

ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd February 2022
at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Ford Lane, Alresford

Cllrs. present:

Cllr. F Belgrove (Chairman),
Cllr. E. Osborne (Vice Chairman),
Cllr. A. Broom
Cllr. J. Claremont-Brown
Cllr. S. Clark.
Cllr. J. Housden
Cllr. G. Scott,
Cllr. A. Wiggins
Cllr L Belgrove

Also present:

Parish Clerk/Proper Officer M Cooke
County. Cllr. A. Goggin

Members of the public x5
Brett Aggregates Representatives x 2

Meeting opens: 19.30hrs

Announcements:

Chairman Cllr F Belgrove announcements: Welcome back to Cllr J Housden, who will be providing cake after the meeting. Cllr L Belgrove arrives as meeting begins (19.31hrs). Welcome to the members of public and to the representatives of Bretts, Mr Simon Treacy Mr Sam Tarr. Chairman reminds attendees that the meeting is recorded. COVID Guidelines are still in place. Tendring District Local plan part 2 now adopted and approved. Colchester and Tendring Garden Community draft plan will be published imminently, for a 6 week consultation review. Former Clerk Mrs M Salazar, now Town Clerk at Eye town council sends her very best wishes to all the council, and says she misses them all.

01.22.2041 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr R Swash
Cllr S Hammick

02.22.2042 Declarations of Interest. None declared

02.22.2043 Minutes of the last monthly meeting: Cllr F Belgrove sought one minor adjustment- re the Chairmans' announcements - agreed. Proposed Cllr S Clark, seconded Cllr A Wiggins, 6 votes for. 2 Abstentions (Cllr J Housden, & Cllr L Belgrove were not at the previous meeting).

02.22.2044 Public Forum (members of the public and guests can address the Council) Time limit 3 mins per person. Item limited to 10 minutes.

A member of the public spoke: referencing item number 2055 signage; suggesting budget better spent on verges and grass cutting.

A member of Brett aggregates spoke. Two operations within the vicinity. Conscious of vehicular movements. Highlighted two applications with ECC re Lufkins farm. Indicating that second application would require on site processing and offered to take questions.

Also highlighted there is currently no planning condition restriction or obligation in place on vehicular movements importing materials from either Lufkins or other sites to Alresford for processing. Voluntary arrangement to utilize a circular route and a more sensitive approach to a one-way system. Voluntarily invited ECC to include an enforceable condition on movements and one way system in relation to Lufkins 1 & 2.

Cllr S Clark asked a question re on-site processing for Lufkins 2. Mr Treacy (Brett Aggregates) responded. Cllr F Belgrove sought clarification on 30% of arisings coming to Alresford. Brett representatives clarified in relation to Concrete production, 30% of processed aggregates may come to Alresford for concrete manufacture.

A member of the public spoke on vehicle movements and the "voluntary arrangements". Stating that vehicles coming in, also go out fully laden. Mr S Tarr from Bretts spoke on traffic movements and sought to clarify. Member of the public spoke further.

Cllr F Belgrove raised issue and mention of the Haul Road. Council have liaised extensively and yet none of the suggestions for improvement have been taken up. As a council APC is disappointed and asks if this liaison will be re-introduced and findings and suggestions acted upon. There have been many near misses which are of concern from a safety perspective

Cllr L Belgrove thanked Brett representatives for attending.

Cllr S Clark added that it was reassuring to hear Brett Aggregates are keen to open liaison. Mr S. Tarr spoke to inform council that his involvement was set to be on a long-term basis and would take concerns seriously. Looking at solutions to implement to improve the current situation.

Another member of public spoke to congratulate council for reducing precept and asking if it were possible to seek similar from district and county. Cllr F Belgrove suggested member of public raise it directly with those authorities. Member of public suggested it was a similar principle. Cllr F Belgrove declined to be drawn on the matter. Clerk offered to make representations on members of the publics behalf to the relevant authorities to act as a conduit.

19.50hrs Public forum closed. No further comments from the public.

02.22.2045 Finance Matters. See Appendix i

January Finance Report - Council to review and approve.

