

### East Area Committee Update

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Ref No	Issue	Progress	Officer details
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 have confirmed that a speed device detector (SDR) will be installed over the Easter period (from 31/3/10) to coincide with the anticipated increase in motorcycle traffic over the Easter break. This will provide a breakdown of vehicular activity in the area.	Glen Westley Essex Police 0300 333 4444
1/10 (Minute 33/10)	Incidents of anti-social behaviour, including abusive youths, damage to private vehicles, graffiti and low police levels.  Cleaning to square, support to local residents in dispute with management agency, total feeling of abandonment from the Authority?  (Issue raised by a resident during the Community Forum item)	The Neighbourhood Specialist Officer (NSO) for Rochford, PC Goldsack, has been informed about the anti-social behaviour (ASB) issues raised by the resident and has responded that matters are being dealt with and a huge improvement has been seen. The Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator is also aware of the situation in this area.  PC Goldsack has reported that the Boleyn House management company has fixed a hole in the building and this has reduced	Glen Westley Essex Police 0300 333 4444

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		<p>instances of anti-social behaviour in the stairwells.</p> <p>'Operation Ditty' has been put in place, which aims to take the details of any youths in the area committing ASB, and moving them on. Youths breaking the law will be arrested and letters written and visits made to parents. Since February, 29 youths have been stopped and dealt with and a first warning letter has been sent to the parents of all 29 youths. A final warning letter has been sent to the parents of the seven youths who have been stopped more than once. PC Goldsack has made home visits to the three youths who have been stopped more than twice to make parents aware of the consequences of their children's actions. The number of calls to the area has dropped considerably.</p> <p>With regard to the graffiti, youths have been arrested and are now on bail, pending enquiries. In addition, there has been one arrest for possession of drugs, one arrest for shoplifting and two arrests for public order offences.</p>	

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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)	Work to re-construct the carriageway in Creeksea Ferry Road in the vicinity of Lion Wharf commenced 22 February and final surfacing was completed at the beginning of March. Brays Lane surfacing was completed in February.	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)	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. ECC Legal Team is updating CPO details, following comments from Go North East ready for publishing. The ECC Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation, Cllr Hume, has discussed the scheme with the County Bridges Structures Manager and agreed that the scheme will be in the 2010/2011 Capital Programme.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H8/09 (Minute 145/09)	Cagefield Road, Stambridge  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	A site visit has been arranged for a County Highways officer to meet Parish representatives on site to consider options.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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	<p>the comment that refuse trucks were being prevented from getting past the cars parked on both sides of the road.</p> <p>(Issue raised by a Parish Councillor under the Highways Localism item)</p>		
H16/09 (Minute 247/09)	<p>Footpaths in Canewdon</p> <p>(Issue raised by a Parish Councillor under the Highways Localism spotlight item)</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. County Highways awaits information from Canewdon Parish Council.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H17/09 (Minute 247/09)	<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>	The work is about to commence and restrictions should be operational by the end of March 2010.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H20/09 (Minute 247/09)	<p>Church Road, Canewdon – access only</p> <p>(Issue raised by a Parish Councillor under the Highways Matters spotlight item)</p>	The Police and the County Council legal department were consulted with respect to the proposal to make Church Road access only. Essex Police are not in support of a part-time traffic restriction in Church Road, Canewdon and so County Highways would	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

		not want to close the road as it is a public highway leading to the Church.	
H21/09 (Minute 247/09)	Footpath scheme at Poynters Lane, Great Wakering from Wakering Road to Cupids Corner.  (Issue raised by a District Councillor under the Highways Localism spotlight item)	Great Wakering Parish Council has made an ECC Community Initiative Fund (CIF) bid to secure funding for the scheme. The CIF Panel will consider the bid and it is anticipated that a decision will be made by the end of March 2010.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
H22/09 (Minute 247/09)	Hole in the middle of the road in Brays Lane, past Hydewood Lane, in the vicinity of the Old Rectory.  (Issue raised by a Parish Councillor under the Highways Matters spotlight item)	An inspection of this section of the carriageway in Brays Lane showed that the depression in the road did not warrant intervention at this stage. The order is with the contractor to erect signs to raise awareness of the unevenness of the road.	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 that the Co-Op, as majority landowner, might be forced to take appropriate remedial action with respect to the footway. Essex County Council (ECC) will contact the Land Registry	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

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		to verify the legal situation in respect of this situation but has been unable to do this to date due to volume of work.	
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 Essex County Council, Rochford District Council and local Police may be required to resolve the increasing problem of car parking blocking access for refuse or emergency vehicles. To date, Essex County Council has not received specific sites from the Parish Council, which it needs in order to progress the matter.	Lyn Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540