxter – postage for annual return “signed for” delivery	£2.08
Mr B Jennings – Grass Cutting Dean Park 2 cuts in June	£130.00
Total	£3,503.31

Report prepared by A Baxter – Clerk & RFO
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Amended 19th July 2017 to change Community Centre Hall Hire to £32 for 2 evenings in June.

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Appendix 2 – Bluegates Working Party Report

1. **Village Gates**

We are unable to have our village emblem on the gates, and we have been offered the following 3 options:

- To have the gate and sign without the 30 mph roundel incorporated on the sign, positioned at the locations we have suggested with the existing signage.
- As above but with the existing 30mph signage replaced with new 30 mph terminal sign roundel mounted on a single post and the gateway signs located in front of these signs. However, Highways are unlikely to fund this but the existing post could be retained and re-used. They have commented that this option would reduce the sign clutter at each site.
- Or to have the gate and sign without the 30 mph roundel incorporated on the sign positioned on the Parish boundary and the current signs left as they are.

We agreed that we all preferred the second option above, although it would be more expensive. This achieves our objective of better defining the entrances to the village with a view to reducing speed of traffic and will also make the area around the signage more tidy. We wish to recommend this to full council for approval. If approved we should complete the Enquiry Form and submit it asap, and also seek an updated quote from Glasdon

2. **VAS Vehicle Activated Signs** (researched by Jean after the meeting)

VAS locations: There are strict rules about where/how they can be located, including that they must be at least 70m inside the speed limit signs, also about footpath width etc. Nick and I checked on the possible positioning of the VAS on Clacton Road and Bromley Road and have found that they can be placed in accordance with the Highways Practice Note on both roads. So the PC now needs to decide whether to ask for both, knowing that we might only be able to cover the cost of one. (Outside Whitebarn Farm, Clacton Road, and outside the house called Partway, Bromley Road)

Speed Surveys (We will receive a quote for the speed surveys once we have made our application to Develop Essex): We need to have a speed survey within the last 24 months showing that the average speed is at least 35mph - I would suggest we ask the PC to authorise surveys on both Bromley Road and Clacton Road - then we can see where the greatest need is. If the speed survey does not meet the criteria for a VAS sign the PC still pays for the survey.

Suggestion: if both sites are acceptable following the survey, and assuming we do not have enough funds in Bluegates to cover both (which we will not know until we have had all the relevant quotes) we should look for a grant to help cover the cost of a second VAS.

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ECC Report July 2017

97% of Essex pre-schools and nurseries judged Good or Outstanding

Essex County Council (ECC) is congratulating Early Years' providers across the county on recent Ofsted results which show 97% of pre-schools and nurseries were judged to be 'Good' or 'Outstanding' – 2 per cent above the national average.

The results, which were released on 21 June, also show that childminders in Essex have performed well with 93% being judged as 'Good' or 'Outstanding', which is above the national figure of 92 per cent.

The news comes as ECC is encouraging eligible families to find out more and apply for the government's free early education entitlement for some two and all three and four-year-olds, which is aimed at providing young children with stimulating early learning opportunities.

ECC is committed to ensuring children in Essex get the best start in life and work closely with Early Years' providers across the county to ensure this happens.

Research has shown that if children attend a high quality Early Years environment, they are better prepared to start school and have a strong foundation for high achievement throughout their education.

Attending a pre-school, nursery or childminder also enables children to learn important life skills, including helping them to be more sociable, confident and better able to communicate their needs. The government's free early education entitlement offer is testament to just how important learning these skills early on is to a child's later development.

Parents and carers of two-year-olds can find out if their child is eligible to receive the free early education entitlement on the Essex County Council website:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Early-Years-Childcare/Help%20paying%20for%20childcare/Pages/Two-year-old-Free-Early-Education-Entitlement.aspx>

Parents and carers of all three and four-year-olds can apply for the free early education entitlement and find out if they are eligible to receive the extended entitlement of up to 15 additional hours from 1 September 2017, here: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Early-Years-Childcare/Help%20paying%20for%20childcare/Pages/Free-Early-Education-Entitlement.aspx>

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Early-Years-Childcare/Help%20paying%20for%20childcare/Pages/Free-Early-Education-Entitlement.aspx>

Mural unveiled at Manningtree station

A new mural aimed at brightening up Manningtree railway station was unveiled on Thursday 29th June by Essex County Council Chairman, Cllr John Aldridge; I was also in attendance. The mural in the underpass shows local attractions in and around the Mayflower branch line, which runs between Manningtree and Harwich Town.

It was painted by residents of Acorn village, a local centre for people with learning disabilities.