It was noted the expensive electricity bill for December. Fault on the heaters suspected, in the process of rectification. Cllr Housden spoke seeking further clarification on tariffs and costs. Cllr L Belgrove spoke questioning VAT levels and streetlighting and ongoing energy price increases. RFO investigated the bills highlighting the anomaly. Cllr F Belgrove noted standing charge had gone up. Cllr E Osborne remarked on the honesty and integrity of the Horticultural society in returning £64 to council and extended gratitude. Cllr S Clark sought clarification on Allotment values, Clerk to investigate further from TDC and Valuers. Cllr E Osborne suggested an independent valuation should be sought for the allotment valuations of our own. Cllr E Osborne noted his thanks to the RFO for excellence and diligence.

Cllr A Broom proposed to accept finance report, Cllr L Belgrove seconded, Carried Unanimously.

02.22.2046 Planning Matters: Review application x 2 (presented on screen)

i: 22/00097/HHPNOT 13 Orchard Road Alresford Colchester Essex

Proposal: Single storey flat roof rear extension (height 3m, depth 4.5m).

Cllr Osborne to present. Permitted development, and Cllr E Osborne said that there was no issue and the update makes for a better dwelling. No vote.

Cllr Scott arrives 19.59 hrs.

ii: 21/02178/FUL 199 Wivenhoe Road, Alresford Colchester Essex

Proposal: Full planning application for the demolition of the existing attached garage and the erection of 2 new single storey residential dwellings and a new outbuilding, landscaping and associated parking.

Cllr F Belgrove introduces.

Cllr E Osborne presents. Problematic development due to being inside the permitted development area of Alresford neighbourhood plan.

Cllr F Belgrove mentions new planning policies from Tendring. Cllr Belgrove reads out new development policies in full, relating to back land development.

Following the policies Cllr E Osborne and Cllr S Clark speak that this introduces a new perspective. Cllr L Belgrove asks for Policy date. Policy adopted end of January 2022.

Cllr G Scott is called upon by chairman to speak in capacity as district councillor involved on the policy adoption.

Cllr Scott spoke on the policies, focussing on splay and safe access to roads, as well as Tendring's position over the new policy, and the back land development aspect.

Cllr S Clark discussed the street scene and the negative impact.

Objection agreed on grounds of new policy relating to back land development.

Proposed by Cllr S Clark, Seconded Cllr E Osborne. Carried: Unanimous. Objection.

Action: Clerk to upload Objection to planning portal quoting policy references.

02.22.2047 Minerals and Waste: reports from Planning Committee, and the Minerals and Waste Working Party. Cllr E Osborne and Cllr S Clark present. Cllr E Osborne acknowledged prior submission in relation to Lufkins 1 extension.

Cllr F Belgrove introduces a resolution with the Clerks' consent to delegate authority to the planning committee on these matters in relation to Lufkins farm.

Proposed Cllr F Belgrove, Seconded Cllr J Claremont Brown, Carried unanimously.

Cllr S Clark speaks further. Cllr F Belgrove clarifies that the basis for objection is focused on the transportation of arisings, not the business of extraction as a whole.

Action: Cllr E Osborne to attend Essex CC meeting, and to report back.

02.22.2048 Public realm improvements:

Cllr Clark to report on Tree planting project, delivering on the policies of the Alresford Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Clark clarified that funds are available from TDC to improve the public realm. Three companies are submitting proposals/costings and Cllr will report further at the next meeting.

Cllr F Belgrove clarifies recent tree planting of fruit trees and other trees on Alresford Playing field Boundary. Cllr Scott speaks on tree planting, and funds available in the District Councillors COVID money to potentially fund 70 further trees in recognition of the Queens jubilee. Cllr S Clark suggests that council waits for public realm plans to be submitted and look at it more holistically.

Action: Cllr S Clark to present quotes and schemes at march meeting.

02.22.2049 Staunton Gate Public Open spaces:

Cllr F Belgrove reports on the delay in the hand over from Taylor Wimpey to Alresford Parish Council. Delays due to Essex Highways insistence on Taylor Wimpey relocating trees away from services.

Confirms TDC has £57,000 which will come to APC but not until ECC have signed off the site.

Cllr Scott clarifies TDC and ECC Highways concerns over the lighting and tree issues.

Cllr E Osborne comments that TDC have had the S106 money for over a year and the money should be in the Parish Councils account. Cllr F Osborne clarifies that Parish Council solicitor would not allow the hand over until issues are resolved, as these would be inherited and become councils responsibility.

02.22.2050 Grant Awards to Local Groups

Resolution: It is resolved that the examination of application forms received and the awarding of grants, is delegated to the Finance Committee.

Cllr G Scott declares interest in the item due to being chairman of Autumn Centre.

