

FRATING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Memorial Hall, Main Road, Frating
on **Monday, 4th October 2021.**

Present: Cllr. Cuthbert (Chairman), Cllr. Philps, Cllr. Bland (Vice Chair), Cllr Mogg and Cllr McWilliams
Also present: Jennifer Spear (Manningtree Town Clerk – Stand in for Michelle Salazar, Parish Clerk)

Minutes

10.21.462 Public Questions – No members of the public were present.

10.21.463 Apologies for absence

Cllr. Anderson and Cllr Coster gave their apologies.

10.21.464 Minutes of 6th September 2021

Amendments – Cllr McWilliams was in attendance and so was Cllr Bland, Cllr Anderson was not in attendance. The minutes were amended and signed. Cllr. Cuthbert proposed and Cllr. Mogg seconded. All in favour.

10.21.465 Planning (new applications) – None

Planning decisions –

ai) 21/00583/FUL Approval - Full 14.09.2021 Delegated Decision Mr Matthew Julier Application for retention/continued use of the pool (formally used for residential purposes) for commercial purposes and erection of fence to front boundary Fieldfare Bromley Road Frating Colchester Essex CO7 7DP

a ii) 21/01371/FUL – Update from Cllr Cuthbert – the planning approval for this had already been given, before the council were able to add their comment. The planning officer decided that because the balcony was surrounded by 1.8m of frosted glass, the balcony would not be overlooking any adjacent properties.

a iii) 21/01234/FUL – Update from Cllr Cuthbert – it was noticed that the planning application stated no change to the water course. However, it also stated that a ditch would be filled in and a pipe fitted therefore if planning is granted the council wanted it to be noted that the water course is being altered, this ditch is the main feeder into Bentley Brook and with the flooding issues that have occurred if planning is granted, they must be responsible for maintaining the pipe and the water course there. Cllr Cuthbert added this to the no objection agreed by the council from September's meeting.

10.21.466 District & County Councillor reports (previously circulated)

See Appendix 1 & 2

Crossways - Cllr McWilliams has asked the chairman if she can speak on behalf of the residents in Frating, although it comes under the Great Bentley Parish – it really effects the Frating Residents, once it goes to committee. At the moment everything is still on hold in regards to the planning application due to Essex Highways and also Anglian Water.

The womens Bike Tour comes to the area on Friday 8th October.

10.21.467 Payments–. All in favour.

P/ment no.:	P/ment to:	Amount:	Council Ref.:
EP	Landscape Services	£156.00	Inv nos. 2339 & 2371 Grass cutting
EP	M Salazar	£204.80	October 2021 salary
EP	T Cuthbert	£34.27	Chairmans allowance
EP	J Spears	£39.87	September meeting cover (PAID)
D/D	EON	£42.09	Electricity supply

Action: Clerk to process payments.

10.21.468 Updates

i) Palletplus – RACE Meeting held on Friday 1st October. There has been a complaint made to the enforcement team about work that was going on before planning has been granted. Enforcement have visited the site and work was halted. However even today there was a large digger on site carrying out works.

There have been concerns raised by the residents because Mr Irwin has provided the owner of Palletplus, Gary Rowe with a mortgage to buy extra land. Therefore it is unclear which part of the land is wanting to be developed.

Gary Stavers the head of enforcement at Tendring District Council who was dealing with the planning application but he has now resigned so a new contact and a new planning officer will need to be assigned.

Council did not attend this meeting as due to previous experience with planning applications it works well to have two points of view from the parish for the planning officers to consider. One from the residents (RACE in this instance) and one from the Parish Council. Council has found an original planning application and subsequent refusal from 2012, to change the amount of vehicle movements that was restricted to 45 per week. Also that the original planning conditions were being breached back then in relation to working outside of their allocated hours of 8am to 6pm – which have subsequently been changed to 7am to 7pm.

Action: Cllr Cuthbert will send over a copy of these documents to Cllr McWilliams

ii) Morehams Hall – There is work going on at the property, including an extension which looks to have improved the property.

Action: Await the full planning application for the 5 houses as it still has not come through but keep an eye in the meantime.

iii) Flooding (Haggers Lane, Bromley Road & Main Road) – The report has been returned back from Essex County Council. It stated that all of the houses had internal flooding but this is incorrect, some of the houses in Haggers Lane suffered from sewage back up. Cllr Cuthbert will notify ECC of this mistake so they can amend their report.

