

## **Tendring Parish Council News**

The signs of Spring are all about us. There is once again a great display of snowdrops behind the Street which gladden the heart every time I pass them. Please could I ask residents to ensure that their hedging etc does not impact on the pavements as residents have to step out into the road to pass by some properties. Thank you in anticipation of your support on this issue.

Some of you will remember that I mentioned last month that I had continued to report the flooding issues at the Little Bentley junction to the Highways department ( whose responsibility it is to maintain the Highways) and also to our District and County Councillors. Cllr Dan Land was also informed and I believe he had some influence on the matter. I also decided to contact the Press about this ongoing situation, explaining that the issue had been reported over a year ago and no action was taken despite our concerns about motorists being forced to use one lane on a blind corner and the possibility of ice causing potential accidents. Fortunately, the Clacton and Frinton Gazette were very interested and an article appeared, this necessitated contact from a journalist to Tendring District Council and Highways with a promise of further coverage if the problem was not resolved quickly. The next couple of days after this contact a team appeared and set about clearing the drains which had become blocked up with sand and debris. So hopefully the matter is now resolved and has at the moment coped with the rain we have had without significant flooding of the road.

I also voiced my concerns to Cllr Dan Land about the broken signage opposite the school. Some remedial work has occurred with new signage appearing. I have pressed for the old signage to be removed and this resulted in some signage being removed, however some redundant signage remains. Thank you Cllr Dan Land for your input which I believed ensured that progress was made on this issue which had been reported many times before.

I am now turning my attention to the potholes and possible flooding on Crow Lane and indeed as I write this the road is closed. Cllr Guglielmi has assured me that an experienced engineer will be looking into the flooding issues and will hopefully resolve this matter. I have also sent him photos of the potholes that mar this stretch of road and make it difficult for residents who use it. This issue has been reported on many occasions so I hope we can make progress here too.

I am also pleased to tell you that TDC is now in the final stages of enforcement process for the removal of the metal fence at Tendring Meadows Care home. I know many of you are also dismayed by the impact this has made on our village. Thanks to all those residents and Cllr Peter Harris who continue to object to its existence and also the Parish Council who have also spent many hours talking to Enforcement on this issue.

There is currently discussions at National level about the new Planning Framework . One of the main points is that there will be more collaboration across area boundaries to ensure that the housing target is met. However the new plans in the opinion of the Tendring District Association of Local Councils suggest that it will be more difficult for local residents to object to planning applications with more decisions being passed to Council officers. It has been suggested that there will be a reduced ability to object to applications on environmental grounds. We will have to await the proposals being presented and then make our views known.

This time of year starts the planning for the Scarecrow festival .The festival is now in its third year and remains a popular event for people both living in the village and neighbouring villages. The theme this year is HISTORICAL FIGURES. Please register your ideas with myself so that we do not have duplicate scarecrows if at all possible. Some of you will have realised that we have the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day this year ( May 8<sup>th</sup>). The festival will run from Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> until Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May .In recognition of VE day we have decided to open the Village hall for teas, coffees and also some delicious cakes on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May. More details will follow nearer the event. We would be grateful for anyone who could donate cakes or serve teas/coffees and cakes to contact myself nearer the time.

We will be holding our Annual Electors meeting where village groups are invited to present and inform the Village of any developments and projects that they have taken part in. This will be included in the Annual general minutes and will pass into history as a record of village activities. Any groups that wish to present please could you inform the Clerk so we can accommodate you on

the agenda. Many thanks to those that participated last year and made the event very interesting and informative.

Our next meetings are held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

(Also, Annual Parish Meeting 2025)

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Jill Brattan

Chair of Tendring Parish Council