

## Chairman's Report 6.6.19

- It is disappointing to report a resignation from the position of Councillor by Cllr Rafik Fowel. The Clerk has spoken with the Electoral Officer at UDC and been advised we should follow "our" policy on co-option at this stage; we shall therefore advertise the vacant position and seek to appoint at Full Council on July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The traffic lights at Grove Hill had to be repaired last week as one set malfunctioned, making it difficult for traffic and pedestrians to safely use the hill, but it would appear, although repaired have malfunctioned again. The number of heavy and long vehicles using this route continues to cause problems for residents and traffic flow, as well as contravening the law, if travelling towards Elsenham! We hope to have an update on action taken by ECC from Cllr. Gooding tonight. Traffic mounting the pavement and endangering pedestrians, and not clearing before the next change of lights is an accident waiting to happen.
- Graffiti and vandalism to our play equipment and the skate park has become an issue. I would urge anyone seeing this taking place to inform the police.
- I am delighted that a meeting with the Chair of the Essex Health and Wellbeing Board has been arranged for next Monday. My thanks to Kemi Badenoch's team for arranging this meeting on Monday at the House of Commons. We will keep you apprised of the outcome.
- The Neighbourhood Plan continues to progress – myself and Cllr O'Brien are arranging a meeting with Chair of the group to clarify how the principal policies and objectives are stated and recorded – which we feel is an essential focus that must be clear and robust as development will be hopefully limited, but will in turn impact on funds available for any infrastructure improvements.
- The Parish Forum, hosted by UDC is taking place on July 1<sup>st</sup> – where the agenda includes- Local Plan progress; Garden Community Master Planning; General Planning; Enforcement and Neighbourhood Plans. I shall be attending along with some colleagues.
- Town and Parish Councils have been sent outline plans for VE Day 75- being organised to celebrate and commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day (8<sup>th</sup> May 2020). Commemoration will cover the weekend of May 8<sup>th</sup>- 10<sup>th</sup>.

I will circulate the details via email- but would be grateful for volunteers to work with myself and other organisations, i.e. the churches to pay tribute to the millions who played a part in this milestone of history.

- The Youth Centre will be re-opening in a week and a meeting has been arranged with the Youth Commissioner (West Essex/Uttlesford) to discuss how we can continue to support and promote the needs of the young people in our community.

- We agreed in principle to advertise a call for sites to replace the previous provision of Alms Houses in Stansted. Ruth is checking the information we are able to share at this stage, and we will then pass the copy to yourselves.
- A meeting has also been arranged with District Cllr Gerard who is the now the portfolio holder for Residents and Community Partnerships; Police and Emergency Services – in mid-July. He wishes to meet with all Parish representatives in the district to enable “working together” - *quote from email to be read out at the meeting.*