As a result of the findings the report suggested that it might be an idea to reinstate a water course on the eastern side of Bromley Road, but this is not a firm project so we need to find out if this is a likely project. Another option is making land owners and residents responsible for 50% of the upkeep of the ditches that run through their land. However, if the ditches are piped how can a resident be responsible a closed pipe. The tree that's roots caused part of the problem has now been removed

so that should help for the coming winter. Also the pipe that was completely blocked at the end and it has now been cleared. At the moment Anglian Water have not carried out any surveys at the sites and no work has been specified to be carried out, ECC have chased public affairs at Anglian Water about this and are awaiting a reply.

ECC has confirmed that this is a public report and can be shared with residents.

Action: Cllr Cuthbert will send to Clerk to add it to our website.

10.21.469 Future arrangements for Clerk Cover

At the moment the clerk is still completing work for the council remotely and Jennifer Spear (another clerk) is providing meeting cover and writing up the minutes. The current clerk has found a job local to where she has moved too so the future arrangements need to be decided, as the original agreement was to keep the current clerk on until the end of the year. There are only 2 meetings left before the end of the year and ideally the council would like a new clerk to start on January 1st 2022.

Action: A job application for a new clerk is to be advertised as soon as possible.

10.21.470 Councillor and Clerk reports

Councillor reports given previously in the meeting, no updates from the clerk.

10.21.471 Possible Council Vacancy

Cllr Coster has now sold her property and will be moving out of the village once the sale completes. The council maintains that councillors must either live or work in the parish to remain on the council. Cllr Cuthbert has advised Cllr Coster of this, so there will be another vacancy on the council in the near future.

10.21.472 Meeting closed at 20:38pm

Chairman/Vice Chairman signed:..... Dated:.....

Appendix 1

District Council report – October 2021

GOVERNMENT PLANNING REFORMS PUT ON HOLD AFTER MOTION PASSED BY TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

A motion calling on the Government to protect the rights of people to object to planning applications was agreed, with no abstentions or objections by Tendring District Council (TDC) at its Full council meeting held on Tuesday, 14th September.

The motion stated that “planning works best when developers and local communities work together to shape local areas” and called on the Government “to protect the rights of all communities to object to individual planning applications”.

Concerns related to the proposed planning reforms that put forward a zoning system of planning which would potentially remove the right for people to object to applications.

It was reported a few days later that the suggested reforms had been put on hold by the new Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government Michael Gove, citing both the Cabinet reshuffle and concerns over the proposals, as reasons for the delay.

To date there has been no official announcement.

LIMITED ROAD CLOSURES CONFIRMED FOR WOMEN’S TOUR EVENT

On Friday, 8th October, the world’s top female cyclists will race between Colchester and Clacton on Stage 5 of the AJ Bell Women’s Tour, World time trial champion Ellen van Dijk will be taking part and the defending event champion Lizzie Deignan.

It is expected that almost 100 riders will battle it out on the roads of North Essex for the stage win.

At 11.30am the peloton will leave from Colchester’s Northern Gateway Sports Park through the historic town centre, before the riders pedal out of the borough to Ardleigh and Great Bromley. They will then ride on to Clacton, via Elmstead Market, before completing a loop of Tendring district.

To enable the race to happen safely a rolling road closure will be in place along the majority of the route, meaning streets will be open either side of the event as riders head to the finish line.

A full road closure will be in place from 5am until 8pm along Marine Parade West and part of West Road in Clacton to facilitate the finish line and event.

The temporary closures are scheduled to start between 10.45am and 4.30pm. Alternative routes will be available for use as diversions, including the A12, A120, and A133. Access for emergency vehicles and pedestrians will be always maintained during the closure.

You can follow the Women’s Tour on [Twitter](#) (#WomensTour), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) or via the event’s official website at womenstour.co.uk.

FUEL DISRUPTION

The situation was being monitored through TDC’s Emergency Planning Team and through communication with all relevant authorities. Hopefully, as I write the panic to buy fuel has started to settle down; however, from experience locally I believe we have been very fortunate to have received fuel deliveries.

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL IS SUPPORTING THE BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK

The authority will be supporting parents and their families who have lost a young child.

Baby Loss Awareness Week will be held from the 9th to the 15th October, by lighting up Clacton Town Hall in pink and blue.

Remembrance Ribbon Displays will be hosted at the Clacton seafront gardens, where a ribbon can be left to remember a loved one. This is the third year the ribbon display will be held on the seafront.

FESTIVE EVENTS – IS THERE AN EVENT THAT WOULD QUALIFY FOR A SUPPORT GRANT?

