

### Chairman's Report – Full Council 14.3.18

- Uttlesford District Council are undertaking a comprehensive car parking review across the locality. It is acknowledged that Stansted has capacity issues that must be addressed as a priority in the district. A number of suggestions have been raised and are being explored further with the District Council via Linda Howells (Economic Development Officer), who has visited Stansted 3 times now to look at and discuss this issue with the Parish Council and local retailers.
- We are robustly seeking the support of UDC to pursue our plans with ECC for a redesign of the parking arrangements and traffic flow along Cambridge Road. There has been no feedback to date on the proposals originally sent to ECC in July 2014 and supplemented in 2016.
- Staff holiday policy was discussed by the Personnel Working Group. It was agreed at the meeting to propose that the office will continue to be closed for future Christmas periods in line with other non-statutory local authority provision. Emergency contact details were, and will be, available if parishioners phoned in to the office and will be detailed in the Link where all councillors contact details are published. General staff policies will in future appear on the F&GP agenda. Personal information relating to staff members will be discussed by the Personnel Working Group as these are confidential.
- There will be more than 60 allotments available on the Elms Farm site and residents are encouraged to apply for these by contacting Trevor in the Parish Office (01279 813214). A working group has been set up to ensure appropriate oversight and management is in place from day one.
- A twinning group is now meeting with representation from the Business Forum, Parish Council and residents. The Mayor of Rungis will be leading a ceremony in France to celebrate the event on June 9<sup>th</sup> 2018. We have had initial discussions with Rev Paul Wilkin, who has agreed to conduct a reciprocal service for us. We are proposing to hold our ceremony on July

6th. The programme being Business Forum 6th July am, Charter Ceremony lunch time on 6th, followed by evening meal. On Saturday 7th July trip to Saffron Walden followed by Music In The Park.

- A reminder for those Councillors and parishioners joining the litter pick on 28 April. The picks etc. will be available from Crafton Green House from 10am. Thanks again to Churchill's for their sponsorship by providing free fish and chips to the workers on the day, and to the staff of McDonalds who have signed up to help on the day.
- We have just received confirmation from Essex County Council that we are to receive a grant of £9,000 towards the fit-out of our new community hub under their Community Initiatives Fund. Thanks to Emma and Trevor for compiling the bid.