

East 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
07/07 (Minute no 268)	Poynters Lane, Great Wakering. Hard-standing at the bus stop and refuge points along the road to be established.	This work has been completed.	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 outcome of a proposed liaison meeting between Essex County Council and Essex Police. The County Council be asked to explain the basis on which the speed checks (detailed opposite) had been carried out.	The results of speed checks along these two roads were as follows:- South Street: 31mph to 32 mph West Street: 29mph to 30mph As these figures were considered to be acceptable, no action will be taken. The speed checks were carried out over a 24-hour period. A fuller explanation will be provided by the District Engineer at the meeting.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
11/07 (Minute no 268)	Establish a definite time for clearing the obstruction of the public footpath through the boat yard, Paglesham East End.	Essex Boatyards have not responded to the Essex County Council (ECC) request and the matter will now be forwarded to the ECC Enforcement Officer. However, this is a new role and it may be some weeks before he can familiarise himself with all matters outstanding.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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20/07 (Minute no 300)	Reinstatement of the 'slow' sign on the Southend Road, Great Wakering on the approach the entrance Morley's Nursery.	Following notification that remedial measures had been completed, a site visit was made. However, the 'slow' markings plus other items have still not been completed. ECC is in contact with the developer.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
22/07 (Minute no 369)	Establish the situation regarding the adoption of the access road to the Somerfield development in Rochford by Essex County Council.	This road is to remain private. Only the bellmouth will be adopted.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
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, which presented difficulties to two blind residents.	The patches of road identified have been repaired.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
26/07 (Minute no 367)	Whether the street lighting in Sutton Road, particularly from Warwick Drive to Purdeys Way, can be upgraded.	Lighting of this section of road would be included as part of the Sutton Ford bridge scheme, which is on the programme for 2008/9. It would be prudent to wait until completion of the scheme before considering other changes. There is a possible scheme start in 2009/10.	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.	The removal of the refuge had not been supported by the Parish Council. No action would be taken.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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32/07 (Minute no 368)	Resurfacing of Brays Lane to the Baltic Wharf.	<p>Temporary repairs to the road at the wharf had been made. It is hoped to undertake a more permanent repair during 2008/09.</p> <p>Capital funding has been requested but is yet to be confirmed.</p>	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
33/07 (Minute no 368)	<p>An update on the monitoring/ modelling for the Rochford Sewage Treatment Works, Stambridge to be provided.</p> <p>Instances of activity and smells emanating from the Treatment Works, Stambridge to be investigated.</p>	<p>The report from the Council's consultants, ADAS, has now been received. It confirms that following the completion of the upgrade to the sewage treatment works, and the implementation of an odour management plan, there should be no significant offsite odour impact from the works.</p> <p>Complaints received in the past relating to potential odour from Stambridge Sewage Treatment plant have been investigated by the Environmental Protection officers. Anglian Water has recently completed a major upgrade of the works. Officers are continuing to work with Anglian Water, most recently by letter of 7 March 2008, to obtain improvements to their Odour Management Plan to minimise any potential for process odour emissions. A response is awaited. There is a well established protocol for Stambridge Parish Council to contact Anglian Water directly for information about activities on the site or when they receive complaints or enquiries from local residents.</p>	Richard Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044

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37/07 (Minute no 429)	Replacement of the plastic banding on the bollards outside the White Hart in Great Wakering High Street. A timescale to be established for the replacement of the plastic banding.	The County Council acknowledges that this has been outstanding for some time. Although these works have been ordered, the supplier of the fluorescent banding has yet to deliver.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
4/08 (Minute no 72)	County Council to reassess provision of a bus service from Stambridge earlier in the mornings and later at night.	<p>Stambridge is currently served by Service 60, which provides links into Rochford and Southend, with 11 journeys running on Mondays to Fridays and 8 on Saturdays.</p> <p>Arriva operates the weekday off-peak service on a commercial basis, i.e. it does not receive any direct subsidy from the County Council. The County Council does financially support the weekday peak hour and Saturday journeys that are operated by Stephensons.</p> <p>The County Council's Road Passenger Transport Strategy outlines the Council's policy and strategy for the support of bus services across the county. Contained within this is a set of aspirational minimum levels of service across the county, which are based on the population of the Parish. Under this strategy the minimum level of service for Stambridge is 2 return journeys a day, 6 days per week plus one peak hour timed journey. This is met by the level of service provided by Service 60.</p> <p>Also contained in the Strategy is a value for money</p>	Nick Blackall Essex County Council 01245 437249