Hallowe'en, Christmas, or Clacton 150 may qualify for a grant towards these festive activities.

Tendring District Council (TDC) is running an Events Grant scheme, offering £500 to £1,000 to help boost your activities in the area.

If you're looking to hold an event celebrating Hallowe'en or Christmas, with perhaps say a yuletide market, you may qualify for this financial support.

Are you planning an event using local traders and/or performers then check out the scheme and see if you qualify?

The aim through TDC's "Back to Business programme", is to boost the local economy, especially in the run-up to Christmas."

Businesses can also apply for a grant of either £500 or £1,000 towards events being held in town or village centres, or seafronts close to them, when using local traders or performers.

Event organisers need to supply cost plans and risk assessments as part of their application, as well as meeting the project criteria. Events also need to be held within three months of receiving a grant.

A total pot of £35,000 is available, with a number of grants already paid out.

To apply to the fund, visit www.tendringdc.gov.uk/business/event-grant.

Appendix 2

County Council report – October 2021

ECC Report October 2021

Women's safety initiatives to move ahead following conference input

Partners from across Essex will be developing a range of initiatives to address women's safety across the county in key areas such as town centres and on public transport and will drive forward ideas and initiatives for improving women's safety across the county.

On the day when the murderer of Sarah Everard was sentenced to whole life imprisonment at the Old Bailey, the online Women's Safety Partnership conference, organised through Essex Partners and the County Council's Safety Advisory Group today 30th September 2021, shared the latest survey data and insight highlighting the circumstances such as locations and behaviours which contribute to women feeling threatened and unsafe.

The conference, which included Essex Police, local women's groups, support organisations, representatives from the media and residents, discussed how to:

- work with men to understand the impact of inappropriate behaviour towards women and supporting changes in behaviour where necessary
- make public spaces safer and ensuring they feel safe
- improve the safety of the night-time economy
- ensure public transport is safe and feels safe, and;
- challenge stereotypes and negative attitudes and language towards women.

Ideas from the workshops within the conference, covering transport, support for parents, role modelling initiatives and more will now be taken away for development and will be shared with the cross-party reference group, which will discuss and review proposals, as part of the decision process on how to allocate the £500,000 contribution from Essex County Council to improve safety for women.

Cllr Louise McKinlay, ECC's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Community, Equality, Partnerships and Performance, said the conference was an important step towards the aim of improving the safety of women.

Through work the County Council has done to date and this conference, we wanted to spark a conversation about public safety at a county level that leads to real, tangible action and change.

We have worked hard over the past few months to gather data and insight about the real experiences of residents from across Essex. Thanks to the contributions from attendees at today's conference, we will now begin to turn ideas into action. It won't come about overnight, but we know we must make a difference – the significance of today's sentencing for the murder of Sarah Everard will not have been lost on anyone who has contributed.

Details of plans will come forward by the end the year when decisions on a programme of initiatives and work will be agreed and launched.

- Research gathered under the SAG includes a safety survey carried out via ECC's residents' panel, Facebook polls, engaging with young people through the youth work programme and Young Essex Assembly, further bespoke surveys and polls about safety on public transport, focus groups, round tables, research into existing data sources/best practice, as well as analysing testimonials on Everyone's Invited and other websites.

Body worn cameras to be trialled at several school crossing patrol sites in Essex

Staff at busy sites in Clacton-on-Sea and Basildon to take part in new four-week trial of body worn cameras.

Trials of body worn cameras are to take place at two separate crossing patrol sites in Clacton-on-Sea and Basildon.

For a period of 4 weeks from Monday 4th October, School Crossing Patrol Officers at sites in Cloes Lane, Clacton-on-Sea and Whitmore Way, Basildon, will wear body cameras whilst on duty.

The crossings are on busy through roads which serve several nearby schools. This is the first time these School Crossing Patrol Officers have worn a body camera.

Cllr Tony Ball, Essex County Council Cabinet member for Education Excellence, Life Long Learning and Employability, said that although the majority of Essex drivers respect school crossing patrol officers and the safety of the children and families they help to cross the road, unfortunately, there is that very small minority of drivers who are impatient and sometimes even abusive toward the crossing patrols.

This is utterly unacceptable behaviour. Our School Crossing Patrol Officers are wonderful people, loved by the communities they serve, and who work in rain, wind and snow to keep the children of Essex safe; their safety and wellbeing and that of the children and families they help to cross the road, is of utmost concern to Essex County Council. That is why we are holding trials of body worn cameras on School Crossing Patrol Officers in these locations.

