

WEST AREA COMMITTEE UPDATE

At the last meeting of this Committee, a number of issues were raised that required further investigation.

Ref No.	Issue	Progress	Officer details
28/08 (Minute 334/08)	Has any further consideration been given by the Council regarding bridle way access to the west of the proposed country park where it joins the New England Woods? (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item)	This matter was considered by the Cherry Orchard Member Advisory Group and subsequently the Council's Executive agreed that the provision of a bridleway was a low priority for funding by this Council. Officers were requested to pursue this matter with the County Council and have now met with them to discuss options. These options will be discussed at a Member Advisory Group on 14 October and include a permissive route through the woods for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders that will link with the bridleway at Flemings Farm. Progress with this scheme will depend upon securing additional funding.	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044
07/09 (Minute 28/09)	The possibility of an extension to Rawreth car park as an alternative to replacing District boundary signs. (Issue raised by a Parish Council representative during the Items to be Referred to the Executive item)	Officers have liaised with the Clerk to Rawreth Parish Council and the scheme has also been discussed with Councillor Mathews. The scheme proposed provides parking for ten vehicles. The design work for the parking facilities is in progress and will be given to the Parish Council for its views before the end of October. It is anticipated that works will be completed early in the New Year.	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044 H Meggison Rochford District Council 01702 318057

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21/09 (Minute 156/09)	Impact of the installation of rabbit and deer fences to protect new areas of tree planting on the public footpath. (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item)	Rabbit and deer fences are required in order to secure the grant funding from the Forestry Authority. These works were put on hold following an on-site meeting with the County Council while the precise route of the right of way was investigated and clarified. This matter has now been resolved and works are currently in progress to ensure that pedestrian access will be available along the banks of the river Roach and that the necessary fencing is installed to secure the grant funding. Access will also be provided through to Edwards Hall Park.	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044
22/09 (Minute 157/09)	Weeds in rose beds in London Road, London Hill and Little Wheatley Chase, Rayleigh (Issue raised by a District Councillor during the County Highways Localism item)	The weeds in London Road and London Hill are removed on a monthly basis and all beds across the district will be cleansed during the autumn and winter months.	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044

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23/09 (Minute 159/09)	Grass cutting and litter clearing required in Sweyne Park (Issue raised by a District Councillor during the County Highways Localism item)	<p>Grass cutting is undertaken as required; this year there has been little grass cutting from June onwards due to the very dry conditions. Part of the open space is allowed to naturalise and these areas are cut less frequently than other areas. The large hay meadow in the centre of the park is cut after ground nesting birds have raised their offspring.</p> <p>Litter collection takes place once a week across the park with litter and dog bins being emptied on two occasions per week. At the initial meeting of the Friends of Sweyne Park, where over 50 residents attended, a number of residents volunteered to assist in litter picking, this along with the introduction of additional litter bins may reduce the amount of litter seen on the ground. The bigger issue is that visitors to the park need to be encouraged to not drop their litter.</p>	R Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044
27/09 (Minute 206/09)	Clearing of rubble from land in the vicinity of St Nicholas Church of England Primary School, Rawreth (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item)	Officers have implemented two “rubble picks” by the Council’s Street Cleansing Contractor in order to clear a lot of the rubble in the area opposite the school site, with a third pick having taken place at the end of September. All the mounds of earth that existed in the same area have now been removed / spread across the new football pitch site where the groundworks have now been completed. Officers are currently arranging the next stage of works which involves tree / hedge planting along that path line behind the ascot fencing that is already in place which will result in a further grading / clearance of that area.	Jeremy Bourne Rochford District Council 01702 318163