

# **District Councillor Monthly Report**

## **Lawford, Manningtree & Mistley**

### **October/November-w 2019**

#### **Planning Applications and Appeals**

(1) The Planning Appeal Public hearing regarding the application to build 110 homes off Grange Road, Lawford began on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July and lasted two weeks. At the time of writing the result is still to be published. It was expected in eight weeks, but it has so far been ten.

(2) The Planning Appeal Public Hearing regarding the application to build a total of 485 homes on land to the South of Long Road and to the West of Clacton Road, Mistley, began on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August and lasted the week. The decision has been deferred until after October. A further two days of the appeal are scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October.

There already exists a planning approval to build 300 homes on this site, which was gained on a previous appeal. Reserved matters for phase one and two of the 300 were approved by the Planning Committee (Phase two on the 24<sup>th</sup> September).

I did speak to this application at the Planning Committee on the 24<sup>th</sup> September. It seemed inappropriate to me that the site layout could be approved before the appeal decision is made.

(3) The planning application for the conversion and extension of the Mistley Clinic has been received (19/01122/FUL). This seems to be a good application. It would bring the building into use and improve the appearance of the whole site. It would also be used by a local business which currently employs local people and would then have the capacity to employ more. However Natural England have objected to the application due to its location. Presumably they would rather see the derelict old clinic fall further into decay and continue its status as an eyesore.

(4) A second planning application to amend the layout of the approved (on appeal) development on land East of New Road, Mistley (19/00978/OUT) was heard by the Planning Committee on the 24<sup>th</sup> September. These plans again sought to further erode the open space and encroach on the rural nature of Green Lane and The Park. The developer wished to build larger houses at the expense of the green space.

I spoke against the application and it was refused.

(5) I called-in the Hopkins Homes planning application (18/01994/OUT) to build a further 100 dwellings to the rear of the 'River Reach', Mistley development. This application was refused in July this year.

I have received notification that the applicant has lodged an appeal against this refusal. All representations to the Planning Inspector hearing the appeal, must be received before the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

(06) On the 22<sup>nd</sup> October the Planning Committee will hear a Rose Builders planning application (18/00767/OUT) for the land North of Stourview Avenue. This is for the construction of 72 dwellings. There already exists a Planning Approval, (15/01810/OUT) to build 70 dwellings on this site. The original 70 dwellings are included within TDC's five-year land supply assessment.

The new application seeks to vary the Section 106 agreement due to the viability assessment of the development.

An updated summary of planning applications and developments in our area is below:

| Location                              | Dwellings | Status   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Summers Park, Lawford                 | 150       | Approved – Complete  |
| Bromley Road, Lawford                 | 360       | Approved – being built                                       |
| Rear of The Pound, Mistley            | 25        | Approved – being built                                       |
| Secret Bunker site, Mistley           | 31        | Approved – being built                                       |
| Stourview Avenue, Mistley             | 70        | Approved   |
| Stourview Avenue, Mistley             | +2        | Application (new) to increase the above                      |
| Brook Street, Manningtree             | 5         | Approved – being built                                       |
| High Street, Mistley                  | 46        | Approved – Groundworks in progress                           |
| Stour Street, Manningtree             | 1         | Approved   |
| Heath View Close, Mistley             | 8         | Approved – being built                                       |
| High Street, Manningtree              | 1         | Approved – Complete  |
| New Road, Mistley                     | 67        | Approved (Appeal) New Layout Refused (appeal anticipated)    |
| Heath Road, Mistley                   | 4         | Approved – being built                                       |
| Harwich Road, Mistley (River Reach)   | 135       | Approved – being built                                       |
| Harwich Road, Mistley (River Reach)   | 100       | Application Refused – (Appeal Lodged)                        |
| Long Road/Clacton Road, Mistley       | *300      | Approved (Appeal) Reserved Matters approved                  |
| Long Road/Clacton Road, Mistley       | *185      | Appeal Hearing Held – Further two days pending (29/30 Oct)   |
| Grange Road, Lawford                  | 110       | Appeal Hearing Held – Result Pending                         |
| Rear of South Street, Manningtree     | 2         | Appeal Hearing after Refusal – no date yet                   |
| Colchester Road, Lawford              | 15        | Application Withdrawn at this time                           |
| Trinity Road, Mistley                 | 67        | Application Made & Pending – Further information requested   |
| Mistley Place Park                    | 56        | Developer in negotiation / consultation with Parish Council  |
| EDME Factory Relocation & Development | 100       | Preparation for planning application (phase one) in progress |
| Brantham, Suffolk                     | 280       | Approved – being built                                       |
|                                       | 20        | Approved – being built                                       |
|                                       | 150       | Application Submitted  |

## District Plan

The amended Section One of our District Plan was approved by the full Tendring District Council on the 6<sup>th</sup> August. Public Consultation has now ended (30<sup>th</sup> September) and the results are being analysed.

## Climate Emergency Working Group

The working group has held two meetings. The work is effectively broken into three areas.

- The technical and scientific assessment of what TDC's carbon footprint is now and what we need to do to meet the objective.
- A review of policies which should in all areas compliment carbon reduction
- The community partnership. Working with local businesses and the residents of Tendring District to reduce our carbon footprint in the environment.

