Paul Gadd County Councillor Update

Wendens Ambo Parish Council 7/2/22

1. Flooding and drainage issues:
   1. No update from last month I’m afraid, but I’ll keep following up – last month was “*Station Road / B1383: the junction was cleared in October 2021 but I gather is flooding again so I’ve asked ECC to look again at a more permanent solution. As I reported in December 2021, I have also been contacted by Audley End Estates with a view to clearing the drains north from the junction so I’m taking both issues up with my drainage contact as well.”*
2. Highways matters affecting the parish:
   1. The validation process for the LHP request for the 40mph zone before the 30mph limit coming from the west is ongoing – I haven’t had any questions from the LHP;
   2. Issue of rusting and dangerous street furniture / lampposts in Wendens Ambo raised with me – ECC said they were going to fix 2 of the 3 soon but couldn’t identify the third. I’ve had further photos from you and have passed them on;
3. UDC funding to retrofit energy efficiencies to lower income homes – strictly this is UDC rather than ECC but I promised the UDC officer that I’d help to spread the word, so anything you can do to spread the word in the parish would be appreciated; although UDC has been allocated £1m, if other districts don’t use their full allocations we may be able to get more money, so it makes sense for as many people as are eligible to register. Contact UDC and ask to talk about the Green Homes Grant.
4. ECC general:
   1. There’s a full council meeting on 10/2/22 - the main item of business is to approve the budget;
   2. The Council tax precept is to increase by 4.49% - not surprising given the funding pressures central government is putting on councils, but unfortunately not helpful timing given all the current inflationary pressures.