Proposed Cllr F Belgrove, Seconded Cllr E Osborne, Carried unanimously.

02.22.2051 County Councillor Annual Grant provision:

It is resolved that APC applies to this grant source for match funding for Roadside Waste Bins.

Proposed by Cllr L Belgrove Seconded Cllr G Scott Unanimously Carried

Action: Clerk to upload and send grant application forms off.

02.22.2052 Council to discuss and resolve to apply measures to reduce the amount of household, vehicle and garden waste being placed in roadside waste bins.

Cllr F Belgrove reports on roadside waste, vehicular waste, household waste all being placed inside public waste bins, including oil. Cllr G Scott speaks, on the allowance for residents in specific location to place their waste next to the public waste bins for weekly collection. Cllr L Belgrove speaks, and suggests portable CCTV is used to be proactive by council. Cllr S Clark reflects on the recycling facilities at the Pavilion being further utilised. Cllr E Osborne also speaks in support of Cllr L Belgroves idea. Council agrees to further consider deployment of mobile CCTV.

02.22.2053 Playing Field improvements.

Cllr F Belgrove to report on consultations and proposals. Annual budget of under £5000 per year has led to APC winning gold awards and being runner up in county wide award scheme. Council to consider new play equipment and playing field improvements with soon to be awarded section 106 money.

Clerk presents on what has already been explored and quotations received for a MUGA and other children's play equipment. Cllr G Scott, and Cllr E Osborne comment on use and what equipment is well used. Site visits and ideas for councillors to bring to the table.

02.22.2054 Members of Alresford Colne Rangers Football Club have requested the Council permits two small artificial turf strips to be installed adjacent to the field dugouts, due to the constant erosion of grass.

Council to discuss and decide on the matter. Cllr F Belgrove presents. Cllr A Wiggins speaks. Cllr E Osborne speaks. Agrees it is not a bad idea, but also sees the risk of slippage. There are two trains of thought and Cllr S Clark seeks clarification on liability. Cllr L Belgrove suggests a trial period, with removal clauses if unsuccessful.

Action for Clerk & Chairman to seek further advice from insurers.

02.22.2055 Wild Animal" highway warning signs to be considered for areas where recent incidents involving wild animals being hit by motor vehicles have occurred (especially rural parts of Wivenhoe Road).

Cllr G Scott presents. Council discusses.

Cllr E Osborne speaks, Cllr J Claremont Brown speaks, Cllr J Housden speaks, all suggest it is a matter of driver education, against proliferation of signage.

Cllr A Goggin is asked to contribute by the chairman. Cllr A Goggin suggests council needs to analyse where the problem exists and identify where a sign might be put. If it is on Highways land it requires permission from ECC Highways.

Cllrs comment on animals in a rural area and the better solution is to educate not proliferate signage. Suggestion is for an article from Cllr G Scott in the Alresford advertiser. No vote taken. Discussion held, robustly debated.

02.22.2056 Queens Platinum Jubilee. Council to consider options for celebrating the Jubilee. Cllr F Belgrove announces a village hall meeting on the 24th of February to discuss ideas. Cllr L Belgrove asks if Council might put forward an idea for a competition for front gardens relating to the Jubilee, along the lines of a scarecrow competition, but directly related to the celebration of the Queens jubilee.

02.22.2057 Proper Officers Laptop: Laptop slowing, unable to download windows 11 for optimal working conditions, replacement hard-drive required. Resolution. It is resolved that the Council purchase a Solid State Hard Drive at a cost of £139.99.

Proposal Cllr F Belgrove proposes, Cllr J Housden seconds. Carried unanimously.

Action: Clerk to acquire and install upgraded equipment.

02.22.2058 PCSO/Police Reports.

Cllr F Belgrove Speaks.

Cllr G Scott presents a letter to the Chairman and the Clerk, from a concerned resident on policing matters.

Action: Clerk to copy letter and return to Cllr G Scott. Cllr F Belgrove and Clerk to consider whom to further raise the matters with.

