

AGM Report – Maldon District Council – Tillingham Ward

Dear Councillors and Residents,

As we come to the end of my third year representing the Ward of Tillingham at Maldon District Council, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on the work carried out across Tillingham Ward and within Maldon District Council over the past 12 months.

I would like to also thank all the parish councillors, volunteers, local organisations, and residents for their continued commitment to our villages and rural communities.

This year has continued to bring challenges around local government funding, infrastructure pressures, rural services and planning matters. Despite this, there has also been positive progress through partnership working and strong community engagement across the villages that I serve.

Throughout the year I have continued to attend parish council meetings where possible, responding to local concerns and helping raise issues with Maldon District Council, Essex County Council and other agencies. Key areas across the ward have included:

- Highway maintenance and pothole repair
- Flooding and drainage issues
- Rural Transportation and bus services
- Planning applications and enforcement matters
- Speeding and Road safety
- Community facilities
- Waste and Recycling services

I remain committed to ensuring that parish councils have a strong voice within the district and that local concerns are properly represented.

Concerns regarding road conditions and speeding remain among the most common issues raised by residents. I have been raising highway repair issues with Essex Highways, supported reports relating to potholes, continued discussions regarding speeding hotspots and traffic calming measures and supported improvements to signage and road safety.

Like many councils across the country, Maldon District Council continues to face financial pressures resulting from rising service costs and increasing demands. Despite these challenges the council have continued to:

- Deliver core local services
- Support residents through cost-of-living pressures
- Invest in environmental and community priorities
- Improve efficiency while protecting frontline services

In the coming year, my priorities for Tillingham Ward will continue to include:

- Supporting parish councils and residents

- Improving Highways and road safety
- Protecting the rural character of the Dengie
- Ensuring appropriate and sustainable development
- Supporting local services and community resilience
- Representing the interests of our villages at district level

I will continue working closely with parish councils, fellow councillors, council officers, and partner organisations to help achieve positive outcomes for our community.

Thank you once again to all of the parish councillors and their clerks. It remains a privilege to represent Tillingham Ward on Maldon District Council, and I look forward to continuing to work on behalf of our communities during the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Councillor Matthew Neall MDC Councillor – Tillingham Ward