

District Councillor Monthly Report

Lawford, Manningtree & Mistley

July/August 2019

Manningtree Library

On the 9th July it was announced by Essex County Council that as a result of the consultation process, “No library will close for five years.”

Although obviously good news for Manningtree library, we are yet to see the detail of the final strategy, which will be published later in July.

This is clearly an excellent reprieve for our library, and anything can happen in five years, including changes in all local administrations and national government. Copied below is my response to the local newspaper, which I’m sure will never be printed, as they seldom print anything I have to say.

“The decision announced by ECC that no library will close is great news. I have no doubt that the many and varied contributions to the consultation process has influenced that decision.

The community has played its part in demonstrations and rallies, but also significantly in the thousands of letters, e-mails and consultation submissions, together with the detailed evidential rebuttal documents submitted. Our communities should be proud of themselves.

Our libraries now require individual constructive review to determine what level of reinvestment may be required for them to meet the challenges ahead.”

Joint Meeting with Parish & Town Council Chairmen

Next meeting is scheduled for 31st July.

Planning Applications and Appeals

- The Planning Appeal Public hearing regarding the application to build 110 homes off Grange Road, Lawford begins at 1000am on the 23rd July and is expected to last two weeks. The hearing will be held at the Lifehouse Spa and Hotel, Frinton Road, Thorpe le Soken CO16 0JD. I have registered my application to speak against the appeal at some stage during the hearing.

- Land south of The Pound, Mistley - A planning application (15/01787/FUL) has been submitted by Futureway Homes to remove conditions 16 & 17, “..as bus stops no longer necessary or required”. What is the view of the Parish Council, are these bus stops really not required?

- APP/P1560/W/19/3220201 (17/01181/OUT) Land to the South of Long Road and to the West of Clacton Road, Mistley. This is an appeal against refusal to build 485 homes at this location. The ‘developer’ Tendring Farms Ltd. already has approval (on appeal) to build 300 homes at this location. I recently gave a presentation to the Planning Committee, against the application to build an additional 185 dwellings and I managed to convince to committee and the application was refused. This is the inevitable appeal.

The appeal hearing will begin at 1000am on the 6th August 2019, in the Council Chamber at Weeley.

An updated summary of some of the current applications is below:

Location	Dwellings*	Status
Summers Park, Lawford	150	Approved – Being Completed
Brunswick House Land, Mistley	25	Approved – being built
Secret Bunker site, Mistley	31	Approved – being built
Grange Road, Lawford	110	Public Appeal Hearing after Refusal (23 rd – 31 st July 2019)
Rear of South Street, Manningtree	2	Appeal against Refusal – no date yet
New Road, Mistley	67	Approved on Appeal – New layout refused – Appeal anticipated
Long Road/Clacton Road, Mistley	300	Approved by Inspector (Reserved Matters Pending)
Long Road/Clacton Road, Mistley	185	Appeal Hearing after Refusal (6 th August 2019)
Harwich Road, Mistley (River Reach)	135	Approved – being built
Harwich Road, Mistley (River Reach)	100	Application Pending Planning Committee Agenda item
Trinity Road, Mistley	67	Application Pending – Further information requested
Colchester Road, Lawford	15	Application Pending – Further information requested
Bromley Road, Lawford	360	Approved – being built
Stourview Avenue, Mistley	70	Approved – Appeal Pending regarding Increase to 72
High Street, Mistley	46	Approved – Demolition of previous site in progress
Stour Street, Manningtree	1	Approved
Brook Street/High Street, Manningtree	5	Approved – being built
High Street, Manningtree	1	Approved on Appeal (White Hart)
Mistley Place Park	56	Developer in negotiation / consultation with Parish Council
EDME – Relation to Horsley Cross	??	Preparation for planning application (phase one) in progress

*Approximate number

Recycling can be put out in other containers

Recycling can be placed out for collection in any suitable plastic container, Tendring residents are being reminded.

An unprecedented demand for official Tendring District Council (TDC) recycling boxes means stocks are running low, so to ensure households can still have their recycling collected they are being reminded that any appropriate box can be used.

The council completely stocked its warehouse with red and green recycling boxes ahead of the roll-out of wheelie bins across the district in anticipation of a surge in demand, but despite additional deliveries suppliers are now unable to keep up with the level of uptake from residents.

