

### **Election**

Due to the death of Cllr Ian Grundy (both ECC and CCC), ECC have received a valid requisition for a by-election to be held for the Stock Division. The service of the requisition means that a by-election must be held. This is the case notwithstanding that we are now in the last six months before the ordinary elections. Also, City Council, who have also received a requisition for a City Council by election, it has been determined that, if contested, polling day will be on Thursday 12 December, with the count being held the following day. It is therefore anticipated that the notice of election will be published on Thursday, 7 November. Information about the election can be found here: <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/voting-and-elections/upcoming-elections/> The pre-election period will commence on Thursday 12th November.

### **ECC Meeting 15th Oct:**

Conservatives put through 2 motions:

1. One on opposing the removal of winter fuel allowance.
2. One on opposing green belt development and asking for Govt to better fund infrastructure to come with the increased NPPF targets (a 42% increase in Essex).

The second motion was mine – so if anyone more info on the numbers, effects, etc – I can supply.

Both motions passed.

### **Eagle Cottage Ford End**

ECC Enforcement last replied on 23 October to them clarifying a few points and answering questions and ended with a date of 18 November to remove the planting and fence off the highway. If they remain in place after this date, they will pass over to Essex Legal Service for service of a S143 Highways Act 1980 notice, requiring them to remove within 1 month. On default of the notice, the Highway Authority is empowered to remove them and recharge the cost of doing so to them.

### **MP**

And congratulations to our MP, Kemi Badenoch, becoming Leader of the opposition in Parliament.

I am working with Kemi's office to make sure that constituency issues still get addressed.

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