

Paul Gadd County Councillor Update

Wendens Ambo Parish Council 6/11/23

[Note, items in italics are repeats from last month, still unresolved]

1. Locality Fund:
 - a. The application for £500 for the cricket club to fund new cricket covers has been approved by ECC
2. Highways matters affecting the parish:
 - a. My second tranche of 18 potholes to be repaired will be open soon – I have a window of opportunity between 13 and 24 November, although about half of the potholes I nominated in August under the first tranche have still yet to be fixed. When you do, please include location, at least 2 photos and the reference number from when it has been reported – if any haven't been reported, please report them first - [Tell us - Essex County Council \(essexhighways.org\)](https://www.essexhighways.org);
 - b. *[On the LHP scheme to introduce a 40mph zone west of the village, as I reported last month, I have a note from the 28/9/23 LHP meeting that the Wendens Ambo scheme was submitted to the design team on 04/08/23 – I have no idea why only then – and that “there is the possibility that developer funding might be available for this scheme”;* I'm sorry but I haven't been able to get any further information, and the system has been “closed for maintenance” for the last month so I can't access the schemes updates.
3. ECC Matters:
 - a. ECC have recently launched a consultation on their waste strategy. The last one seems to have largely failed, having adopted relatively low recycling targets and then missed them, and having been centred around one large plant designed to produce combustible waste which is now being demolished. The Independent group at ECC proposed a motion at last month's Full Council meeting to ask ECC to focus on recycling rather than incineration / waste from energy, but that was voted down;
 - b. On the recycling centres, ECC regard their bookings trial as a success, even though it doesn't help Saffron Walden. They currently out to consultation with a view to making it permanent; feedback to ECC in relation to the Saffron Walden Recycling Centre is clearly against any booking system. Please encourage residents to participate in the consultation - [Recycling Centre Vehicle Bookings Consultation - Essex County Council - Citizen Space](#);
 - c. ECC are very keen on the Government's current devolution plans for Essex, and are pushing ahead with proposals. I will circulate details when I get them.