

Paul Gadd County Councillor Update

Saffron Walden Town Council – Planning and Transport Committee

9/6/22

1. Flooding and drainage issues:
 - a. I'm waiting for a catch up with my Essex Highways drains contact, so I don't have any update from last month, copied again here for information:
 - i. *Blocked drains along the B1383 from Wendens Ambo to Littlebury are being cleared – half done;*
 - ii. *Still to do this month:*
 1. *Widen the drainage gullies on Shepherds Way to stop flooding there;*
 2. *Use remote cameras to investigate drain blockages on Reddings Close and South Way;*
 3. *Unblock drains on the rest of Abbey Lane.*
 - b. I have also had Anglian Water checking their Shepherds Way system, which the Essex Highways pipes flow into, and those are clear
2. Highways matters affecting the parish:
 - a. LHP schemes: the next meeting has been confirmed for 27 June, but I've had no other update on the schemes we've submitted;
 - b. High Street pavements – immediate maintenance is promised for this week, and I then need to chase for the longer term solution;
 - c. Continued pothole chasing inevitably – it's always a bad time of year but the responses seem particularly poor at the moment. There is a "Member Led Pothole Repair Scheme" just launched, and I have an allocation of 18 across the division! I've forwarded details to Georgia. Please nominate!
 - d. The Gladman developers have made a mess of the pavement reinstatement on Little Walden Rd, brought to my attention by a resident, so Essex Highways are requiring them to do a proper job, which means Little Walden Rd will be closed again, thankfully just evenings this time
3. Planning related highways matters:
 - a. On the Redrow issue with the Shire Hill bridleway, Essex Highways seem to have agreed a solution – I've forwarded the Essex report to Georgia;
 - b. On Friends School / Chase New Homes, Essex Highways haven't raised major concerns on the application, save that it contemplates 344 (!) houses on the site in due course, which they have objected to;
4. Bus services and other sustainable transport:
 - a. I've had complaints about the lack of real time information for buses at Audley End. According to Essex, the information boards are set up for real time information but Stephenson's don't currently have the systems to provide the data – Essex are hopeful this will be resolved before too long;
 - b. On cycling, I'm conscious of potential overlap between the UDC LCWIP and the ECC LHP cycle survey of Saffron Walden and the detailed scheme design for the SW to Gt Chesterford cycle path so I've got a meeting on 8/6 with the UDC sustainable transport officer to try to avoid any duplication