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		<p>measure. Any bus service provided by the County Council must not exceed a subsidy per passenger of £5. The figure for Service 60 is currently £1.67.</p> <p>In considering whether additional services should be provided, the County Council will take a number of factors into consideration. These include the likely demand for the service, the availability of existing services, the availability of funding and whether the new service will meet the value for money measure.</p> <p>For the County Council to consider the request further it would need to know at what times residents would like any additional journeys and details of the potential usage. This would allow the County Council to speak to operators and to formulate a view as to whether the various factors would be met.</p>	
8/08 (Minute no 23)	An outline design of the Country Park presented to the East Area Committee for consideration prior to its submission to Council.	The Council will be undertaking comprehensive consultation with user groups and other interested parties, including a further presentation to the East Area Committee, before finalising the design and presenting a report to the Executive Board later this year.	Patrick McKenna Rochford District Council 01702 318117
9/08 (Minute no 73)	Speed limits in Rochford town. Why the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in Rochford Town Centre had not been	Essex County Council policy on the introduction of 20mph zones/speed limits is currently being reviewed as part of the Speed Management	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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	<p>implemented following previous discussions.</p> <p>Why there had been no change to the street lighting in Hall Road, Rochford following the recently introduced 40mph speed limit.</p>	<p>Strategy. The County Highways District Engineer will give further details at the meeting.</p> <p>Standard of lighting provided is not determined by the speed limit on a road.</p>	
10/08 (Minute no 73)	Traffic flow and illegal parking in North Street.	North Street is patrolled regularly by parking attendants and if there is an infringement of the parking restrictions a PCN is issued.	Shaun Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100
11/08 (Minute no 74)	The difficulty in getting through on the telephone at Clements Hall.	Virgin Active management have taken comments on board and will continue to monitor the effectiveness of telephone answering, particularly in relation to times of peak usage. They have re-stressed with staff the need to answer telephone calls prior to serving someone at the desk and there is also a 'holding' message in place on the telephone system to avoid continual ringing without any answer.	Jeremy Bourne Rochford District Council 01702 318163
12/08 (Minute no 74)	Lighting in the Great Wakering Sports Centre car park and a date for completion of the works.	Lights had been dismantled previously due to continuous vandalism but are now being replaced. The timing mechanism is also being overhauled. Orders are currently being placed with the contractor to carry out the work.	Jeremy Bourne Rochford District Council 01702 318163

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13/08 (Minute no 74)	Non-attendance by a police constable at Great Wakering Parish Council meetings.	This issue appears to have resulted from a genuine misunderstanding.	Andy Parkman Essex Police 01268 775533
14/08 (Minute no 75)	Action be taken regarding a van regularly parked over the access to the parking bays in Old Ship Lane, Rochford.	It is understood this may refer to a van used by a business in North Street that parks in front of a gated access in Old Ship Lane. If this is the vehicle referred to, it is not parking illegally, nor is it causing an obstruction to other vehicles wishing to park in the street.	Shaun Scrutton Rochford District Council 01702 318100
15/08 (Minute no 75)	Weight restriction sign at the junction of Apton Hall Lane with Stambridge Road to be replaced as a matter of urgency. Hedgerow to be cut back.	Essex County Council is waiting for statutory undertakers' information before placing the order. It is estimated that it will be 6 weeks before completion takes place. Further information on the location of the hedge is required.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
16/08 (Minute no 75)	Public Footpaths 1 and 3, Stambridge – proposed footpath diversions. An update to be provided on progress of the public consultation in respect of the diversion of Footpath 3 and part extinguishment of Footpath 1.	The draft order has been prepared and submitted to Essex County Council for approval. Statutory consultation and public notice will commence at the end of April.	Albert Bugeja Rochford District Council 01702 318130

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17/08 Minute no 73)	<p>Bus service related issues</p> <p>Is it possible to:-</p> <p>(1) Restore timetable frames on the Harrogate Drive (Service 7) bus stops – (a) Southend direction (removed by vandals) (b) Rayleigh direction (removed by motor-cycle collision 15 years ago).</p> <p>(2) Restore Service 10 timetables in frames at Ashingdon School's bus stops, both Rayleigh and Rochford/Canewdon directions.</p> <p>(3) Install a litterbin by the Rayleigh direction bus stop at Harrogate Drive.</p>	<p>(1) Arrangements will be made for new timetable cases to be put up at the Harrogate Drive stops on the Service 7 route in Hockley.</p> <p>(2) Arriva is arranging for a Service 10 timetable to be included at the Ashingdon Schools stops.</p> <p>(3) The inspectors visited the area and have confirmed that a litterbin can be installed on a pole close to a bus stop on the opposite side of the road to no 139 Greensward Lane, Hockley, Confirmation is required that this is the intended location.</p>	<p>Nick Blackall Essex County Council 01245 437249</p> <p>Richard Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044</p>
18/08 (Minute no 73)	<p>Establish who is responsible for maintenance and cleaning of the footpath running from Conway Avenue alongside the Anchor Pub into Wakering High Street.</p>	<p>The cleansing of this footpath is the responsibility of RDC, it will be cleaned on the same basis as the adjoining roads.</p>	<p>Richard Evans Rochford District Council 01702 318044</p>