

District Councillor Monthly Report

Lawford, Manningtree & Mistley

June 2019

Election

Further to the report last month, the Conservative Group, with the cooperation of some other smaller groups and Independent Members has formed an administration for Tendring District Council.

Councillor Daniel Land has been elected as Chairman of the council and Councillor Neil Stock was again elected as Leader of the Council.

Your local District Councillors have been appointed to various positions and committees:

Carlo Guglielmi	<p>Deputy Leader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cabinet Member – Corporate Finance & Governance (Including) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance • Superfast Essex • Corporate Plan • Corporate Enforcement • Legal Services • Democratic Services • Corporate Asset Management • ICT • Equality and Diversity ➤ Member of the Planning Policy & local Plan Committee
Alan Coley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chairman of the Audit Committee ➤ Member of the Licencing & Registration Committee ➤ TDC Representative on the General Assembly of the local Government Association
Val Guglielmi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Member of the Miscellaneous Licencing Sub-Committee ➤ Member of the Licensing and Registration Committee

D-Day Services

A service was held at Clacton War Memorial on Thursday 6th June to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings.

D-Day, on June 6 1944, saw Allied troops begin a large-scale invasion of France to take back Western Europe from Nazi German control. The Second World War in Europe was brought to an end less than a year later.

A service organised by the Clacton Royal British Legion and supported by Tendring District Council (TDC) commemorated the landmark anniversary at the seafront gardens' war memorial.

On Sunday 9th June, a local service was held at the War Memorial in High Street, Manningtree. This event was organised by the Manningtree and District branch of the British Legion. The Mayor of Manningtree and the Chairman of Lawford Parish Council were in attendance. District Councillors Carlo and Val Guglielmi took part in the service and laid wreaths.

Joint Meeting

The first of our meetings with the Chairs of the 'Three Parishes' took place on the 22nd May. Some of the items discussed included:

- A joint Parish and Town Councillors' meeting to explore the idea of future amalgamation.
- Joint Councillor Training sessions.
- A coordinated Litter Pick between the 'Three Parishes'.
- A joint TDC Presentation on Waste and Recycling.
- A joint Information Pack for new residents.

We believe that all those who attended thought the meeting was worthwhile and the next meeting is scheduled for 31st July.

Manningtree Library

On the 13th June Alan Coley chaired a small 'brain storming' meeting regarding the potential or otherwise of submitting an Expression of Interest to take over the running of Manningtree Library as a Community Library. The reason for having this meeting before the results of the consultation were known was because all Expressions of Interest had to be submitted to Essex County Council before the 18th June.

There were representatives from the 'Save Manningtree Library Campaign', Lawford, Manningtree & Mistley Town & Parish Councils, the Manningtree Museum, the three District Councillors and members of the community at the meeting.

It was a very useful and constructive meeting, with various options explored. There were strong recommendations from the Save Manningtree Library Campaign that no Expression of Interest should be submitted and that other options should be explored if the submitted objections to the tiering were unsuccessful.

The potential risks connected with not submitting an Expression of Interest were explained and discussed.

The majority view was that no Expression of Interest should be submitted.

The results of the independent analysis of the contributions during the consultation period, will be released after the 18th June, however this decision appears not to be included on the ECC Cabinet Agenda for their 18th June meeting.

Planning Applications and Appeals

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 in excess of 1,700 in the next 5 – 10 years. Therefore at worst this could represent a local population increase of 4,000.

We expect many of the pending applications will be made in the next few weeks and some of the outstanding applications will be before the Planning Committee in the next few months.

We intend to continue to ‘call-in’ and present our opposition to the Planning Committee, 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’.

We always welcome a Parish Councillor colleague also presenting collective opposition to an application (where appropriate). Historically it has often been quite lonely addressing the Planning Committee without Parish Council support.

An updated summary of *some* of the current applications is below:

Location	Dwellings*	Status
Summers Park, Lawford	150	Approved – Being Completed
Brunswick House Land, Mistley	25	Approved – being built
Secret Bunker site, Mistley	31	Approved – being built
Grange Road, Lawford	110	Public Appeal Hearing after Refusal (24 th July 2019)
Rear of South Street, Manningtree	2	Appeal against Refusal
New Road, Mistley	67	Approved on Appeal – New layout refused – Appeal anticipated
Long Road/Clacton Road, Mistley	300	Approved by Inspector (Reserved Matters Pending)
Long Road/Clacton Road, Mistley	185	Appeal Pending after Refusal by TDC Planning
Harwich Road, Mistley (River Reach)	135	Approved – being built
Harwich Road, Mistley (River Reach)	100	Application Pending Planning Committee Agenda item
Trinity Road, Mistley	67	Application Pending – Further information requested
Colchester Road, Lawford	15	Application Pending – Further information requested
Bromley Road, Lawford	360	Approved – being built
Stourview Avenue, Mistley	70	Approved – Appeal Pending regarding Increase to 72
High Street, Mistley	46	Approved – Demolition of previous 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)
Mistley Place Park	56	Developer in negotiation / consultation with Parish Council
EDME – Relation to Horsley Cross	N/A	District Councillors have a meeting scheduled with EDME

*Approximate number

The Honeycroft Site at Colchester Road, Lawford is currently vacant. It will be redeveloped, but the timescale is unknown.

