

REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Staines states the Home Office are running a drop in event regarding The Asylum Centre in Wethersfield Village Hall between on Monday 31ST July 3.00 – 4.30pm, BDC Officers along with Essex Police will be present along with Home Office officials, also stated there is a new Home Office e-mail address public.enquires@homeoffice.gov.uk.

Also stated, Cllr Staines and Cllr Ault have engaged with the Home Office's operator Clear springs ready homes to start a liaison group including regular tours inside the Wethersfield Airbase, waiting to hear back but will push for this to move forward. It is of understanding that Clear springs ready homes are responsible for the operational elements inside.

Also stated a letter has been written to Dan Gascoyne asking for clarification on how to direct the significant money from the Home Office to be spent in the Three Fields wards, also spoken with the Finchingfield Guild for ideas and looking at what has been affected in this area by the Wethersfield Airbase, school, and tourism elements where this money can go towards. Cllr Martin Smith and Cllr Staines agree this should be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr Ault – Stated BDC are not aware at this stage the exact amount of funding due, however after meeting with the Finchingfield Guild, it is important to set up a residents Association, it is an idea that the Fields Association are responsible to push forward with a group possibly named “The Three C’s Fund” where further discussions and ideas can be put forward.

A Business Guild member stated they will be meeting with The Three Fields Association and will feedback to the Parish Council once the meeting has taken place.

Cllr Staines stated they would like to support The Three Tuns pub by suggesting asking the Parish Council permission to use the land outside the Three Tuns for benches and customers. Cllr Staines asks for the council to think further about this.

Sunday 16th July Cllr Staines visited the Windmill, Museum, and St John the Baptist Church, stated it was a fabulous exhibition.

Independent & Green group - Cllr Staines discusses green waste regarding bin waste and costs in respect of charging for collections – further information can be obtained from Cllr Staines.

Also states with new housing developments emerging, why isn't council tax going down? states there is a proposal for another phase of Towerlands and mentioned the appeal in September for the objection to development two to Deer Park View, in Great Bardfield, these developments will have an impact on all local residents. Cllr Staines states further discussions around the roles of the planning officers, District and Parish Councils in respect of objections and what could be learnt for future developments are needed.

Cllr Staines states he will be attending the Essex County Council meeting to talk to the development committee in opposition to allowing an incinerator, which is currently being developed at Rivenhall as they plan to drop all recycling in there.

Cllr Staines it is deeply concerning that whilst other district across the country refuse or close incineration capacity, Essex seems to be enabling. Further concerns around the enhanced turbine and the increasing plan to burn 600,000 tuns - Cllr Staines discusses further.

Cllr Ault States there have been complaints regarding the No.9 bus service to Braintree, which Cllr Ault and Cllr Staines have addressed by writing to the bus company, however, have not yet had a response. Cllr Ault states that they would need support from all residents from the three fields that use that bus service.

Cllr Strange states it was raised at the last Cornish Hall End meeting that there is no bus service to Braintree.

Further discussions around the No.9 bus, and the bus company Central Connect.

Cllr Martin Smith asks Cllr Staines, further to the last minutes of the last meeting it was noted that Cllr Staines asked if residents could please take photos of HGV's coming into the village, to also make a note of the time, and to then send them to both Cllr Staines and Cllr Ault, Cllr Staines confirms this.

Cllr Martin Smith states that any complaints from residents regarding the No.9 bus service are to be sent to Cllr Ault and Cllr Staines.

Further discussions on the No.9 bus route between Cllr Duffin, Cllr Hammond, and Cllr Braithwaite. Cllr Hammond discusses the bus route, Cllr Braithwaite discusses the importance for some residents being able to get a bus to the Co-op in Great Bardfield. Cllr Staines also states at times residents can get a bus to Braintree but unfortunately there is no bus to return home.

Cllr Martin Smith states the Parish Council welcome the intervention from Cllr Ault and Cllr Staines and if they are to move forward with a petition to get the bus route rectified, the Parish Council will help.

Cllr Duffin asks if there is any further information regarding the current numbers at the Asylum Center at Wethersfield Airbase and if it is still 44.

Cllr Staines states we do not have further or new information regarding numbers at this stage.

Cllr Martin Smith states one of the most important issues around this is the funding from the Home Office.