

Paul Gadd County Councillor Update

Saffron Walden Town Council – Planning and Transport Committee

8/9/22

[Note, items in italics are repeats from last month, still unresolved]

1. Flooding and drainage issues:

- a. *[I had a catch up with my ECC drains contact on 18 July: results as follows:*
 - i. *They have now widened road gullies going down Shepherds Way to try to take rainwater before it floods the properties at the bottom;*
 - ii. *They have put cameras into blocked pipes in Reddings Close and South Rd (near the railway bridge) where there have been long-standing issues, and should now be taking remedial action in the next couple of months;*
 - iii. *They should be jetting blocked gullies on Abbey Lane and London Rd in the next couple of months;*
 - iv. *They have agreed a date to get access to the farmer's field and clear Stonebridge Farm ditch;*
- b. *That leaves Bridge Street as the other long-standing issue, which will be a major job;*
- c. *Cllr Roberts has emailed me with a number of other blocked or broken drains so I'll take those up next]* All as August – I'm waiting for a date to get an update

2. Highways matters affecting the parish:

- a. Rissa has left and a replacement arrived – Daniel McLean;
- b. *[LHP schemes: no further update since July; I've asked ECC Highways about funding schemes through our s.106 monies and as yet had no reply. I've chased again this week;]* Still the same – I've chased for a third time but no response so am taking it up with Daniel McLean, and hope to have a meeting with him before the Planning Committee
- c. *[High Street pavements – I'm chasing on why they have done just half the High St, to get the rest done;]* Ditto
- d. *[Under the "Member Led Pothole Repair Scheme": it seems now that clusters aren't treated as one so I've quickly got through my first allocation of 18, but with another 18 to come. In Saffron Walden they should be doing the Thaxted Rd / Peaslands Rd mini-roundabout, London Road (done), Castle St and the right hand turning lane on the B1383 coming from the station to Wendens Road. Peaslands Rd / Mt Pleasant Rd has too many to do (!) so I've asked for it to be resurfaced – response outstanding!].* B1383 also done. On Peaslands Rd I've had a holding response – will keep chasing to try to get it into the 2023/24 Capital Programme
- e. Plenty of other issues re potholes, requests for speed bumps etc.

3. Bus services and other sustainable transport:

- a. *[ECC have circulated details of the new bus services, which largely seem to be an improvement for Saffron Walden although they have withdrawn the buses that used to serve the 3 main London commuter trains – I'm chasing on this;]* I've had a number of conversations with ECC Passenger Transport. Stephenson's withdrew from the 59/590 service when they didn't retain the other services, which were ECC subsidised; ECC have

taken the decision that the 59/590 is an important service which needs to be retained, and so are in the process of re-tendering it, and hoping for that process to be completed in the next month. I hope I'll have an update before the meeting.

- b. *[On cycling, hopefully the detailed surveys are underway.]* Still waiting to hear