

East Area Committee Update

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5/09 (Minute 74/09, 213/09 and 248/09)	Speeding motorcycles through Great Stambridge village. (Issue raised by Parish Councillor during the Crime and Disorder spotlight item)	Following a report of motorcycles speeding through Great Stambridge village, Police checks had been conducted over the course of 3 weekends, during which time no speeding had been recorded. The Police would contact County Highways to request that static road strips be laid, which would provide a breakdown of vehicular activity in the area. An update will be provided at the meeting of the timescale for laying down static road strips.	Glen Westley Essex Police 0300 333 4444
11/09 (Minute 212/09)	Anti-social behaviour in Rochford Town (Issue raised by a District Councillor under the Crime and Disorder Spotlight item)	Anti-social behaviour in Rochford by two distinct groups of young people: a group of teenagers and a group of junior-school aged children. Disturbance and damage was occurring every night of the week from 5pm until after 12pm. The children had been identified and their parents spoken to by the Police and some had been asked to sign an acceptable behaviour contract (ABC). However, it appeared that the problem was persisting.	Glen Westley Essex Police 0300 333 4444

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		The Police have confirmed 11 reported incidents in the 4 weeks to 4/11/09. A core group of 6-7 youths has been identified. Multi-agency meetings have been arranged and 3 ABC's signed. Further work is on-going to deal effectively with other identified youths.	
12/09 (Minute 212/09)	Vandalism and Anti-social behaviour by youths around the old fire station in Great Wakering (Issue raised under the Community Forum item)	The matter would be passed to the Neighbourhood Specialist Officer (NSO) for Great Wakering.	Glen Westley Essex Police 0300 333 4444
25/09 (Minute 246/09)	Cost of maintenance of public toilets (Issue raised by a resident under the Community Forum item)	How much money is spent on running the public toilets over 5 years and what has been the cost of the repairs for the same period? The cost of running the District's public toilets for the years 2004/05 to 2008/09 inclusive is £248,976.46 (this covers cleaning, electricity and water/sewage). The cost of works to the public toilets over the same period is £84,940.06.	Alan Thomas Rochford District Council 01702 318110
27/09 (Minute 246/09)	Vandalism and under-age drinking issues in Great Wakering (Issue raised by a resident under the	Why are the vandalism and under-age drinking issues not being dealt with? (It was felt that planning proposals for toilets will encourage more vandals.)	Glen Westley Essex Police 0300 333 4444

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	Community Forum item)	<p>The local NSO PC Thomas has identified a group of youngsters, some of whom are under 10; their parents have been contacted. Those who are 10 and over have all either been arrested or interviewed and reprimands/ warnings given where appropriate. NSO Thomas continues to actively monitor ASB in the Great Wakering area.</p>	

EAST AREA COMMITTEE UPDATE

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

Ref No	Issue	Progress	Officer details
H32/07 (Minute 368(1) and 32/09)	Resurfacing of Brays Lane to the Baltic Wharf. (Issue raised by District Councillors during the Highways Matters spotlight item)	Although repairs will be carried out on the road from Ashingdon Road through to Wallasea Island as and when required, the major funding is allocated to reconstruct the carriageway at Lion Wharf. Discussion with the contractor is ongoing and a programme date is awaited.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H32/08 (Minute 257/(2)/08, 31(2)/09 and 213/09)	Funding for Sutton Ford bridge scheme (Issue raised by a District Councillor under the Highways Matters spotlight item)	Although the funding has not been confirmed the Sutton Ford Bridge scheme will be in the indicative programme for 2010/11. Delays to the scheme were as a result of difficulties associated with the purchase of land from more than one landowner. Department for Transport (DfT) comments have been received and are now being reviewed by ECC Legal Services, ECC Structures Team and Consultants.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H36/08 (Minute 257(2)/08,	Request that the bus stop sign be moved from its original position to where the new bus shelter had been	County Highways is in discussion with the owner of the Masons Way development regarding the completion of the footway - the	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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145(2)/09 and 213(09)	erected in Mason's Way, Great Wakering outside the new flats. (Issue raised by a District Councillor under the Highways Matters spotlight item)	bus stop flag can be included in this work (see item H15/09).	
H7/09 (Minute 145/09 and 213/09)	Street lighting in Rochford. (Issue raised by a District Councillor during the Highways Localism item)	Unless notification to the contrary is sent to County Highways, street lights will be turned off from March 2010. A licence from County Highways granting permission to suspend Christmas decorations on lamp columns in Rochford Market Square and West Street is being prepared.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H8/09 (Minute 145/09)	Cagefield Road, Stambridge In respect of the request that the verge be hardened to allow car parking (which was not supported by ECC) County Highways agreed to look into the issue in light of the comment that refuse trucks were being prevented from getting past the cars parked on both sides of the road. (Issue raised by a Parish Councillor under the Highways Localism item)	A site visit will be needed, which has not taken place as yet. A County Highways officer will be happy to meet Parish representatives at the same time and to consider options. County Highways is awaiting contact from the Parish Council.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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H10/09 (Minute 145/09)	30mph signs in Stambridge Request to move the 30mph signs in Stambridge to the other side of the Memorial Hall due to the problem of speeding traffic. (Request from a Parish Councillor under the Highways Localism item)	Although Stambridge Parish Council has offered funding for the works and for additional lighting, the proposed works failed to meet the Policy criteria set by County Highways and could not therefore be supported. The item has been further discussed with Cllr P Capon outside meeting and a copy of the scoring criteria has been provided.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H14/09 (Minute 251/09)	Footpath and lighting at the Lawns Cemetery, Hall Road, Rochford (Issue referred from Central Area Committee)	When will the footpath at the Lawns Cemetery on the B1013 Hall Road be installed and the street lighting brought up to the rest of the B1013 lighting level? There is only about 100 metres of missing footpath and it has been on the local list for many years. The lighting level on this half mile of the B1013 is currently lower than a normal side street level. Drivers on this 40 mph road are plunged from high intensity lighting into almost darkness, which is not only a danger for drivers but also residents along this stretch. The request for a footway remains on the list for progression and should now be a matter for the Localism Panel to discuss. Currently this section of road is lit by Parish lighting.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

