

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 – the possibility of hard-standing at the bus stop and refuge points along the road to assist pedestrians.	Suitable locations are being looked at. No progress at present.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
08/07 (Minute no 268)	Report regarding complaints about the speed of traffic down West Street and South Street, Rochford.	Speed checks have been requested – results not available as yet. Results of the speed check are surprisingly high – ECC to liaise with Essex Police.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
11/07 (Minute no 268)	Obstruction of the public footpath through the boat yard, Paglesham East End	The issues at Paglesham Boatyard have been ongoing for many years as boats get moved around the yard. The current situation is being looked into. ECC officer, Christine Allman, has visited the site and confirmed that the path is obstructed. Appropriate letters will be sent.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
15/07 (Minute no 301)	Great Wakering Youth Provision	Information being gathered on the youth projects as part of the overall	J Bourne Head of Community Services

	District Council to liaise with Colchester Borough Council to see whether their youth project might be something that could be adapted for Great Wakering.	process of assessing of how best to utilise the budget available.	01702 318163
16/07 (Minute no 301)	Great Wakering Youth Provision An update on the meeting scheduled for 27 September for partners involved in the project.	Meeting of 27 September agreed the content of the consultation questionnaire and the means and timescale of the consultation (due to be completed end of October).	J Bourne Head of Community Services 01702 318163
17/07 (Minute no 302)	Overgrown Footpath between Stambridge Hall and Stambridge School. County Highways advised that the overgrown hedge would be cut during the week ending 14/9/07.	Overgrown vegetation has now been cut back.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
18/07 (Minute no 302)	Cable Visible in ditch next to footway by the Village Hall, Canewdon. County Highways to provided an update.	Cable has been suitably ducted and buried.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
19/07 (Minute no 300)	Ms K Shinn, Great Wakering I am concerned that there are 4 bits of metal that are protruding from the	The Council is in the process of ascertaining who owns the land.	A Bugeja Head of Legal Services 01702 318130

	ground on the tarmac path that runs between the Co-op and Conway Avenue in Great Wakering. This is a danger to those less able people who use this route. I want to know if anything can be done to get these pieces of metal removed or dealt with.		
20/07 (Minute no 300)	Mr H Morris, Great Wakering The realignment of Southend Road, Great Wakering took out a 'slow' sign on the road as you approach the entrance Morley's Nursery. The Parish Council has been asking for over a year when the sign is going back on the road and Essex has not given us an answer to our many emails. Please can we have the answer to our question?	There has been a lengthy exchange of emails between the Parish Council and the County Council and it is most regrettable that the outstanding work has not been completed. The developer responsible for delivering the work to a satisfactory standard is required to return to complete all outstanding items. A timescale will be agreed and notified to the Parish Council within the next 14 days. LH to check that this work has been carried out.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
21/07 (Minute no 300)	Mr Bunn, Great Wakering Questions relating to Rochford District Council's current recycling	Recycling rate for Rochford has increased year on year and a rate of 17% was achieved in 2006/07. We are currently achieving a rate	R Evans Head of Environmental Services 01702 318044

	<p>performance and recycling service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is RDC recycling rate only 14.5% slowly increasing which represents a performance in the worst 25% of Councils nationally? • Why does RDC have the lowest recycling rate in Essex? • Why is RDC unlikely to meet its own low recycling target of 19.3% in 2006/07 let alone the Government's of 25%? • Why is plastic not collected by RDC? • Why are RDC recycling collections only made fortnightly from a Blue Box which has inadequate capacity for one week let alone two weeks? • Why is RDC the only council in South Essex that doesn't do kerbside collections of cardboard and textiles? • Are all 13 Bring Bank recycling sites in the District now collecting all of the items (as contained in the RDC 2006/2007 Refuse and Recycling leaflet: paper; cans; glass; textiles and plastic bottles? 	<p>of 20.2% (August 2007).</p> <p>It is accepted that this result is in the lower quartile for Councils nationally. This is a reflection of:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The configuration of the current refuse and recycling contract • The previous investment in the service, together with issues such as education and promotion • The participation rate <p>A new waste management contract will commence in April 2008 and will provide an opportunity to significantly increase recycling. Consideration is currently being given to collecting additional materials such as plastics and cardboard and the types of containers that will be used.</p> <p>There are 35 Bring Bank recycling sites with a total of 137 banks. Six sites have facilities for all</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In an article in the Times Group local newspaper of 26 June 2007 Cllr M Starke stated that there were 35 local Bring Bank sites located throughout the District. RDC list 13 – where are the additional 22 sites located? 	<p>materials. Details of the sites are on our Website.</p>	
<p>22/07 (Minute no 268)</p>	<p>Mrs Lucas, Rochford</p> <p>Around the new Somerfields development in Rochford there is daily more and more litter spoiling the new site. Whose responsibility is the cleaning of this area? All parties concerned seem to be denying responsibility. We are concerned, especially as it's in the middle of the conservation Area.</p>	<p>This site is in private ownership and it is the responsibility of the landowner to keep the land clear of litter. Action is being taken to ensure these duties are being complied with.</p>	<p>R Evans Head of Environmental Services 01702 318044</p>
<p>23/07 (Minute no 300)</p>	<p>Rochford Parish Council</p> <p>Two blind people living in the Rochford area have experienced difficulties in crossing the road in Ashingdon Road in the vicinity of Hall Road/Dalys Road because of ruts and ridges in the road surface.</p>	<p>Various patches have been marked out ready for repair. Major works are necessary for next financial year, subject to funding.</p>	<p>L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540</p>

<p>24/07 (Minute no 300)</p>	<p>Mr Robinson, Great Wakering</p> <p>Since the road surface has been re-tarmaced along the High Street in Great Wakering, the road surface height has increased, while the height of the pavements has remained the same; am concerned about the possibility of flooding on the pavements during heavy rainfall.</p>	<p>Areas of low kerbs have been raised to prevent the ingress of water.</p>	<p>L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540</p>
<p>25/07 (Minute no 300)</p>	<p>Mr M Lucas, Rochford</p> <p>At the last forum Lyn Harvey emailed Parish Councils requesting a list of work that needed to be done. When the list from Rochford Parish Council was forwarded to her the reply received was that no money was available. Why?</p>	<p>The budget available for this project was cut substantially following the last forum. Realistically, ECC can only now carry out work on items considered as a safety issue.</p>	<p>L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540</p>