

District Councillor Monthly Report

Lawford, Manningtree & Mistley

May 2019

Election

As you are all aware the District Council Elections took place on the 2nd May. The three successful candidates for this new ward are Carlo Guglielmi, Alan Coley and Val Guglielmi.

No party has a majority; therefore negotiations continue in order to determine which group will form the administration.

Due to the period of purdah there is little to report at this time. However, we enclose some items of interest.

Communication

We hope to communicate in an inclusive way and this joint monthly report is an early indication of that. Lawford, Manningtree and Mistley (the three parishes) is essentially one community and it's our belief that what happens in one of the three parishes directly affects the other two. Therefore, it makes sense to send you a monthly report of TDC issues affecting all three areas or of general interest to you all.

We intend that from June this year at least one of your ward councillors will attend each of your Council Meetings. This contact remains important as members of the public are also able to attend and speak to Parish Councillors and their District Councillors at these meetings.

We have also invited the Parish & Town Council Chairmen to a regular joint meeting with your Ward Councillors. We believe this will be of real benefit to discuss local matters in more detail. It also provides an opportunity to understand concerns which may come directly from the community.

It is clear that some of our opponents in the election are also committed to our community. It is our intention to extend an invitation to those candidates to sit down together and discuss some of the most important on-going issues, such as the numerous Planning Applications, which will shortly be before the Planning Committee and the future of Manningtree Library.

Manningtree Library

We await the results of the independent analysis of the contributions during the consultation period, which will be known in mid-June. We remain hopeful that the banding of the Manningtree Library will be upgraded.

If all the efforts to secure an uplift to the banding are ultimately unsuccessful then it is our intention to work with Lawford, Manningtree & Mistley Councils in their

submission of a formal and joint Expression of Interest and potentially a Community Business Plan.

Planning Applications and Appeals

All Parish Councillors for the three parishes will be aware of the numerous and various planning issues which are pending, at Consultation, Application or Appeal stages. If all the proposed developments for our three parishes are approved, together with those already granted, the number of dwellings locally could increase by around 1,400, in the next 5 – 10 years.

We expect many of these applications will be made in the next few months.

We intend to continue to ‘call-in’ and speak against planning applications where appropriate. If a Parish or Town Council wish us to call-in specific applications it would be useful to receive a written request in that regard, listing the reasons for the ‘Call-in’. A summary of *some* of the current applications is below:

Location	Dwellings*	Status
Grange Road, Lawford	110	Appeal Hearing after Refusal
Rear of South Street, Manningtree	2	Appeal against Refusal
New Road, Mistley	67	Approved on Appeal (new layout refused)
Long Road/Clacton Road, Mistley	300	Approved by Inspector (Reserved Matters Pending)
Long Road/Clacton Road, Mistley	185	Appeal Pending after Refusal
Harwich Road, Mistley	135	Approved – being built
Harwich Road, Mistley	100	Application Pending
Trinity Road, Mistley	67	Application Pending
Colchester Road, Lawford	15	Application Pending
Bromley Road, Lawford	360	Approved – being built
Stourview Avenue, Mistley	70	Approved
High Street, Mistley	46	Approved – Demolition of site in progress
Stour Street, Manningtree	1	Approved
Brook Street/High Street, Manningtree	5	Approved – being built
High Street, Manningtree	1	Approved on Appeal (White Hart)

*Approximate number

The future of the Honeycroft Site at Colchester Road, Lawford is still being considered, but it is likely to be redeveloped.

Lawford Housing Enterprise Trust (LHET) – Forrester Road, Mistley

As you know Alan, Carlo and Val are founding Directors of the LHET. We were extremely pleased in April to hand over the latest nine new homes in Mistley, to local young people.

The next allocation of LHET homes will be available for application in around 18 months’ time. These will be located at Lawford Green, Bromley Road, Lawford. Young people connected to Lawford, Manningtree or Mistley will be able to apply and should keep an eye on our website www.lhet.org .

Wheelie bins start to arrive ahead of roll-out of new waste service

Thousands of wheelie bins are being delivered to Tendring District Council (TDC) ahead of the roll-out of the new waste service.

From June 10 the bins will be delivered to homes across the district for households to use for the black bag waste.

Once delivered homes will be on a fortnightly collection service for the wheelie bins, with a weekly collection of food waste and an alternate weekly recycling collection.

Not all properties are having a wheelie bin as those with no suitable side access or front garden, and some rural routes, and in these cases they will continue to have a weekly black sack collection.

Most homes will have a new collection day and details will be provided with their new bin – and are also on the TDC website. The roll-out will take 10 weeks to complete.

Jon Hamlet, Street Scene Manager, said the new service would be an improvement.

“We understand this is quite a big change and something that affects everyone in Tendring, which is why we are urging people to start preparing for it now,” Mr Hamlet said.

“We’ll be putting out more information as we get closer to the start of the roll-out but would advise residents to look now at our website to remind themselves if they are getting a wheelie bin, and what their new collection day will be.

“We would also always recommend people look at how they can increase the amount they recycle, and now would be a good time to replace your recycling boxes or food caddy if they’re lost or broken.”

More information can be found at www.tendringdc.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/new-waste-service

Superfast Broadband Networking Event for Business

Business leaders can find out more about superfast broadband and how to give their company a boost at a free breakfast event run by Tendring District Council (TDC).

The Spring Breakfast Event hosted by the council’s regeneration team will hear a speaker from the Superfast Essex team talk about the roll-out in Tendring, while the BEST Growth Hub will talk about what support is available to businesses.

Superfast Essex will also give information about the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme, offering up to £2,500 of funding to businesses looking to access full fibre internet.

The event takes place at the Royal Hotel, on Marine Parade East, Clacton, on May 23 from 8-10.30am, free bacon rolls and pastries will be on offer to those who attend.

Tom Gardiner, Head of Regeneration at TDC, encouraged firms to come along.

“These events are a great way of finding out how to boost your business, and also build links with other firms across Tendring,” Mr Gardiner said.

Businesses wanting to come along should contact business.advice@tendringdc.gov.uk

Tendring District – Blue Flags

Seven beaches in Tendring have been handed prestigious awards by Keep Britain Tidy.

The beaches at Brightlingsea, Dovercourt Bay, Harwich, Frinton, Walton-on-the-Naze and the town's Albion beach, and Martello Bay in Clacton have all been given Seaside Awards in recognition of their quality.

In addition, the beaches at Dovercourt Bay and Brightlingsea retained their Blue Flag status, with all Tendring seafronts retaining their accreditation.

Mike Carran, Tendring District Council's Head of Sport and Leisure, said the awards reflected just how important seafronts are to the area.

"Our beaches right around the district are a brilliant asset, not just for residents but also for tourists and the whole tourism industry," he said.

"We recognise this and invest so much in them – from our Beach Patrol service in the holidays, improvements to our seafronts and promenades, or even creating beautiful new beaches as we did in Holland-on-Sea, and which we are now improving access to with ongoing cliff stabilisation scheme."

General Information:

If anyone witnesses any fly tipping occurring, please contact TDC's Waste Management Team on 01255 686768.

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