



OPEN SPACES	£2,140.00	£747.96	£500.00	£892.04	<b>UNDERSPEND</b>
S137-Grants	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	
				£2,269.43	
<b>Reserves</b>	£22,118.00	£4,558.00	£2,560.00	£15,000.00	

**2022/765 Review the Proposed budget for 2023 to 2024**

After careful consideration of the major project to be undertaken at the playground a budget of £24,330 was agreed. This includes the exceptional expenditure of £15,000 capital expenditure on the Golden Jubilee Playground.

**Resolution**      **The Budget of £24,330 was agreed for the financial year 2023 to 2024.**

**2022/766 Discuss and agree a precept demand for 2023-2024**

Taking in consideration any potential grants, Vat reclaims and reserve levels it was agreed to place a precept demand of £8280 on Chelmsford City Council this is an increase of 9.7% on the precept

A band D charge will increase from £54.69 to £59.33. An increase of 7.8% which is less than the headline rate of inflation of 10.1%

**Resolution**      **Precept demand of £8280 which is £59.33 on a band D This is less than £5 per month.**

**2022/767 Payments for approval at the meeting:**

Date	Details	Chq	Total	Budget Header
05.10.2022	Bank	dd	£12.72	interest charged
03.11.2022	Essex Pension Fund	101037	£129.95	Pension
03.11.2022	HMRC	101038	£54.80	Paye
03.11.2022	Clerk - November Salary	101039	£116.68	Salary
03.11.2022	DM Payroll	101040	£120.00	Salary

**Resolution**      **The cheques were approved.**

**2022/768 Clerk's Report and actions to be undertaken.**

- Clerk to Digitise the records of any loose-leaf minutes - Started
- Clerk to arrange additional signatories on the Bank Account – waiting on Barclays.
- Clerk to assist two members on getting online with latest bank statement. (Cllrs Gunn and Loudfoot)
- Clerk to investigate the 20MPH limit with LHP for the whole village of Pleshey. Speed survey locations have been sent to Councillor Steel.
- Clerk to Book training days for Councillor Groves. Clerk to follow up.
- Bridge at Rooters Hill – LHP request on signage of a shared space Motor traffic and pedestrian.
- Update on spare allotments – Plot 4 has now been taken.
- Clerk to discuss the former cricket pitch with landowner. This item can be closed with no additional action.

**2022/769 Review and agree the monthly bank reconciliation – Vice Chairman**

**Resolution**      **The reconciliation was agreed with zero difference**

**Reports and Updates**

**2022/770 Update on the Risk Matrix.**  
Cllr Kenning identified a new risk

**Resolution:** **Cllr Kenning to update the risk register and issue.**

2022/771 Ecology report – update on the draft report

Due to time constraints a forward has not been drafted. However, in consultation with a local landowner our aims are aligned.

**Resolution** **Defer to the next meeting.**

2022/772 Update on the playground equipment and fundraising

Additional Archaeologist quotes to be chased up by the Clerk. Currently we have one quote.

**Resolution:** **The Clerk to feedback on additional quotes.**

**Resolution** **Clerk to open a separate bank account for the Golden Jubilee Refurbishment Fund**

2022/773 Update on Staffing costs for April 2022 to March 2023.

The new rates agreed by the NJC, NALC and Government backed dated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 were approved.

**Resolution** **Backpay to be arranged for the December payroll. Cost of £4.00 per month.**

2022/774 Report(s) from External authorities

### **Essex Highways Survey**

Last September we invited all Parish & Town Councils, and individual District, City and Borough Councillors and County Members within Essex County Council's area, plus a range of other private and public organisations, to offer their view on the priorities and satisfaction levels associated with the specific services provided by Essex Highways. The responses you provide feed into our planning cycle and help us to consider how we can best use our limited resources to meet current and future demands. We would now like to invite you or your organisation to complete this year's survey. It is open from Tuesday 11th October 2022 to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023. To access the survey please click on the following link [Essex Highways User Survey](#) or scan the QR Code below with a Smartphone. The deadline for this survey to be returned is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

