

Chairman's Report 31/10/18

- A meeting was held this week with District Cllrs Dean and Sell and agreed the District Council request engagement with the purchaser of the vacant commercial sites at Kingswood Close re parking space availability and reopen the proposal by the Parish Council on the access route in from Cambridge Rd and egress out through Crafton Green. Cllr Dean is taking these issues forward for UDC follow up.
- The Parish Council will be discussing the commissioning of an independent options appraisal on Crafton Green House. Communications from Cllr Catherine Dean, Lino Thomas, and a customer of the hairdresser, have been received re the future of Crafton Green House and specifically the grassed area facing the current car park. Given the temporary suspension of the car park review has been announced and the frequent full occupancy of the adjacent car park – a comprehensive review of the area is required.
- Our submission on the Stansted Airport planning application is on our website and has been acknowledged as received by UDC. Communication of the views of the Parish Council will be presented at the different public sessions.
- A written presentation will be submitted to all Essex Health and Wellbeing Board Members prior to the next scheduled meeting, where we understand our issues already raised with the Lead Pharmacist and the Commissioner for Public Health will be addressed. We will hope for a positive outcome that a *supplementary statement* addressing our needs for an additional dispensing pharmacy in the south of the parish will be agreed, if not we will go to appeal.
- We still await a written response from UCVS (Uttlesford Centre for Voluntary Services) on how we can support and promote our youth service. The delay is not acceptable and if we do not receive the report by November 5th as now promised – we will make a formal complaint about the lack of service.
- Three parishioners have been accepted for the District Community Achievement Awards- Marion Pretty, Judy Colliver and Alan Corbishley – all for volunteering in the community.
- The Clerk and I met yesterday with UDC Planning Officers and representatives of Bloor Homes to look at the issues of the conditional agreement set by the Planning Committee on the High Lane site next to the Catholic Church.
 - I. The pedestrian crossing (signalled) is not deemed to be any safer than the existing arrangement and would be cost prohibitive. It is not warranted in a recent Health and Safety audit undertaken by Highways. The police have also commented that no further action is required. During the planning discussions for the Walpole Meadows development, Bloor were told by Highways to direct pedestrian traffic

from the new development via High Lane towards Lower Street rather than along Cambridge Road. Those proposals were then approved. It is considered that if that route is safe for the residents of the 147 houses, then it follows that it is suitable for the residents of the 35 dwellings on the triangle site.

- II. Bloor have agreed to investigating resurfacing the new path which connects High Lane to Cambridge Road to make it more accessible for buggies/wheelchairs etc. It should be noted that this path was not a requirement of the S.106 agreement.
- III. Bloor also agreed to go back and pursue a 30-mph limit with highways on the section of Cambridge Road approaching from the north. They had originally included this as part of the highways works, but it was not supported by the police or Highways as part of the 278 agreement.
- IV. The signage on the road going south at the approach to the round - about is also to be re- discussed e.g. the turn left sign/ go ahead and turn right.