

East Area Committee Update

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

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07/07 (Minute no 268)	Poynters Lane, Great Wakering – the possibility of hard-standing at the bus stop and refuge points along the road to assist pedestrians.	It is intended to have this work completed by end of March 2008.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
08/07 (Minute no 369)	Report regarding complaints about the speed of traffic down West Street and South Street, Rochford. The District Engineer to provide the results of the speed checks along these roads and the proposed liaison meeting between Essex County Council and Essex Police.	The results of speed checks in South Street and West Street will be available by 16 January 2008.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
11/07 (Minute no 268)	Obstruction of the public footpath through the boat yard, Paglesham East End.	Letters have been prepared and will shortly be sent to the relevant people.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
19/07 (Minute no 300)	Four pieces of metal protruding from the ground on the tarmac path that runs between the Co-op and Conway Avenue in Great Wakering, which presents a danger to people using the	It has been established that this section of footpath is jointly owned by 25, 27 and 29 High Street, Great Wakering. The owners of these three properties have	Albert Bugeja Head of Legal Services 01702 318130

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	route.	decided to carry out the necessary repairs independently of the Council. The Council has been informed that the works have now been completed.	
20/07 (Minute no 300)	The possibility of reinstatement of the 'slow' sign on the Southend Road, Great Wakering on the approach the entrance Morley's Nursery.	Weather permitting, this work will be completed in the first two weeks of the New Year. The District Council's Head of Community Services to pursue the matter, should work not be carried out within the above timescale.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540 Jeremy Bourne Head of Community Services 01702 318163
22/07 (Minute no 369)	Establishing responsibility for the clearing of litter and cleaning the area around the new Somerfield development in Rochford.	The Head of Community Services would follow up a concern that litter clearing was only taking place at the very front of the store. Council Officers have met with Somerfield representatives to reiterate and confirm the area of land that they are required to cleanse.	Jeremy Bourne Head of Community Services 01702 318163
23/07 (Minute no 300)	Report of ruts and ridges in the road surface in Ashingdon Road in the vicinity of Hall Road/Dalys Road,	Various patches have been marked out ready for repair. Major works are necessary for next	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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	which presented difficulties to two blind residents.	financial year, subject to funding.	
26/07 (Minute no 367)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the street lighting in Sutton Road, particularly from Warwick Drive to Purdeys Way, can be upgraded. • What cutting regime is in place to deal with the overgrown vegetation along Sutton Road? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A large part of this section of road is included in the Sutton Ford bridge scheme; when this gets underway, lighting will be included as part of these works. This scheme is on the programme for 2008/9 and it would be prudent to wait until completion of the scheme before considering other changes. • Essex County Council's Inspector will order works for the Contractor to carry out as soon as possible, as and when the need arises. 	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
27/07 (Minute no 367)	Why two specific houses are to be built in New Road, Great Wakering, which is allegedly on a flood plain.	<p>Officers now had established the addresses of the properties in question. One of the houses is within the flood plain and the other is not.</p> <p>Application 06/00468/FUL (1A Glebe Close) is outside the flood</p>	Shaun Scrutton Head of Planning & Transportation 01702 318100

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		<p>zones shown on the adopted Local Plan proposals map and therefore, development is, in principle, acceptable without the need to examine the implications of flooding.</p> <p>Application 07/00068/OUT (Adj. 155 New Road) on the other hand is within Flood Zone 3 and therefore, in principle, development is not acceptable. Therefore, consent was refused for the proposed dwelling.</p>	
28/07 (Minute no 368)	Progress regarding the surfacing of the carriageway at Brays Lane junction, which was considered unsatisfactory.	A bid for funding had been made, which, if successful, will mean surfacing can proceed during 2007/8. If no funding is available this year, a bid for funding in 2008/9 will be made.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
29/07 (Minute no 368)	The possibility of removing the pedestrian refuge outside the Co-op in Great Wakering, which had been causing problems, would be raised with Essex Police.	Essex County Council Traffic Management Engineer has been asked to look into this item. No action is likely in near future as there is need for further investigation and an allocation of	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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		funding should the decision be made to remove the refuge. It is suggested that this be added to the Locally Determined Programme for 2008/9.	
30/07 (Minute no 368)	The vegetation overhanging parts of New Road in Great Wakering, which often obstructs pedestrians from walking on the pavement, would be inspected.	The owner of the trees in New Road was asked to cut back the overgrowth and this work has now been carried out. There is no footway in this location, just grass verge.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
31/07 (Minute no 368)	Drainage problems at the junction of Little Wakering Hall Lane with High Street, Great Wakering would be inspected on a day when it is raining.	A verbal update will be provided at the East Area Committee meeting on 16 January 2008.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
32/07 (Minute no 368)	The District Engineer advised that resurfacing of Brays Lane to the Baltic Wharf was being considered. A classified count of the number and size of vehicles using the road on a daily basis was being undertaken. These statistics would be passed to County Cllr N Hume, the highways and Transportation portfolio holder,	County Cllr Hume, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation, has visited the area to see first-hand what the issues are. Results of the classified count will be available at the meeting on 16 January 2008. Temporary repairs to the road at	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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	and then forwarded to Rochford District Council.	the wharf have been made. It is hoped to undertake a more permanent repair during 2008/9.	
33/07 (Minute no 368)	An update on the monitoring/modelling for the Rochford Sewage Treatment Works, Stambridge to be provided.	The Council's consultants, ADAS, are in the process of evaluating the pre-and-post construction reports. This will form the basis of the proposed modelling activity. It is anticipated that the assessment will be completed by the end of January 2008. This work is still on track.	Richard Evans Head of Environmental Services 01702 318044
34/07 (Minute no 368)	Introducing Measures to Deal with Irresponsible Dog Ownership It was believed that the Police had a statutory responsibility to deal with any dangerous dogs that were reported, as well as responsibility for stray dogs reported outside of office hours.	Essex Police advised that, whilst there is no statutory duty on police officers to seize a dangerous dog from the highway, if the public is affected, the Police would secure public safety by whatever means are practicable. From April 2008 Local Authorities will assume full responsibility for stray dogs, including those reported outside office hours.	Andy Parkman Essex Police 01268 775533
35/07 (Minute no 427)	Lighting in the car park of Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall	Ashingdon Parish Council had approved a grant for lighting works	Albert Bugeja Head of Legal Services

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	A request was made that Rochford District Council assist financially towards the installation of lighting in the hall's car park.	and District Council officers would be available to discuss the options in detail.	01702 318130
36/07 (Minute no 427)	<p>Wheelie bin, Great Wakering Community Association</p> <p>RDC to liaise with the Community Association regarding the provision of a wheelie bin for its premises.</p>	The activities of the Community Association are classed as commercial for the purposes of collecting waste. The Council is therefore unable to provide a wheelie bin for the premises. The Community Association is advised to contact commercial trade waste businesses to set up an agreement for its waste to be collected.	Richard Evans Head of Environmental Services 01702 318044
37/07 (Minute no 429)	Replacement of the plastic banding on the bollards outside the White Hart in Great Wakering High Street.	These works have been ordered.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540