If you have any further questions about the survey process or the questionnaire itself, then please contact us via email to: [EssexHighways.UserSurveys@essexhighways.org](mailto:EssexHighways.UserSurveys@essexhighways.org)

### **East Anglia GREEN – from Norwich to Tilbury - UPDATE**

On 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022, our North/West Parish Group (2 Cllrs from each of my 10 Parish Councils + 2 from Ingatstone and Margaretting) met with:

- **Rosie Pearson**, spokesperson for action group Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylons. Their basic message is that there is a cheaper offshore option. However, NG have unfavorably compared on-shore with their proposed off-shore, whereas NG themselves had an earlier cheaper off-shore proposal (2020 NATIONAL GRID ESO) more akin. Rosie is meeting with Dept for Energy and Industrial Strategy on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 22.
- **Kemi Badenoch**, MP for Saffron Walden (inc Broomfield and Writtle) to gain her support to the offshore alternative to likewise lobby Dept for Energy and Industrial Strategy

### **Essex County Council consultation on 2023/24 Budget**

Essex County Council has launched a consultation inviting all county residents and businesses how to spend its 2023/24 budget. The consultation is now open, closing on Monday 28 November. You can take part in the consultation here:

<https://survey.euro.confirmit.com/wix/7/p350931054797.aspx?ebrm=1&l=9>

Next year the County Council plans to spend over £2bn, more than half of which will be spent on adult and children's social care alone. This includes funding for essential services such as social care, investment in the county's roads, infrastructure, libraries, school buildings and future growth. While £2bn is a significant amount, like other local authorities across the country, the Council will need to make difficult decisions about where to invest and where to make savings. You can help shape how we respond to the current uncertainty and to the pressures we face. It's Everyone's Essex, we are very keen to hear from you. Against this difficult fiscal backdrop, Essex County

Council is in the process of setting its own budget and is inviting businesses and residents to give their feedback on how public money should be spent in the coming financial year.

### **LHP request for 20mph in the village**

Having discussed request for 20mph through Pleshey with the LHP manager, I responded to the Clerk with the following on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 22: "Looking at the extract from the EH Highways Information map, under the Essex Functional Route Hierarchy the Street is a PR2 Route, whilst Vicarage Road/Woolmers Mead are both Local Roads. The current ECC highways policy is:

**20mph Zone** – would not be permitted on a PR1 or PR2 and can only be considered on Local Roads (Estate Roads) not Local Roads, like Pleshey. Also, if mean speeds are under 20mph then a 20mph speed limit is not required.

**20mph Speed Limit** – could be considered on a PR2 but would require Cabinet Member Approval. Also, Local Roads can be considered if mean speeds are lower or equal to 24mph. If mean speeds are under 20mph then a 20mph speed limit is not required.

The suggestion is to requests four automatic traffic counts, one each on The Street, Back Lane, Woolmers Mead and Vicarage Lane. Then from the ATC speed data we can then see what is or is not feasible in terms of a 20mph Speed limit. If you agree with this suggestion, can you please indicate where you think such survey should be done. I can arrange such surveys without the need for full LHP approval."

### **Member Led Pothole Scheme**

My first batch of 18 potholes entered the member Led Scheme are either repaired or scheduled.

Of the next batch of 18, I have only received request for 13. If you do know of any, I need location (what.3. words if possible and address), description and photo. I don't want to waste this opportunity. With budget pressures, it may not arise again.

### 2022/775 Items for the next agenda – All

- Noise complaints concerning The Leather Bottle.
- Fundraising for the GJPA.
- Tree works at the GJPA.
- Risk Register.
- Heritage Assets.
- Update on Extraordinary meeting.

23.11.2022	Extra-Ordinary Meeting @ 8PM
11.01.2023	Monthly Meeting @ 8PM
08.02.2023	Monthly Meeting @ 8PM
08.03.2023	Monthly Meeting @ 8PM
12.04.2023	Monthly Meeting @ 8PM
04.05.2023	<b>PARISH ELECTIONS</b>
10.05.2023	AGM & Monthly Meetings @ 8pm
14.06.2023	Monthly Meeting @ 8PM