

Paul Gadd County Councillor Update

Saffron Walden Town Council – Planning and Transport Committee

14/7/22

1. Flooding and drainage issues:
 - a. I had a catch up with my ECC drains contact on 21 June on the outstanding Saffron Walden issues; they have done quite a lot of investigative work and I have another catch up with him on 18/7 to go through it with him and agree next steps;
2. Highways matters affecting the parish:
 - a. Rissa is leaving at the end of the month and I'm waiting for details of a replacement;
 - b. LHP schemes: see separate detailed update;
 - c. High Street pavements – immediate maintenance done, and definitely an improvement. I'll keep talking to ECC about the long term solution;
 - d. Continued pothole chasing inevitably – there seems to have been progress made in recent weeks;
 - e. Under the "Member Led Pothole Repair Scheme" I have an allocation of 18 across the division and will have a second allocation of 18 so please keep suggestions coming. I believe that clusters of potholes are treated as 1. I've so far been concentrating on the main through routes, so for SW have so far nominated Peaslands Rd / Mt Pleasant Rd (plenty); Thaxted Rd / Peaslands Rd mini-roundabout, London Road, Castle St
 - f. As I said last month, 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, so Little Walden Rd was closed for a while. They only did one side of the road so at some point there will need to be another closure for the other side!
 - g. A number of residents of Victoria Avenue have contacted me and asked for a 20mph speed limit on Victoria Avenue, and a resident of Thaxted Rd has asked similarly for Thaxted Rd. Once the town centre 20mph has been properly implemented, it would be a good idea if we looked at extending it, possibly in conjunction with the DfT AQMA funding.
3. Bus services and other sustainable transport:
 - a. ECC have circulated details of the new bus services, which seem to be an improvement for Saffron Walden;
 - b. On cycling, I reported back on the 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 discussed with both the UDC sustainable transport officer (who is an ECC secondee anyway) and Essex Highways and hopefully will avoid any duplication