<p>H15/09 (Minute 247/09)</p>	<p>Footpath problems associated with the new development of flats by the garage in Great Wakering</p> <p>(Issue raised by a District Councillor under the Highways Localism spotlight item)</p>	<p>County Highways and RDC are pursuing completion of the works with the developer.</p>	<p>Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540</p>
<p>H16/09 (Minute 247/09)</p>	<p>Footpaths in Canewdon</p> <p>(Issue raised by a Parish Councillor under the Highways Localism spotlight item)</p>	<p>County Highways officers would check any footpaths in Canewdon that were identified by the Parish Council as being a cause for concern in respect of potholes and protruding manhole covers. Information from Parish Council is awaited.</p>	<p>Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540</p>
<p>H17/09 (Minute 247/09)</p>	<p>Stambridge Road/Stewards Elm Farm Lane, Stambridge junction protection/waiting restrictions</p> <p>(Issue raised by a District Councillor under the Highways Matters spotlight item)</p>	<p>An update would be provided to Cllr P A Capon confirming the anticipated timescale for the works, in light of concern expressed relating to road safety.</p>	<p>Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540</p>
<p>H18/09 (Minute 247/09)</p>	<p>Footpath between the Cherry Tree public house and the school, Stambridge Road</p> <p>(Issue raised by a District Councillor under the Highways Matters spotlight item)</p>	<p>A site visit was undertaken on 19 October 2009 to assess the condition of the stretch of footpath between the Cherry Tree public house and the school in Stambridge Road. An Order has been raised for the footway to be cleared.</p>	<p>Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540</p>
<p>H19/09</p>	<p>Parking at Barling Primary School</p>	<p>Andy Hildson, County Highways District Manager, has met Councillors on site at</p>	<p>Lyn Harvey Essex County Council</p>

	(Issue raised by a District Councillor under the Highways Localism spotlight item)	Barling Primary School to assess issues relating to parking. A scheme may be possible should land become available. The ECC Schools Safety Officer would visit the school to update the school travel plan.	01268 297540
H20/09 (Minute 247/09)	Church Road, Canewdon – access only (Issue raised by a Parish Councillor under the Highways Matters spotlight item)	The District Manager had consulted with the Police and the County Council legal department with respect to the proposal to make Church Road access only. County Highways is now looking at the best way of progressing this.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H21/09 (Minute 247/09)	Footpath scheme for Poynters Lane/Wakering Road/Cupids Corner	Great Wakering Parish Council has made an ECC Community Initiative Fund (CIF) bid to secure funding for the scheme.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H22/09 (Minute 247/09)	Hole in the middle of the road in Brays Lane (Issue raised by a Parish Councillor under the Highways Matters spotlight item)	An inspection would be organised for a deformation of the carriageway in Brays Lane, past Hydewood Lane, in the vicinity of the Old Rectory. A suitable repair is being considered.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H23/09 (Minute 247/09)	Footway in the vicinity of the Co-Op/estate agent/dress shop, Great Wakering (Issue raised by a resident under the Highways Matters spotlight item)	Possibilities of using existing legislation that requires landowners to intervene in the interests of health and safety would be explored by County Highways in order to address the poor condition of the footway in the vicinity of the Co-Op/estate agent/dress shop in Great Wakering; it was anticipated	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

		that the Co-Op, as majority landowner, might be forced to take appropriate remedial action with respect to the footway. Details of the site are being prepared in order that the ECC Legal team may write to the owners.	
H24/09 (Minute 246/09)	Car parking blocking access for refuse or emergency vehicles in certain areas in Canewdon. (Issue raised by a resident under the Community Forum item)	Joint action between ECC, RDC and local Police may be required to resolve the increasing problem of car parking blocking access for refuse or emergency vehicles. Details of specific sites need to be provided by the Parish in the first instance.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H26/09 (Minute 246/09)	Can provision be made to remove the grass verge in Twyford Avenue, eastern side from the double yellow lines to number 10? This to be replaced with some form of hardstanding. Vehicles have to park two wheels on the verge to allow room for larger or emergency vehicles to pass. (Issue raised by a resident under the Community Forum item)	In cases of hazards such as a deeply rutted verge, it was usual practice for County Highways to arrange for this to be filled in and screeded. The cost of diverting pipes and cables in verges could be costly; however, if the verge was empty of these, the works might be done relatively easily. This item would be included in the Highways Localism list 2010/11 for consideration.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540