

Cllr Karl Jarvis – Report from Maldon District Council, for Woodham Mortimer and Hazeleigh Parish meeting of 10th March 2020

Dear Cllrs,

Since my February update there has been little change at MDC, but I will look to summarise below:

1. **Accounts/Recruitment of a new Financial Officer** (Section 151 officer). Mr Kamal Mehta, who has been covering the Section 151 post (finance) on a temporary basis since the middle of 2019, came to an end 28th February 2020. On the 27th February he produced a sound set of proposals, to the Performance, Governance and Audit Committee (PGA), on how the accounting issues at MDC should be addressed. Today the replacement Interim S151 **Tina Stankley** has pledged her resolve to ensure a smooth accounting process.
2. **Budget** – this was agreed Thursday, 13th February. There were to have been some substantial increases to wharf fees for the Maldon Barges, but the approved increase was 10% with discussions ongoing.
3. **Maldon Yacht Club** – Notice had been given in 2019 to MYC that after 50 years their lease would not be renewed. Understandably this created much concern and made planning impossible. It is pleasing to report that a new 7 years lease is now in hand.
4. **Bradwell B Consultation** phase is open and runs to 27th May 2020 – there are a number of open day sessions – Clerks will have details.
5. **A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening scheme** - there is a meeting for Parish Cllrs 11th March 7pm Northey Room, MDC
6. **MDC Committees:**
 - a. **Performance Governance and Audit (PGA)** – PGA is following up closely on the above and also the performance of S106 policies.
 - b. **Strategy and Resources (S&R)** – nothing to report.
7. **North West Area/or MDC Planning:** nothing to report

Best wishes all, Karl

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