**Update by Cllr Derrick Louis, Essex County Council Member for Witham Southern, April 2021**

**1. Member Locality Fund**

* It is good to see both the Duck Pond works completed and Defibrillators now in place. I would be grateful if reference to my Locality Fund contribution could be made when publicising these projects on social media etc.
* Essex County Council have included £10k per councillor in the annual budget which will be available to bid for with the County Councillor elected on 6th May.

**2. Member Led Pothole Programme Update**

Below is an update on the two locations put forward by the Parish Council:

* Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel – sunken road. Investigation works scheduled for Mid- April to second part of April (currently booked for week commencing 19 April).
* Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel – at Junction with The Street. Works completed 24 February.

**3. Surgeries with the Cabinet Member for Highways**

* **8th March** – Myself and Cllrs Bebb, Dervish and John Cockell met with Cllr Bentley to discuss the new A12 Junction 21. Cllr Bentley assured us that he will be working with Highways England to address the longstanding issues of traffic in Hatfield Peverel (which would be made worse by the new junction) including the pressing for a “relief road”. He would also be writing to the Secretary of State for Transport to secure support.
* **15th March** – I met with Cllr Bentley to discuss the issue of drainage and road condition on Sportsmans Lane. Officers were tasked with investigating this and I have a follow up meeting with Cllr Bentley today (12th April) to discuss progress.

**4. Street Lights**

I was approached by the Clerk regarding a number of streetlights not working. I followed this up with Highways who have advised me they were repaired yesterday.

**5. Local Highways Panel (LHP) Scheme Requests**

I was contacted by Cllr Dervish regarding a scheme to introduce a 20mph speed limit outside the schools on Church Road which I have committed my support to (all potential LHP schemes require the support of the County Councillor to be considered by the LHP).

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