

Great Waltham Parish Council

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CLERKS MONTHLY REPORT 19th December 2011

Please note that this report should be read before the meeting. An opportunity will be given at the meeting to ask questions on the items reported below.

Any Councillor wishing to add any of the items mentioned to the next agenda may do so by contacting the Clerk 11 clear days prior to the date of the meeting. During the month since the last meeting the following items have occurred and are presented to the Parish Council as report. This report may be added to verbally at the meeting

10.1 Highways Matters

10.1.1 Village Gateways/Speed reduction features at Ford End. – authorisation has been received for the installation of the gates at Ford End. These gates will be installed as soon as possible.

10.1.2 Bridge at Hartford End Mill. – repairs are underway.

10.1.3 Bury Lane Ford – the works to replace the wooden barrier will be undertaken by the Parish Council as soon as possible.

10.1.5 Verge and Flooding, Lucks Lane, Howe Street– Following completion of the reinstatement of the ditch and verge works by ECC Highways during week commencing 21st November 2011, a working party made up of Lucks Lane residents got together over the weekend 26th/27th November and set about giving Lucks Lane a ‘facelift’. Grass areas were all cut, the weed growth along the kerb gutters were cleared, the nettles at back of the ditch dug out, verges reseeded etc.

10.2 Speed Indicator Device.

Reports from the Speed Indicator Device are as follows:

Location	Total Vehicles	Average per day	Up to 30mph	Over 30 mph up to 40mph	Over 40mph
Main Road, Howe Street facing Dunmow	4208	601	1792 (42%)	1923 (46%)	493 (12%)
Hatchfields, Great Waltham	7261	1117	3561 (49%)	2782 (38%)	918 (13%)
Ford End School	14592	1946	4717 (32%)	7675 (53%)	2200 (15%)

10.3 Great Waltham School – School Wall – No further progress has been made with this project.

10.4 Speeding and reducing the speed limits – nothing further has been heard.

10.5 Quiet Lanes – nothing further to report on this matter.

10.6 Willow tree between Beehive Public House and Walthambury Stores – Nothing further has been heard since that meeting held on 28th July 2011.

10.7 Transport Needs Survey – the survey has now been completed and the results circulated. A report will be prepared on this survey for the January meeting.

10.8 Unofficial Layby – near Oak House, Main Road, Howe Street - nothing further has been heard.

10.9 Development of Affordable Housing – Barrack Lane and Mashbury Road, Great Waltham-

An open day was held at the Parish Office on 23rd November 2011 to allow local residents to view the proposals. It was estimated that approximately 50 people attended.

10.10 Tree Planting Schemes 2011/12 - an application has been made for grant aid towards replanting a cherry tree at Howe Street Playing Field. A response is awaited.

10.11 Commemorative Tree at Broads Green.

The tree agreed by the Parish Council was planted on Sunday 11th December 2011.

10.12 Essex County Council – Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, section 53 – Case 788 – Footpath claim from Margaret Woods Road to circuit round Tufnell ere with two links to FP2, Broads Green, Great Waltham – a letter from ECC indicates that an appeal has been lodged against the County Council's decision to refuse the application.

10.13 Works to trees – notification of an application has been received as follows:

11/05605/CAT Thatchers, The Village, Great Waltham Crab Apple in rear garden - 2.5m crown reduction; Cherry (T2 on attached plan) in rear garden - 2.5m crown reduction
11/05628/CAT Langleys, The Village, Great Waltham for Ash - west of main house, within grazing land - fell to ground level and remove stump (large cavity, numerous Ganoderma brackets); Ash - road between South Lodge & main dwelling - reduce lowest lateral over the road by 3.5 - 4m, cutting to suitable growing points (due to Inonotus hispidus within cavity) Horse Chestnut - adjacent south lodge - fell to ground level and remove stump; Oak - adjacent North Lodge - fell to ground level and remove stump (in decline); Weeping Willow - by waterfall - fell to ground and kill stump;
Oak - along northern drive - fell to ground level and remove stump.
A copy of the application has been circulated to members.

10.14 Bus Stops - a meeting took place with Essex County Council and their contractor on 8th December 2011. Agreement was reached as follows –

Green Man Public House, Howe Street. (42A)

A plan of the proposed sites for the stops will be sent for the Parish Council to consult with the houses in the surrounding area giving them the opportunity to make comments.

Warner's Farm roundabout, Howe Street (X30 stop)

It was felt that the route was well serviced by the Service 42A to/from Stansted Airport and that the X30 was an express service with limited stops. A stop for the X30 at Warner's Farm Roundabout would therefore not be permitted.

Stumps Cross, Ford End (42A)

The area is not safe for a bus to stop being on a bend with fast moving traffic. The proposed stop would serve people living at Ringtail Green. Ringtail Green is equidistance from the Ford End bus stop or Stumps Cross. For these reasons an additional stop would not be permitted.

Kings Farm, Ford End (42A)

Subject to a safety inspection a plan would be prepared of proposed stops at Kings Farm, Ford End. A local consultation would then be carried out to see if there was any objection to the additional stop.

Repositioning of the southbound bus stop at Appletrees Corner. (42A)

This would be subject of a further safety inspection.

Junction of Hatchfields and Chelmsford Road, Great Waltham. (42A and 52)

A northbound bus stop would be installed at Hatchfields. Junction with Chelmsford Road.