02.22.2059 Clerks Report.

See appendix ii

02.22.2060 District Councillor report (Written Report) and 3 min verbal report

See appendix iii

02.22.2061 Essex County Councillor Report (Written Report) and 3 min verbal report

See appendix iv

02.22.2062 Meeting Ends 21.33

Prepared by the Clerk/Proper Officer: Matt Cooke 25.01.22

Appendices

Appendix i Finance Report

Appendix ii Clerks Report

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Appendix i Finance Report

Alresford Parish Council Finance Report for January 2022

	INV. DATE	PAY METHOD	PAYABLE TO/FROM	DESCRIPTION	INVOICE NO	NET	PAYE/NI	VAT	PAYMENT	INCOME
Pavilion										
1	22/01/22	D/D	Talk Talk	Phone and internet	23223668	£51.42	£0.00	£10.28	£61.70	
2	06/01/22	D/D	Octopus	Electricity for Pavilion. Paid.	KL-4C676188-0016	£630.58	£0.00	£126.12	£756.70	
3	01/02/22	D/D	Octopus	Electricity for Pavilion.	KL-4C676188-0017	£354.15	£0.00	£70.83	£424.98	
4	31/01/22	B/T	The Dusting Bunny Cleaning Services	Cleaning Services	2122-0139	£160.00	£0.00	£0.00	£160.00	
5	17/12/22	B/T	Essex Roller Shutters Limited	Repair/Upgrade to roller shutter damaged by forced entry. Paid.	1739	£505.00	£0.00	£101.00	£606.00	
Staff Costs										
6	28/01/22	B/T	Mr M Cooke	January salary.	January	£1,016.61	£46.22	£0.00	£970.39	
7	28/01/22	B/T	Mrs A Baxter	January salary.	January	£190.95	£3.20	£0.00	£187.75	
8	28/01/22	B/T	Mr I Thompson	January salary.	January	£200.00	£40.00	£0.00	£160.00	
9	28/01/22	B/T	Mr S Davies	January salary.	January	£80.00	£0.00	£0.00	£80.00	
10	28/01/22	B/T	Nest	January pension contribution	January	£34.77	£0.00	£0.00	£34.77	
Playing Field										
11		B/T	J's Garden Valet Services Ltd	Gardening services for January. Grass cutting, churchyard maintenance, cutting additional verges. Awaiting invoice for any extras.	TBA	£748.40	£0.00	£149.68	£898.08	
Street Lighting										
12	06-Jan	D/D	Npower	Electricity for street lights. Paid.	IN02384424	£345.74	£0.00	£17.29	£363.03	
Allotments										
13	01/02/22	D/D	Tendring DC	Rent of 0.5 acres of land from 01/02/02 to 01/02/23	6893279	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	

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General Expenses										
14	31/01/22	B/T	CSH Environmental Ltd	Waste collection 04/1 & 18/1. Overweight charges not known yet	TBA	£30.60	£0.00	£6.12	£36.72	
15	11/01/22	D/D	Luminite Electronics	1GB SIM Tariff	42444	£20.00	£0.00	£4.00	£24.00	
16	21/01/22	B/T	Barclaycard (Amazon)	1 TB SSD Hard drive, external disc enclpsore and cable and 16GB of RAM for RFO laptop.		£118.30	£0.00	£23.66	£141.96	
17	24/01/22	B/T	Scribe (Starboard Systems Ltd)	Scribe Accounts annual software licence commencing 01/04/22	INV-2395	£468.00	£0.00	£93.60	£561.60	
18	07/01/22	B/T	DM Payroll Services Ltd	Administration of payroll 2021/22 second half year	1940	£82.00	£0.00	£0.00	£82.00	
19	21/11/21	B/T	Alresford PCC	Upkeep of St Peter's Churchyard for 2021. Paid.		£600.00	£0.00	£0.00	£600.00	
20	10/01/22	B/T	Mark Brumpton Tree Services	Works on trees at St Peter's Churchyard. Paid.	2788	£2,040.00	£0.00	£408.00	£2,448.00	
21	10/01/22	B/T	Mark Brumpton Tree Services	Reducing the height of 7 yew trees in Churchyard. Paid.	2787	£600.00	£0.00	£120.00	£720.00	
22	28/01/22	B/T	Barclaycard (Amazon)	50 pack Hessian sand bags		£30.00	£0.00	£6.00	£36.00	
23	27/01/22	B/T	Westcotec	Portable Battery Powered Automatic Speed Watch Camera		£3,845.00	£0.00	£769.00	£4,614.00	
24	TBA	B/T	Broxap	2 x Derby E Slimline litter bins		£574.90	£0.00	£114.98	£689.88	
25	29/01/22	B/T	Gritbins.net	2 x Large 400 litre yellow grit salt bin. Paid.		£391.28	£0.00	£78.26	£469.54	
26	01/02/22	B/T	Barclaycard (Amazon)	Microsoft 365 family (6 users) 15 months with Norton 360 deluxe		£58.32	£0.00	£11.67	£69.99	
Grants										
								£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