Developments at Brantham (320 Dwellings) are in progress.

Investors in People Gold Award – Given to Tendring District Council

Tendring District Council (TDC) has been recognised as a top employer by Investors in People (IiP) – who have awarded the authority a Gold award.

IiP assess employers on a range of factors by carrying out an all-staff survey and holding interviews with groups of workers and leaders.

In his report the assessor said it was apparent employees “think TDC is a great place to work”, that managers and staff are “committed” and “well-engaged”, and that TDC has “a significant and positive impact right across its district”.

He also praised the “grow your own ethos” of developing staff, including apprentices and current and future managers, and said: “TDC is a dynamic, fast paced, stretching environment where staff are encouraged to achieve their full potential.”

TDC previously held Gold status, and TDC Leader Cllr Neil Stock OBE said he was really pleased to hold on to the award – especially after the assessment criteria was made tougher.

“This prestigious award is recognition of the hard work we put in to looking after our staff and making sure we are a good employer,” Cllr Stock said.

“With more than 600 full and part-time staff we are one of the largest employers in Tendring, and it is important that we lead the way and set a good example for others to follow.”

Weeley Crematorium Grounds – Closed for Maintenance

The grounds at Weeley Crematorium will be closed to the public for five weekends commencing 29 June to allow for essential maintenance work to be carried out.

Roads in the grounds are in vital need of repair before they become dangerous to both motorists and pedestrians who use the crematorium and visit the cemetery.

To complete the work safely it will be necessary to stop access to the site while works are carried out, and to avoid disruption to funeral services the project has been scheduled to take place across five consecutive weekends.

Michael Talbot, Tendring District Council’s Cabinet Member for Environment which includes responsibility for Weeley Crematorium, explained there is no easy time to close access to the site.

“However, it is essential that this work is carried out to make sure the grounds are safe for everyone to use in the future, and we hope people can understand that we cannot simply postpone any services which may need to take place during the time the repairs are being done.”

“We are working closely with our contractors to make sure this work is carried out as quickly as possible, in a bid to minimise disruption, and have made sure to avoid key

dates such as bank holidays, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day which we know are particularly popular times for people to visit."

Wheelie bins start to arrive in roll-out of 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.**

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

Clacton Beside the Sea Festival

Music, dancing and fun for all the family lifted people's spirits on Sunday, 9 June, at the Beside the Seaside Festival in Clacton.

Performers entertained the crowds, including headline act The Landed, Raz and local singer Abbie Hartley, while there were Bollywood dance classes, arts and crafts and much more for children at the event which is run by the Harwich Festival on behalf of Tendring District Council (TDC).

Michael Offord, General Manager of the Harwich Festival, said it had been a great day.

"There was a great atmosphere despite the colder than usual weather, and the music was well-received – we've had some great feedback," he said.

"The Landed were excellent, as were all of the musicians, and it was particularly lovely to have local acts such as Abbie and the Clacton Musical Theatre Society.

"The children's area also went down a storm, it was nice to see so many people taking part in all of the activities.

"I'd like to thank TDC for their support and say how much we are enjoying working on these festivals."

The next Beside the Seaside Festival is in Dovercourt Bay on 18 August.

World Safety Day – Business invite to free seminar

On the 7th June World Food Safety Day was marked by Tendring District Council inviting businesses to a free seminar on hygiene.

This is the first-ever time this day has been recognised, following a UN resolution passed last December. TDC's Food Safety Team is launching its event which will help firms to improve their hygiene rating – as well as reminding the public of the wealth of information out there to help them make food choices.

There are currently 12 businesses in Tendring with a food rating score of two or lower, and TDC's Food Safety Team has picked up on an increasing trend. The team works with any business which falls below this standard to improve the situation.

The business seminars will be taking place on Tuesday, September 24 and will tackle common failings such as poor cleaning and disinfection standards, a lack of food safety management systems, poor food storage and inadequate food hygiene training. It will also look at allergens and how to handle them safely.

Seminars will be held at TDC's Weeley offices and are taking place at 9am, 10.15am, 2.15pm and 3.45pm.

The public are also being reminded they can check out ratings before they eat anywhere at <https://ratings.food.gov.uk/> or on <https://www.scoresonthedoors.org.uk/>

Businesses can sign up for the seminar by emailing fhsadmin@tendringdc.gov.uk and including which seminar they wish to attend.

Free Pet Advice at events across Tendring

Veterinary charity the PDSA is bringing its Petwise events to three Tendring locations later this month to offer free advice to animal owners.

Supported by Tendring District Council's Dog Wardens, the events will offer free dog wellbeing checks, pet advice and a check to see if owners qualify for ongoing free treatment for their animals with the PDSA.

Events take place at the Jaywick Sands Community and Resource Centre on **Tuesday, 25 June**; Clacton Coach car park in West Road on **Wednesday, 26 June**; and at the Wellington Road car park in Harwich on **Thursday, 27 June**.

Petwise runs from 10am-5pm on each day.

General Information:

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

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