

Chairman's Report – 11.10.17

- *A group of Councillors met with our **MP Kemi Badenoch**- she listened to various issues we raised and showed an interest in our community. Subsequently we forwarded some information on our twinning project with Rungis, for which we have her support; also an overview of the work undertaken on flooding and our need for support to move things on and achieve a funded strategy to alleviate the flood risk for the future – she agreed to look into our issues.*

I raised the issue that there is a strong perception from the surrounding towns and villages that the issue that get highlighted “politically” were Saffron Walden centric. Kemi understood this and is seeking to realign the approach to issues in her constituency.

Kemi asked for us to forward ideas on how MAG could visibly support our community for her to promote with them;

We suggested:

- Sponsorship of the work we fund at the Youth Centre
- A contribution towards the capital cost of our new community hub building
- Funding/ sponsorship of a PCSO dedicated to Stansted @ a cost of £20k per annum

Kemi also promised to support and lobby to secure additional funding for the Essex Police in support of the work of Roger Hirst, Police and Crime Commissioner as set out at our meeting last week.

- *Our Clerk and Cllr Alan Dean met with UDC representatives to review the issues/action in relation to the Lower Street. A lot of the actions / work has been completed – some issues remain in relation to legal aspects in particular surrounding Mountfitchet Castle. These are still being progressed but it is a slow process.*
- *A local resident (Daniel Brett) emailed the Chairman in relation to the Crafton Green Hub and the delays in building/costs etc. My responses are attached for your reference and will be posted on our website.*
- *We are bound by the existing Code of Conduct and we have already circulated the new Code of Conduct drafted by UDC for you to read – and I therefore remind you to be very clear when lobbying external organisations and individuals whether you are undertaking this as a private individual or a Parish Councillor. If you proceed as a Parish Councillor please discuss this with your colleagues before hand.*