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The project was made possible thanks to funding and support from Essex County Council, Greater Anglia, Essex and South Suffolk Community Rail Partnership and the Association of Community Rail Partnerships.

Essex County Council Chairman, Cllr John Aldridge, officially opened the mural and said to be delighted to have been able to unveil such a beautiful reminder of the wealth of culture available to Essex residents through the train network.

No doubt that this will help brighten commuters' journeys as well as boost Essex tourism. I paid tribute to the residents of Acorn village for their brilliant work and to all the partner agencies which have helped make this a reality, as well as the huge financial contribution they and the 200 employees make to our community, thought to be in the region of £4 million per year.

New venues on the way for Adult Community Learning in Harwich

New locations and better environments for learning are on the way in Harwich and Dovercourt.

From the end of next month, courses will no longer be provided at the Harwich Adult Community Learning Centre and starting from the new academic year, will move to venues suited to the specific type of course. A full announcement on the new venues will follow during the summer.

Learner enrolment numbers in the Harwich Centre has steadily declined over the years, meaning that it is no longer financially viable for courses to continue to run at the centre. The Harwich Centre will, however, continue to support and manage the on-site pre-school.

The course offering in the Harwich area will continue to include courses in Hair and Beauty, languages, GCSE, IT and Arts and Crafts. Courses range in duration, days of the week and timings of the courses. Information about the courses on offer in Harwich is available on the website.

People who have already booked courses in this area for the start of the new academic year have been contacted, with tutors looking forward to welcoming students to the new course venues in September. Anyone with queries or needing further information about courses in the Harwich area should call 0345 603 7635.

Essex library fees changing

Fees for library services including overdue book fines are set to change soon.

The fees are set to change after a recent review of comparable charges made by other local authorities.

These fees have stayed the same for eight years, so these changes are necessary, especially as Government funding continues to fall and will be phased out completely by 2020.

Book loans and computer use will remain free for all library customers, but certain charges will rise by a small amount from July 3rd, with a cap applying for books and CDs.

Charges for overdue fines, photocopying, printing, DVDs and book loans from the British Library will rise, and there will be a £1 charge to replace lost or damaged library cards.

Customers will still be able to borrow books and reserve items in stock free of charge.

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For more details on the charges, visit <http://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/fees-and-charges-are-changing/>

Category	Current charge	New charge
Fines for late returns of books, audiobooks, and CDs	10p a day	20p a day for each day the issuing library is open for the first week, £1.40 per week thereafter, capped at £7
DVD hire	£1.50 for 1 week	£2 for 1 week
CD hire	£1 for 3 weeks	£1 for 1 week
Children's audiobook hire	80p for 3 weeks	£1 for 3 weeks
Language courses	£3.50 for 12 weeks	£3.50 for 6 weeks
Photocopying		
A4 black and white	10p	15p
A4 black and white over 50 copies	5p	10p
A3 black and white	10p	40p
A3 black and white over 50 copies	5p	20p
A3 colour	£1.20	£2
Printing from people's network computers		
A4 black and white	10p	20p
A4 colour	50p	£1.20
Interlibrary loans	£1	£7
British Library loans	£3	£22, renewals will incur a £4.75 charge
Faxes		
UK and Ireland single page	£1.05	£1.25
UK and Ireland extra page	50p	60p
Europe single page	£2.55	£3.05
Europe extra page	£1.10	£1.30
Rest of the world first page	£3.10	£3.75
Rest of world extra page	£1.70	£2.05
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DVD hire	£1.50 for 2 weeks	£2 for 2 weeks
CD hire	£1 for 6 weeks	£1 for 2 weeks
Children's audiobook hire	80p for 6 weeks	£1 for 6 weeks
Language courses	£3.50 for 12 weeks	£3.50 for 6 weeks

What will be changing?

Fees and charges are changing for certain items including overdue fines, printing, photocopying, DVD hire, Children's audio books, language courses, books obtained via interlending and the British Library and faxes. There will also be a charge for replacement library cards.

When will this change take place?

The new charges will be applied from 3 July 2017. When implemented, these will be calculated on the new rate regardless of when loaned. So items taken out and already overdue prior to 3 July will be charged at the new fines rates when returned or renewed.

- On the day that the changes are made this will actually take several hours to implement on the library computer catalogue. They cannot be set up in advance of the date. This means the fines and charges will come into effect throughout the morning. This will be done by prioritising open times as far as possible but charges will not be in place for all libraries prior to 9am opening.

- Customers renewing on line will not get new fines/charges until the location of their Home library has been updated.

What changes will we see on our library computer catalogue?

The new fines and charges will come up automatically once updated. Instructions will be sent out for replacement card charges and for the Sales Items list which has been revised.

