

AG – Great Bentley notes – March 2022 meeting

1.	<p>Feb 25. AG attended launch of ECC “levelling up” presentation at Clacton Town Hall relating to Jaywick & Clacton. £2 million spend regarding job creation and community Challenge unit. Social supermarket.</p> <p>Later morning launch of Literacy corner at Clacton Library. First to launch in County but will be rolled out by July?</p>
2.	<p>Feb 22. Scrutiny board meeting. AG mentions review of Local Highways panel. Perhaps to include maintenance. Concept. How to put in “new” when existing needs repairs? Debate! Scrutiny board “task & finish” group looking at Local Highway Panels. Target presentation date for cabinet is March</p>
3.	<p>Feb 18. Many trees damaged in big wind day. Most cleared in reasonable time.</p>
4.	<p>14 Feb. AG attended briefing on Library consultation from cabinet member. 2,000 replies over whole of Essex. Of top 10 requests something like 8 already being dealt with. Will take some time to analyse. Will eventually be scrutinised. Requests include look at longer hours, more book titles. Saturday Feb 19 Love your Library day. Brightlingsea & Clacton. 10.00 to 16.00 hrs.</p>
5.	<p>Member ECC community initiative grants. Planned to carry over for first few months. With some amendments may possibly be available next year too. Recommendations from Alresford.</p>
6.	<p>Feb 2. ECC Member session on fraud & corruption.</p>
7.	<p>Feb 25. Local police presentation at Colne Yacht Club. AG to welcome. Local bobbies. Anything Great Bentley want specifically mentioned?</p>
8.	<p>Colne School Zebra Crossing and road/pavement works. UPDATE. Scheduled to be fully installed this week. Believe several students from Great Bentley will continue to use.</p>
9.	<p>Feb 11. Pride of Tendring awards. 10 year anniversary. Good to see great turnout from District..</p>
10.	<p>Sports Centre Colne College. Much discussion. AG advised talks started as far back as 2017 with knowledge that 30 year joint user agreement ended July 2021. Many meetings in period. Not much action.</p>
11.	<p>Feb 10. ECC full Council. Budget agreed increase. Large amount of funds needed for Adult Social Care. Predicted to become a dramatically bigger issue as life expectancy increases. Combined with child care were two big discussion items. Debated alternative suggestions for £10 million from expenditure of £2,000 million - from one group. Eventually budget passed with non-aligned members mostly voting in favour. Much focus on levelling up benefits.</p>
12.	<p>REPEAT FROM LAST FEW MONTHS. STILL RELEVANT. Much of the UK is suffering with employees not able to work because of self isolating etc. Obviously Teachers, Nurses and HGV drivers rightly make the headlines. ECC is not immune. Much of the workforce is unable to be as efficient as normal. Apologies if this leads to unexpected delays. I am having to exercise some patience in areas I would not have expected.</p>
13.	<p>Ongoing communication with resident from “The Path”. Previous issue regarding parking outside Chemist. Resident not happy with GB response. AG advised by resident that this weekend an ambulance could not gain access due to broken down van one side of road! AG recommended sending pictures to clerk & AG, but in danger of coming up against 6 month rule? No action from Essex unless GBPC recommend appropriate option? AG advised Cllr McWilliams.</p>
14.	<p>Resident request to discuss bus shelter at existing stop. AG advised to contact clerk direct. Note moratorium on new shelters from ECC as part of overall strategy. Also confirm with bus company numbers of tickets purchased from this stop?1</p>
15.	<p>Swallows Corner. Sign missing. Damaged after accident. Resident asked ECC to investigate replacement. Item reported. Its on a schedule. AG asked to upgrade request. Residents confirm</p>

several incidents on site but sadly hardly any reported to police so records are not helpful due to lack of physical injury. AG concerned that over 24 months old. ECC reinvestigating.

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