

AG. Great Bentley notes – January 2022 meeting	
1.	<p>26 Oct. Member ECC local community initiative relaunched. £10,000 available to this division. UPDATE. All 5 of the parishes in my division have agreed to proceed with their own choices. Within the next few days Westcotec will be in touch with GB Council issuing a joint statement from them and myself. Will Spinks - the rep who spoke at the initial meeting will be offering to prepare an individual “bundle” for each Parish based around their needs. This will allow him to prepare one off” illustrations and prices to take in to account training, posts etc.</p> <p>If acceptable this can then be agreed by the Parish, and we can finalise the grant application to ECC. I am recommending direct contact with the Company. Alresford have received a letter direct from Essex Police confirming sites etc and that that they are in favour. A word of warning however about the capacity to prosecute.</p>
2.	<p>Alternative to community initiative funding. As mentioned last month, 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.	<p>I have recently discovered an interesting site at TDC about direct contact to the “ Highway Rangers”. I recommend that Councillors make themselves aware of options to help resident needs. <i>REPORT A FAULT TO THE HIGHWAY RANGERS.</i></p>
4.	<p>The Zebra crossing outside Colne school. UPDATE. Scheduled for February half term. Together with traffic island in Bateman Road.</p>
5.	<p>COVID pressures are creating service/repair problems at ECC. Most are aware of staff shortages due to COVID for nurses, teachers, HGV drivers etc. ECC is not immune from the same problems. 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 please.</p>
6.	<p>Brightlingsea Sports Centre. Ongoing discussion at TDC. Original 30 year joint user agreement ended in July 2021. Technically not an ECC issue but am giving input on behalf of some residents.</p>
7.	<p>Jan 6 2022. AG attends ECC webinar with key players about “levelling up”. Initiatives being rolled out to start early March. Full details to follow. MP Justine Greening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Challenge fund. • Holiday club activity. • Financial wellbeing programme. • Family friendly employment charter.
8.	<p>Recent train & car accident at Frating. Could have been a lot worse!. Being investigated.</p>
9.	<p>Library consultation circulated. Please urge all Great Bentley residents to respond.</p>
10.	<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>

74% of vehicles exceeding 30 MPH limit!. Many in 30-35 MPH bracket – up to 40%!

Very small number of accidents!

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