Why are our charges changing?

Our charges have not changed since 2009. These increases bring us into line with other local authorities. Income from fees and charges is invested back into the service. These increases in charges allow us to continue to offer a range of library services across the county despite the challenge of reduced funding for local government in recent years.

Why have the charges for books obtained via interlending and the British Library increased so much?

Borrowing items from outside of Essex has always been a costly undertaking. If possible we would always prefer to purchase our own copy for customers to use. However in cases where the item is no longer in the print, the subject is very specialist, the quality of the publication is poor or the cost is high etc, then we look to borrow from outside the county. We have previously subsidised the costs that this type of loan incurs. Unfortunately as budgets have become tighter we are having to focus increasingly on using our book fund to support our current stock holdings for use by all customers. Therefore a charge for administration and postage has been introduced to offset our costs.

How much will customers placing their own holds have to pay?

There is no charge for customers who place their own holds on existing stock. However there is an increase for books obtained via interlibrary loans and the British Library loans and their renewal to cover the increased administration and postage costs that these services incur.

Ribbon cut on £11 million housing scheme for older people in Tendring

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A pioneering £11 million housing scheme for older people in Harwich – the first to be delivered by Essex County Council’s £27 million investment in creating new Independent Living homes – is now officially open. The ribbon was cut on Rosebank Park, which offers housing for local people aged 55 and over who have a care need, by its first resident, Julie Beazley, 60, at a celebratory event for residents on Thursday 22 June.

Rosebank Park, located adjacent to Fryatt Hospital, Main Road, is managed by Season and offers 70 stylish apartments designed to meet local people’s changing needs in later life. Each self-contained apartment features one or two bedrooms, a modern open plan living, kitchen and dining area and bathroom. Residents also benefit from communal facilities including a residents’ lounge, dining room, mobility scooter store with charging points and private courtyard garden.

The scheme was developed by Ashley House (1) and their funding partner Funding Affordable Homes (2). Essex County Council supported the development of the scheme with a funding contribution of £1.7 million. ECC will invest a total of £27 million to help create up to 1,800 new Independent Living homes to meet demand around the county over the next five years.

Cllr John Spence, Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care, Essex County Council, said that the ambition of the Council is to provide the maximum help it can, so that people in later life can have the best quality of life at an affordable cost, a very important element of this Independent Living programme.

This investment will enable people to have the quality of life that they want, in a safe and pleasant environment and Rosebank Park is a living proof of that and only the beginning.

Paul Honeywood, Tendring District Council’s Cabinet Member for Housing, said: “It is fantastic news that Tendring is the first to get these new homes and more are to follow at Walton later this summer. It gives people – especially some of our most vulnerable people – another choice and one that means they can continue to live independently at home. We fully support this initiative.”

Kevin Beirne, Group Director of Housing Care and Support, One Housing (3) said: “These modern, stylish and spacious apartments will help older people in Harwich continue to live independently in a cleverly designed home. I love seeing the huge difference to residents’ lives our Season team has already made, making them smile and helping to build a fantastic community.”

Jonathan Holmes, Commercial Director, Ashley House, said: “Seeing local people today enjoying living in these great new homes is a real privilege and the reason our team work so hard with like-minded partners to deliver schemes like Rosebank Park.”

Julie Beazley and husband Edgar, 64, were the first residents to move in to Rosebank Park in January 2017. She said: “I had numerous falls in our previous home, a first floor flat without a lift, and we felt trapped. When this became available we couldn’t believe our luck because it had everything we needed within one building. It’s given us both a new lease of life.”

A second new Independent Living scheme in Tendring, Beaumont House in Walton-on-the-Naze, is set to welcome its first residents in July 2017. To find out more about Rosebank

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Park, and Independent Living homes in Essex, visit www.independentessex.co.uk or www.seasonhomes.co.uk.

Video of Opening Ceremony

Includes interview with residents, Cllr John Spence, Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care, Essex County Council and Kevin Beirne, Group Director of Housing Care and Support, One Housing:

<https://vimeo.com/222752938>

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About Funding Affordable Homes ⁽²⁾

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About Season – part of One Housing ⁽³⁾

Season offers retirement housing for sale and shared ownership across London and the South East. We build and manage homes that are affordable, vibrant and age-adapted in the UK's most desirable locations. We promote independence and active lifestyles, with the security of our skilled care and support service. We provide a tailored and personalised offering to meet your lifestyle expectations.

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**Land owners reminded of their responsibilities following successful prosecution for illegal
waste disposal**

Landowners have been reminded that they must gain planning permission for waste disposal on their land following the successful prosecution of a Brentwood landowner.