The trials of the body worn cameras will last for up to 4 weeks and will then be evaluated.

The law requires drivers to stop when a School Crossing Patrol Officer holds a Stop sign upright. It is an offence under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 if a driver does not stop when signalled to do so by a School Crossing Patrol Officer. The penalties for not stopping include:

- a fine of up to £1000
- three penalty points on your driving licence.

The Transport Act 2000 states that a patrol can stop traffic for any pedestrians and not just for school children or those accompanying a school child.

Adam Pipe, Head of Roads Policing at Essex Police, said: "Keeping Essex roads safe is a top priority for us and we welcome initiatives that help us do that.

"Everyone uses our roads, whether they are driving, cycling or as a pedestrian crossing the road. To ensure everyone is safe, we would ask drivers to be mindful of their surroundings, reduce their speed near crossings or schools and be courteous towards other road users."

You can help reduce collisions and casualties and make roads across Essex even safer by reporting instances of poor and dangerous driving.

The Lawford School Patrol Officer had to resign at the end of last year School term in July because of this.

Find out more at saferessexroads.org/extraeyes/extra-eyes-what-next

New ECC Strategy aims to make walking the number one active travel choice in Essex

A new Strategy has been published today 1st October 2021 to encourages Essex residents to cut out short car trips and walk instead.

Walking should be the natural, everyday choice, whether for shorter trips or as part of longer journeys according to the Essex Walking Strategy published today.

Short car trips are on the increase resulting in poorer air quality, more congestion, and a more sedentary population. County residents might assume that driving is always the most convenient choice, but studies have shown, it often is not.

The aim of the Essex County Council Walking Strategy is to reverse this trend and make us think about our trip and whether we really need to drive.

In addition, the strategy raises awareness of the many benefits of walking as well as spotlighting opportunities for ECC to encourage and facilitate more journeys on foot.

Full details of the Walking Strategy can be found here: <https://www.essexhighways.org/safer-greener-healthier-walking>

Cllr Sue Lissimore, Essex County Council Deputy Cabinet Member for Sustainable Travel, said that walking is the easiest type of travel and yet many of us don't walk enough. It is so natural

that we often don't even consider it a form of transport. However, in our busy lives, we may have undervalued the most fundamental way of getting around.

Leisure walking is a great way to start, then taking it further to walk to local shops.

This Walking Strategy seeks to get more of us walking on our network of footways and paths in our rural areas, towns, cities, and neighbourhoods and is a key component of our safer, greener, healthier campaign to encourage Essex residents to travel sustainably. Not only does this improve the environment but it helps us achieve our strategic priority to improve the health of people in Essex.

The Strategy follows the recent publication of an active travel survey in which almost three quarters (74%) of respondents supported prioritising and increasing space for walking across the county with 31% stating that they would like to walk more for leisure now that Covid restrictions have been lifted.

The Walking Strategy sets out objectives and priorities to 2025 to provide a policy framework that will promote more walking and better walking networks. These include:

- Increasing walking for everyday trips - with the aim for 400 walking trips (for travel) per person per year by 2025 where the average trip is approximately 1km or 10 minutes duration.
- Improving road safety for pedestrians - so that pedestrian needs are prioritised in all infrastructure projects.
- Enabling physical activity and walking for health - with the aim that residents achieve two 10-minute sessions of physical activity per day via active travel.
- Enabling more walking to schools - by encouraging more walking to schools through behaviour change programmes.
- Promoting walking for leisure - by encouraging social walks in greenspace to link individuals and reduce isolation.

To accompany the launch of the Essex Walking Strategy, a new walking video has been launched and can be viewed here: <https://www.essexhighways.org/safer-greener-healthier-walking>

ECC was awarded £7,358,700 from the government in November 2020 for tranche 2 of the Active Travel Fund, one of the highest allocations of any county in England. The money will fund a series of projects to reallocate and create more space for cycling and walking.