TDC estimates it will have run out of the recycling boxes by the 12th July, and although more have been ordered additional stock will not arrive until at least the end of July.

Since the beginning of the wheeled bin roll-out on June 10, it is estimated that more than 10,000 recycling boxes have been claimed by residents – compared with only

around 30,000 over the last seven years of the old waste service – an early sign of the scheme’s success.

Food waste caddies remain in stock, and can be collected from stockists across the district.

Wheelie bins are in the process of being issued to almost 90% of the district, more than 57,000 households, the majority of the district, who once they receive their bin will move onto fortnightly collections of ‘black bag’ waste. Only the bins, and no side waste, will be collected – unless residents have an exemption, issued due to the size of the household or for medical waste, for example.

Recycling collections will remain weekly, alternating between green weeks (plastic bottles, tins and cans) and red weeks (paper and cardboard), and food waste is collected weekly. Those properties remaining on black sack collections will still have a weekly collection.

Cllr Michael Talbot, TDC Cabinet Member for Environment, urged residents to keep recycling and not worry about using an official box.

“We have been monitoring stocks and ordered more recycling boxes, and I would like to apologise to anybody inconvenienced by this,” Cllr Talbot said.

“This surge in demand was anticipated, but the level has outstripped supply. However, we believe this is a very positive sign of just how much recycling is being taken up by residents who either weren’t doing it at all before, or who are upping their game, which can only be a good thing for the environment.

“Our message is to keep on recycling, and to remind people that they don’t need to use an official TDC marked container to do so. As long as households use a suitable plastic container – and the contents are the correct materials for that particular collection – our contractors will still collect it.

The wheelie bin roll-out is scheduled to finish in mid-August. For details on the new service, including where to collect a food caddy from, or to report a missed collection, visit www.tendringdc.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/new-waste-service

Council House Maintenance & Repairs

Earlier this week the TDC Housing Repairs and Maintenance Contractor, ROALCO, was made bankrupt. Officers are in discussions regarding the outstanding contracts for repair work.

Short-term plans have been put in place to cover emergency works and other works which can be accommodated. At this time the full range of repairs to Council Homes may be delayed, whilst a permanent solution is found.

Repair works such as gas repairs are not affected as these are undertaken by alternative contractors.

Repairs to empty properties and some kitchen and bathroom fittings have been brought back in-house.

A permanent solution will hopefully be achieved soon.

Twilight flights at Clacton Airshow

A display of night flights will return to the Clacton Airshow this year, including a twilight drop by the Tigers Army Parachute Display team.

A firm favourite with the crowds since they were introduced four years ago, the twilight display on the first day of the Clacton Airshow encourages people to stay in the town for longer – and offers an opportunity for those working to still see some of the action.

This year's Clacton Airshow takes place on 22-23 August, with the twilight flights beginning at around 7.30pm on Thursday, the first day.

The Tigers, which are a world-class display team will have performances including trailing smoke, flags and awesome formations both in the air and under the canopy, captivating the Airshow audience. The Tigers will also be performing jumps during both days of the Clacton Airshow, alongside the dusk display.

Also returning to the night flight line-up is Otto the helicopter from O'Brien's Flying Circus, where the rotors create a perfect spinning mechanism for brilliant pyrotechnics to light up the sky.

Completing the twilight flight display are the Fireflies, two lit-up light aircraft who give a swirling aerobatic display and who are also performing on both days of the Airshow, and possibly the most modified Piper Cub in the world, which is equipped with smoke, lights, lasers and pyrotechnics to wow the crowds.

Radio Airshow from BBC Essex will once again broadcast live from Clacton Airshow on 103.5FM and 729AM for flight fans who cannot make it down to enjoy the event in person.

Completing the Airshow on the first day will be a spectacular firework display from the end of Clacton Pier, one of TDC's tourism partners.

Previously announced flights for the 2019 Clacton Airshow include The Blades, Pitts Special biplanes and Wildcats, all aerobatic displays, as well as RAF flights from the Typhoon, Tucano and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

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General Information: If anyone witnesses any fly tipping occurring, please contact TDC's Waste Management Team on 01255 686768.