The owner of a site (known as Waterworks Spring Farm), within the Metropolitan Green Belt, was found guilty of the unauthorised deposit of waste and fined a total of £2280 (including costs) after the County Council discovered he was importing and spreading of waste materials on his land in October 2016.

Essex County Council, as the Waste Planning Authority, alongside the Environment Agency investigated the breach of planning control at the semi-rural site following complaints from local residents.

The Council tried to deal with the issue directly with the landowner but eventually was left no choice but to instigate court proceedings.

The outcome of this case has been a reminder for us that landowners cannot just dump waste on their land and get away with it. Breaking planning rules and causing damage to the environment will not be tolerated and the Court's decision is to be applauded. Owning a

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piece of land in Essex means accepting a responsibility for the surrounding area and all who reside there, be it business, homes or wildlife.”

Kevin Rutterford, Environment Manager at the Environment Agency, said: “It’s crucial that all businesses understand their duty of care responsibilities for the waste they produce, who they allow to transport it and ultimately where it goes.

“Too often, when these responsibilities are misunderstood or ignored, we see the impact of waste crime where waste is deliberately dumped on land illegally. This can cause serious pollution, put communities at risk and undermine legitimate businesses that are doing the right thing.

“Even if the landowner has no involvement, legally they may still be responsible for that waste and that could mean a large clear up bill.”

To find out more information, or to report any ongoing concerns related to minerals and waste disposal activity please visit [here](#).

Anyone suspecting any illegal waste activities, who has been approached to store waste or may currently be storing such waste are urged to contact the Environment Agency via a 24 hour incident hotline 0800 807060. Alternatively they can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Or if related to a breach of planning contact Suzanne.Armstrong@essex.gov.uk

Waste and Minerals – planning enforcement

- The Planning Enforcement Officer checks the planning permissions granted for Minerals and Waste development and investigates complaints relating to active minerals and waste sites as well as any unauthorised minerals and waste activity.
- Any enforcement action is taken in accordance with the policies in our [Local Enforcement and Site Monitoring Plan](#). The plan explains how complaints are investigated and how complaints can be made.
- Essex County Council provides quarterly summaries of enforcement action, and records of action are kept online for one year following their publication [here](#).

Queen appoints new Lord-Lieutenant for Essex

Her Majesty The Queen has appointed a new Lord-Lieutenant of Essex to replace Lord Petre when he retires in August after 15 years as the Royal representative in the County.

Jennifer Tolhurst, a current Deputy Lieutenant, will take over from Lord Petre, who will stand down on August 4 after turning 75 - the obligatory retirement age for the Sovereign’s representatives.

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Mrs Tolhurst, a former High Sheriff of Essex, who lives in Danbury with her husband Philip, said: "I am extremely honoured to have been appointed Lord-Lieutenant of Essex. It will be a tremendous challenge to follow Lord Petre who has given such wonderful service to the County of Essex, but I will do my absolute best to fulfil the role, and represent Her Majesty the Queen in our very special County."

Mrs Tolhurst, who has three grown-up children and seven grandchildren, launched the Danbury and Little Baddow branch of the NSPCC and chaired the Prince's Youth Business Trust in Essex, while also serving as a Magistrate and Vice Chairman of the Governors of New Hall School.

She remains Vice-President of the Essex Community Foundation, serves on Essex University Court, is an assessor for the Queen's Awards for Voluntary Services and is Vice-Chairman of the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee.

Lord Petre, 18th Baron of the Petre family and Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order, whose ancestral family home is at Ingatestone Hall, said: "I have every confidence that Jenny will be a most worthy personal representative of HM The Queen in this County.

"She has already proved herself many times over as an active and enthusiastic supporter of a large number of our local institutions and is well placed to give encouragement and backing for all that is best about our wonderful County."

The office of The Chairman and Vice Chairman of Essex County Council provides administrative support to the Lord-Lieutenant, including organising Royal Visits, ceremonies for new citizens, Queen's Awards ceremonies and submitting Honours nominations.

Chairman of Essex County Council, Councillor John Aldridge, added: "For several decades the Chairman and staff of the County Council have worked closely with the Lord Lieutenant of Essex. We all look forward to continuing that strong relationship with Mrs Tolhurst as she takes on this most important and prestigious role.

"For the past 15 years, Lord Petre has served the people of Essex as the representative of HM The Queen for the County. His term of office has been marked by a commitment that has earned him enormous respect and affection throughout Essex. His unstinting work with charities and the uniformed services has only been equalled by his unfailing good humour and ability to put all he meets at their ease.

"Lord Petre has without any doubt been seen by all as truly the 'First Citizen of Essex'.

"I wish him well in his well-earned retirement from this distinguished office."

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