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PW Loans									
	D/D				£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Chairman's Allowance									
						£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Office Expenses									
	B/T					£0.00		£0.00	
Total monies out					£13,476.02	£89.42	£2,110.49	£15,497.09	
								£15,497.09	
Petty Cash Payments									
					£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Income									
1	27/01/22	B/T	Tendring DC	Recycling credits July to September 2021	£878.26	£0.00	£0.00		£878.26
2	12/01/22	B/T	Wivenhoe United	Hard court hire (4 weeks)	£40.00	£0.00	£0.00		£40.00
3	17/01/22	cheque	ACRFC	Donation for seeding pitch	£2,452.00	£0.00	£0.00		£2,452.00
4	17/01/22	cheque	Alresford Horticultural Society	Return of APC funding not spent	£64.37	£0.00	£0.00		£64.37
5	06/12/21	B/T	Barclays	Business Premium interest	£4.00	£0.00	£0.00		£4.00
Total monies in					£3,438.63	£0.00	£0.00		£3,438.63

Report approved by full council in meeting 2nd February 2022 agenda item 2.22.2045. Signed _____ Chairman

Appendix ii Clerks Report

Alresford Parish Council

Clerks report 02.02.2022

Following on from Decembers' and Januarys' two meetings, there have been a number of actions for the clerk:

- Minutes of November and December meetings have been added to website.
- Uploading of councils' decisions on Planning matters to TDC planning portal.
- Liaising with Essex County Council Planners, over Parish Councillors attending the county council public meeting to be held towards the end of February over the Lufkins developments.
- Uploading of Councils decision to County Council Planning Portal on Lufkins 1 extension.
- Seeking response extension from County Council Planners for APC full response to Lufkins developments.
- Engagement with new pest controller over mole issues. Ongoing.
- Ongoing organization of electrical and lighting renewal within the Pavilion, to LED low energy lighting, timers for heating panels.
- Followed up on and begun the procurement of the VAS signs with Westcotec.
- Filled out and forwarded Grant forms for county Council Grant Awards for VAS and Combined Waste Bins.
- Initiated play equipment repairs with PlayQuip, which will be undertaken piecemeal and ad hoc and according to a specific schedule. First round expected in February.
- Contacted Wyvernwood owners to request a formal writing request over boundary fencing.
- Sought MUGA and play equipment, initial consultations and quotes.
- Engaged with three companies to begin the improvement of the public realm, liaised with Cllr Clark to arrange site visits.
- Begun the process of acquiring of parts to upgrade and improving staff computer equipment to save council between £1800.00-£2500 in replacement.
- Passed initial iLCA qualification before the end of 2021, inside 3 months of beginning as Clerk to APC.

Appendix iii District Councillors Report

Alresford Parish Council – February 2022

Tendring

On 14th January AW and GS attended the Constitution Review Working Party (CRWP) where we spoke about meeting times and formation of committees.

On 19th January AW took part in an All Members Briefing (AMB) with a volunteer from the Suzy Lamplugh Trust about keeping safe when carrying out Councillor Duties.

On 25th January AW and GS attended Full Council where Part II of the Local Plan was agreed unanimously. There was a motion put forward with regard to conservation areas and Article 4 directive which we did not support because GS spoke supporting Cllr Fairley in what she said with reference to the Local and Planning Policy Committee. GS also spoke about his concern for the link road and increased construction costs to bring this about. Full Council agreed the Pay Policy for the Chief Executive. There was a reference made to a Councillors non-attendance which was withdrawn.

On 27th January AW took part in an AMB talking about how Councillors stay safe online.

On 28th January GS and AW attended Cabinet which met in the newly refurbished Committee Room. On the Agenda for Cabinet to consider was Scrutiny of the updated Financial Forecast/Budget Proposals for 2022/23 together with the Housing Revenue Account Budget Proposals which had been considered by the Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee. GS spoke about the Jaywick Sands Development which will be given £254,465 so that construction costs can be met. A report on the Starlings site in Harwich which Cabinet approved would receive £272,383 due to increased construction costs and also the demolition of Milton Road Car Park in Harwich be postponed with some of the money from that project being moved to the Starlings Project.