The results of the recent Active Travel Fund consultation can be seen here:

<https://www.essexhighways.org/safer-greener-healthier/active-travel-fund>

Headline responses include:

- 86% of respondents said that they were concerned or very concerned about traffic congestion
- 80% of respondents said that they were concerned or very concerned about air pollution

- 86% of respondents said that they were concerned or very concerned about road safety

ECC recently launched 22 coastal walks to celebrate the natural landscapes and picturesque towns along the Essex Coast. The walks are part of The Essex Path to Prosperity project, an initiative funded by the Coastal Community Fund, Essex County Council and other partners, in order to showcase the 350 miles of habitats, villages and vibrant towns in the county. All 22 of these walks are available free for all to enjoy on the Go Jauntly app:

<https://www.gojauntly.com/essex>

Essex County Council to host two Virtual Job and Careers Fairs for Essex residents

Essex County Council is inviting Essex residents to two virtual Job and Careers Fairs. This is an opportunity to meet a range of employers currently recruiting in Essex, offering a variety of full time and part time roles. Employers include, Essex Police, Essex Fire and Rescue Service, KIER, Marlborough Highways, Mitchell and Butlers, Aldi, Chelmsford Prison, NHS, Stansted airport, Southend airport, Morgan Sindall, ACL, South Essex College, Colchester institute, Kickstart Essex team and many more.

The events will focus on different areas within the county.

Wednesday 6th October Tendring and Colchester 10:30am -1pm [Colchester & Tendring Jobs Fair, Wednesday 6th October @10:30am - Jobs Live \(jobsliveuk.com\)](#)

and Wednesday 13th October South Essex 10:30am – 12:30pm [South Essex Job & Training Fair, Wednesday 13th October @10:30am - Jobs Live \(jobsliveuk.com\)](#)

Meet employers and hear about their current opportunities, application, and interview processes. Visitors can also speak directly to employers via live chat during the event, this is a great opportunity to speak to employers and have your questions answered. The events will also be attended by training providers and colleges who will discuss learning and apprenticeship opportunities for both adults and young people, whether you are at the start of your career journey or considering retraining or upskilling there will be information and advice for you. Vacancies will be available on the day and viewers can apply for jobs during the event.

The job and career fairs are being organised by the Essex Opportunities Portal team www.essexopportunities.co.uk, a one stop shop for information on employment, training, and careers, funded by Essex County Council and Southend on Sea Borough Council. Having hosted a virtual jobs fair in July which was viewed by more than 3000 residents, the decision was taken to run more events, the team are working in partnership with Tendring District Council and Colchester Borough Council to plan and advertise the 6th October event. The 13th October event will focus on opportunities for residents in the south of the county in areas such as Basildon, Castle point, Rochford, Southend on Sea.

Cllr Tony Ball, Essex County Council's Cabinet Member for Education Excellence, Skills and Training said that after the success of the first virtual job fair we are excited to bring residents

other opportunities to hear from local employers. Adults and school leavers who are looking for work or retraining opportunities should take advantage of this offer and register for the virtual event www.essexopportunities.co.uk. This is a great opportunity to speak to local employers and find out about their live vacancies and find out about further learning and retraining opportunities.

To register for the event view information on the Essex Opportunities portal www.essexopportunities.co.uk. If you are unable to attend the event both sessions will be available on demand after the event. This will be hosted on the Essex Opportunities portal www.essexopportunities.co.uk where you will also be able to find information about many of the employers, training providers and colleges presenting at the job fairs.

Link to the Essex Opportunities portal and job fair registration www.essexopportunities.co.uk

Voluntary and community groups receive free devices

Forty-six voluntary and community groups across Essex are to receive free devices thanks to a scheme from Essex County Council.

Over the next few weeks 1,152 Samsung Galaxy devices will be distributed to successful organisations following an invitation to bid. The devices will be used for a variety of purposes including connecting older people, people with disabilities, people with physical or sensory needs and improving mental health. They will also be used to help address digital exclusion where pockets of the population lack access to information and technology.

Successful organisations include Hearing Help Essex who have received the 30 devices that they bid for (worth £4,500). These will be used by their volunteers to support their service users in the community. Most of their volunteers work alone, delivering community sessions, home visits and care home visits. The tablets will help them to collect and log data and conduct service users' satisfaction questionnaires electronically. They will also provide volunteers with a connection to the office team and to provide demonstrations of how hearing aids can be linked and work alongside mobile devices, via instant access to the internet.

Todorina Hammond, Interim CEO of Hearing Help Essex said: "We are thrilled and very grateful to receive the tablets. As a small charity it will take us one step closer to our mission to improve and promote digital inclusion."

Councillor John Spence, Essex County Council's Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health gave his thanks to all the community and voluntary groups that applied. It was an absolute pleasure to read about all the innovative ways that groups will use technology to the benefit of people in their communities, and he was delighted to see the devices being put to such a variety of great uses.