Communication in the first instance will be via Parish Councils, Town Councils and Schools.

### Honeycroft Lawford

This vacant building will be demolished, and 15 to 20 new bungalows built on the site.

### Waste Collections and Recycling

The Waste Collection Service is still in unacceptable chaos. The contractor was called in to explain the failings and to detail their mitigation and recovery plans. However, in some areas it seems the service has not significantly improved. Additional collection teams have been deployed as a short-term solution.

Carlo Guglielmi has been collating the complaints and has been in regular communication with the Corporate Director responsible. We have formally asked for an explanation for the poor service.

All missed collection notifications and requests for other information can be obtained via the TDC website, please visit [www.tendringdc.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/new-waste-service](http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/new-waste-service)

### Policing in the Three Parishes

On the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019, Carlo, Val and myself had a meeting with the new Police District Commander. We spoke of our concerns about the low levels of policing cover in our area and we expressed our concerns regarding the lack of a tangible relationship between the police and the local community.

We discussed various specific instances regarding crimes and crime victims in our area and the apparent lack of confidence in the effectiveness of the police in dealing with low level criminality.

We also expressed the frustration experienced by the Town and Parish Councils concerning the lack of progress towards dedicated Special Constables being allocated to our area.

We suggested that instead of the present 'Coffee with Cops' sessions it would be more beneficial to regularly meet local people in Manningtree Library, where a semi-confidential screened area could be set up.

The District Commander was very positive and agreed to address many of our concerns in the short term. We have another meeting scheduled with the Community Policing Inspector on the 17<sup>th</sup> October.

### Street Traders

It is noted that new Street Traders are appearing in our area. In order to be confident that Street Traders operating throughout the district are licenced and conforming with other safety regulations the District Council is about to employ a dedicated generic enforcement officer. This officer will have the appropriate powers to ensure that residents are purchasing from legitimate traders.

## Highways

I met with an Essex County Council Highways Officer on the 25th September. Matters discussed included:

- Rail Underpass, Lawford – Signage
- Footpaths, Manningtree – Poor Condition
- High Street, Manningtree – Speed Limit (20MPH)
- Mistley Heath – Speed Limit
- Clacton Road, Mistley & Steam Mill Road, Bradfield – A120 Diversion Routes

It was explained that the Local Highways Panel has a limited budget for new schemes, but all scheme applications should be initiated through the Parish or Town Councils and supported by the Area County Councillor (Carlo).

There has been £8,500.00 set aside to design the Zebra Crossing at Lawford.

## Winter Warmers Project

Winter Warmth, from Community Voluntary Services Tendring (CVST) and supported by a number of other organisations, has again received funding from the North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group to carry out its work.

The project aims to prevent illness, increase people's ability to keep warm during the winter and improve access to information and services that will support the community to be more resilient.

This includes ensuring people are warm and well-fed, supported with access to resources and products, severe weather response, and training for staff and volunteers within community organisations to give practical support to keep people well.

Tendring District Council's Careline is once again running an emergency helpline and will respond out-of-hours to support vulnerable people in the community who are suffering due to issues caused by bad weather – such as their heating failing.

As in previous years packs will be given to vulnerable people containing warm clothing, a hot water bottle and electric heaters.

The project is aimed at older people, those on low incomes and benefits, anyone with a life-limiting illness or disability, carers, people who are homeless, and a key aim is to ensure that children and young people are supported.

Sharon Alexander, CVST Chief Officer, said: "This project brings the community together to support those who need it, and we know it is always well received.

"To ensure the project reaches those who need it, representatives will take part in door knocks across Tendring, and there will also be a programme of events and roadshows – which we encourage people to come along to."

The project launches on 16 October at Sams Hall, Rosemary Road, Clacton, from 1.30-4.30pm for the public to access information and support. A Harwich launch takes place at the CVST Harwich Hub on 22 October from 10am-1pm.

**People who need assistance, or who want to refer others for help, should contact CVST on 01255 425692.**

**Careline can be contacted out of hours – for severe situations only – on 01255 222022.**

### **Election Registration Forms**

One in five households have not yet confirmed or updated their electoral registration form – and are being urged to do so as soon as possible.

The annual canvass makes sure the information held by Tendring District Council's Electoral Registration team is up to date – and that everyone who is eligible to vote is registered to do so.

Letters went out in August, with a subsequent reminder, and in response four out of five households have confirmed or updated their details. However, one-fifth of households have still to do this.

Households can confirm the details are correct by sending a text to the dedicated number provided, while changes can be made online.

Residents can update details by phone or by post, but if they want confirmation they have provided the detail then text or online are the options to use.

Ian Davidson, Electoral Registration Officer for Tendring, said people needed to confirm or update their details.

“Your vote matters and making sure your household details are up to date will ensure you don't lose your vote,” Mr Davidson said.

“Thank you to all those who have already confirmed their details, but we are keen to complete this now using text or online means to confirm your household details.”

Alan Coley – District Councillor

15<sup>th</sup> October 2019

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