On 31st AW attended CRWP to terms of reference, procedures and committee sizes were discussed following consultation with Member's Groups this included live streaming of meetings of the Council.

Also on Monday GS and AW had a meeting with Gary Guiver, Acting Head of Planning to receive an update about the Tendring/Colchester Borders Garden Community.

Ian Davidson continues to email out the latest Covid information.

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GS and AW continue give out boxes and visiting new residents.

GS continues to receive complaints about bins not being emptied which have been passed onto Officers. GS emptied the bins on the play park on the TW site. The dog bin on the Northside (Victoria Avenue) was emptied after being reported.

We have received a letter with reference to the lack of sitings of the PCSO and speeding within the village.

The two laybys on the B1027 have been reported to Elmstead Parish Council as they are in their Parish.

The excess clothing next to the banks has been removed.

Gary and Ann Councillors for Alresford – February 2022

Appendix iv County Councillor Report

AG notes- Alresford – February 2022 meeting

1. AG in informal discussions with local farmer and Council to further discuss **Lufkins Farm** developments 1 & 2. Offer of possible meeting prior to Feb 25 meeting of Development & Regulation Ctte. Prior meeting may help with objections?
2. Jan 20 AG chairs policy scrutiny Ctte. Place, Services & Economic Growth. Cabinet member[s] for sustainable transport and climate change.
3. Member ECC community initiative. Update. Request direct from **Westcotec** for specific preferences for Alresford use. VAS & SID equipment. This will allow them to prepare individual illustrations. Can then look at proportion for grant. As mentioned may be tight for time. Money needs to be spent before March 2022. AG has seen application from Clerk and has “reserved” funds at Essex in advance of closure date for applications of Feb 28. That’s deadline date for application forms to be submitted. Initially this should come from Alresford to AG
4. I am asking Councils to think about “**off the shelf**” **[oven ready]** community plans are discussed. Just in case any hold up with VAS / SID signs. Assume similar amounts across the board of between £1K & £3K per parish for schemes. Match funded? A reminder of the conditions to meet. Hopefully it will not be a waste of time as any ideas may be used next year anyway. Any thoughts on allotment container? I understand sand bins are being discussed in Alresford
5. Scrutiny board task & finish group looking at **Local Highway Panels.**
6. Colne College . Dec 14. AG attended handing over of new building from builders to Academy. On time and within budget. Some small items to deliver. Will be wonderful addition to our childrens education options. Millions plus!
7. **Colne School Zebra Crossing** and road/pavement works. **UPDATE.** Was scheduled to be installed October half term together with traffic island in Bateman Road. Delayed due to shortage from supplier. Savings achieved by joining two projects together. School advised and they offered use of premises for vehicles & equipment. New date half term Feb scheduled.
8. Feb 28. Kent & Essex Fisheries Conservation meeting. Budget £1 million plus. AG one of 3 representing Essex funding & locally based business. Still modifying old EU rules. Big issue with water company’s discharge in to Thames area which includes Colne etc. Sales falling of local resources as public confidence at low ebb. Hydrogen fuel for boats discussed.
9. Feb 28. Meeting with local MP to discuss residents concerns. Fuel issues, cost of living & EU.
10. Feb 11. **Pride of Tendring awards.** 10 year anniversary.
11. **Feb 10. ECC full Council. Budget agreement meeting. Large amount of funds needed for Adult Social Care. Predicted to become a dramatically bigger issue as life expectancy increases.**
12. Jan 6. AG attended several meetings re “**levelling up**”. Justine Greening MP & Cllr. Louise McKinley. Ian Davidson too. Essex in advance of central govt white paper with plans. First in the country to be declared. Equality of opportunity wherever you live. 4 main initiatives launch in March with eligible funding:-
 - Holiday Clubs activity
 - Community Challenge Fund
 - Financial wellbeing fund
 - Family Friendly Employment Charter
13. ECC pension scheme for teachers. Problems at 3rd party admin centres. Local residents contacted AG & was able to help.
14. Much of the UK is suffering with employees not able to work because of self isolating etc. Obviously Teachers, Nurses and HGV drivers rightly make the headlines. ECC is not immune. Much of the

workforce is unable to be as efficient as normal. Apologies if this leads to unexpected delays. I am having to **exercise some patience in areas I would not have expected.**

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FACEBOOK: - Alan Goggin Essex County Councillor - Established 1947.

“Report it” tool for road or highways issues – essexhighways.org