Pictured: Right to left: Cllr John Spence, of Essex County Council, Todorina Hammond of Hearing Help and Peter Fairley of Essex County

Council <https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fdocuments.vuelio.co.uk%2FDocumentView.aspx%3Fid%3Dd45925a8-fac5-4b0b-962c-f1807625c120.jpg%26token%3Da841bc20-606d-47b9-902a-b06cfa736587&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cdf422c4036204389abf908d981c54c2e%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C637683506756388333%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=9yx7nqzU100i%2B%2BgAND5TLygWaavmLGrIkMHPVzNNQBM%3D&reserved=0>

The successful organisations were as follows:

Bidder	District	Device No
Ability Using Sport	Colchester	10
Affected Forever	Colchester	20
Air Cadets Colchester	Colchester	25
Air Cadets South Woodham Ferrers	Chelmsford	40
Alderford Mill	Braintree	4
Autism Anglia	Colchester	27
Bangladeshi Women's Association Essex	Colchester	30
Basildon Mind	Basildon	20
Blackwater U3A (BWU3A)	Maldon	20
Brentwood Theatre	Brentwood	4
CAB - Harlow	Harlow	10
Carers First	Braintree	12
Citizens Advice Epping Forest District	Epping Forest	12
Community Music Colchester CIC	Colchester	20
Digital Access Support Team (via CBC and TDC)	Colchester/Tendring	50 each
Divine Assembly Ministries (BOAZ Project)	Colchester	25
Employ-Ability	Harlow	25
First Stop Centre	Braintree	50
Gateway Community Media CIC	Basildon	10
He+A21:B36adsUp (Enable East)	Colchester	15
Hearing Help Essex Limited	Chelmsford	30
Independent Age	Countywide	15
Kelvedon Hatch Parish Council	Brentwood	12
Maldon and District Citizens Advice	Maldon	10
Maldon United Reformed Church	Maldon	7
Market Field College	Tendring	50
MDCVS (Maldon and District CVS)	Maldon	30
Mind in West Essex	Harlow	50
NEE Partnership	Colchester	25
Ninefields Residents Association	Epping Forest	50
North Essex Volunteer and Community Engagement	Tendring	50
Open Road	Colchester	34
Peabody South East	Basildon	50
Royal Association for Deaf People	Colchester	15
RRAVS	Rochford	10

Rural Community Council of Essex	Feering	35
Sociability	Basildon	20
St Marks food Drop In	Rochford	50
Takeley Park RA	Uttlesford	10
Tendring Time Bank	Tendring	7
The Craig Tyler Trust	Basildon	15
The Robin Cancer Trust	Colchester	3
TouchPoint	Uttlesford	15
WECAN (West Essex Community Action Network)	Uttlesford	50
West Horndon Parish Council	Brentwood	20
Wivenhoe Dementia Support Group	Colchester	10

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PR 7528

Celebrating new Cabinet's achievements in first 100 days

The progress made by Essex County Council's new cabinet towards meeting the authority's key aims during its first 100 days in office is being celebrated.

Following elections in May, council leader Cllr Kevin Bentley and the Cabinet agreed to focus on the themes of renewal, equality and ambition.

This included helping communities and businesses to not only recover from the Covid-19 pandemic but to thrive, now and in the future.

Significant progress has been made during the past few months to address issues that matter most to residents and business across the county.

This has seen a million square metres of the county's roads repaired, new roles created for young people, action to address climate change and much more.

You can discover more about some of the key activity rolled out in those first 100 days in our video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5wMDK93SCE>

Examples of the key activities which have taken place over the first 100 days include:

- Repairing over one million square metres of roads and 40,000 square metres of footpaths and cycleways
- Creating over 600 new roles for unemployed young people aged 18-24 as part of the Government's Kickstart scheme
- Delivering four BT broadband contracts under Superfast Essex programme for a further 12,000 premises

- Starting construction of the West Mersea temporary defence barrier scheme
- Launching a new £500,000 fund to support community action on climate change
- Working with the Essex Climate Action Commission (ECAC) to develop and publish the 'Net Zero: Making Essex Carbon Neutral' report
- Launching the Active Essex 'Find your Active' campaign, supported by a £1.25 million fund
- Launching Essex Pedal Power, a £2.7million community-based project being piloted in Clacton and Jaywick Sands
- Launching the new Essex Care Technology Service to support people with care needs access and use the latest technology to help them to live as independently as possible
- Announcing the Essex Education Task Force which will invest £1million in reading over the next 18 months, to support children and young people affected by the loss of learning during the Covid-19 pandemic
- Piloting construction methods designed to deliver net-zero, future proof, inclusive school buildings