

AG. Great Bentley notes – December 2021 meeting	
1.	<p>26 Oct. Member ECC local community initiative relaunched. £10,000 available to this division. An idea only at this stage for further discussion. AG organised meeting with provider of mobile VAS & SID signs at St. Osyth. All 5 parishes in my division attended with 2 Cllrs. Discuss possible options for joint purchase of mobile SID's [speed indicator devices] and VAS's [vehicle activated signs]. Options regarding funding. Speed awareness campaign. It is an information/educational tool and not immediate prosecution. Councillors to advise if wish to take further for Brightlingsea residents. AG will then Liase police plus. Money needs to be spent before March 22. To date 5 of 5 councils have met & agreed to proceed to take next steps.</p> <p>Some prices circulated to Councillors for discussion. Advised price reduction for camera option.</p>
2.	<p>Alternative to community initiative funding. There is a chance that the purchase process could take longer than expected. As such it may well be that the VAS/SID projects will use funds, but from the 22/23 budget. I am advised that the ECC initiative should be available next year. In that case I am asking Councils to think about "off the shelf" [oven ready] community plans are discussed. Assume similar amounts across the board of between £1000 and £3000 per parish for schemes. Match funded? A reminder of the conditions to meet. Hopefully it will not be a waste of time as any ideas may be used next year anyway.</p> <p>I believe that the speed initiative is a good use of public funds.</p>
3.	Nice to see the light display on the Green. Funding well spent! Congratulations Mary & her team.
4.	Real COVID pressures are creating service/repair problems at ECC . Staff illness and absence have been made worse by the latest news. A change of practice in many areas. Key is meetings and working groups guidelines. Patience needed.
5.	The Zebra crossing outside Colne school. UPDATE . Was scheduled to be installed October half term together with traffic island in Bateman Road. Delayed due to shortage from supplier. Discussions with installers whether possible to arrange over Xmas half-term or more likely Feb holiday. Savings achieved by joining two projects together. School advised and they offered use of premises for vehicles & equipment. New date in Feb agreed.
6.	25 Nov. AG chairs policy scrutiny Cttee. Place, Services & Economic Growth. Cabinet member[s] for waste reduction & recycling [Cllr Buckley], and Economic renewal, infrastructure & Planning [Cllr Wagland] dated. Task and finish group for local Highway Panel . Bus strategy.
7.	ECC trying to adjust to most recent COVID developments. Meetings at County Hall more and more by Zoom. Full council meeting for Dec 7 can only accommodate 50% members. Agenda dramatically reduced. Decision making has to be face-to-face
8.	29 Oct. ECC Cabinet member for Highways [Cllr. Lee Scott] in arranged visit to Brightlingsea division. Toured key areas including Great Bentley B1027.
9.	12 Nov. Health & Social care briefing. 95% care workers in homes in Essex vaccinated. Last minute 500/550? Focus now on 1200 domiciliary care workers . Discussion on charging reforms on new health & care bill
10.	16 Nov. Stakeholder meeting at Brightlingsea Harbour. AG attended.
11.	Library consultation circulated. Please urge all Great Bentley residents to respond.
12.	26 Nov. Meeting IFCA fisheries. Oysters in Brightlingsea on agenda, as well as in Colne river.
13.	Last meeting AG mentioned "GOOD SAMARITAN ACT 2015". Clarification. This was Social Action, responsibility & heroism Act 2015. This mentions a person acting for the benefit of society. Snow clearing!

14.	COVID updates weekly. Figures still worrying.
15.	<p>17 Nov. A good meeting with Highways at the Cricket Club. Thanks for organising. Summary submitted by Cll. Harry. [discuss?] Several options to be discussed and some – mainly with Highway Rangers – already completed! Able to compare up to date speed & volume numbers with 2018 survey.</p> <p>Less traffic – 19,669 [2021] compared to 21,523[[2018].</p> <p>74% of vehicles exceeding 30 MPH limit!. Many in 30-35 MPH bracket – up to 40%!. Very small number of accidents!</p>
16.	A merry Christmas and a happy new year to all in Great Bentley. Looking forward to a slightly less frantic year. First year of four!
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