

Correspondence to Councillors on which action may be required.

1. Coggeshall in Bloom

"I wonder whether you could arrange for this request to be circulated to the Members of the Parish Council.

We have now started our weekly gardening sessions around the village in an attempt to make it more attractive for residents and visitors. We currently plant and maintain the various gardens owned by the Parish council plus several other areas, where we have been able to raise money to buy tubs/troughs for planting ie. the 'duck' area, outside the charity shop, troughs in Brian Tebbutt garden, beside the seat in Vane Lane, opposite the church, when the seats are reinstated, outside the library, the back of Hollingtons and the old agricultural machinery on Colchester Road. We also plant and maintain the large troughs outside the Co-op store, but this is funded independently by the Co-op.

We currently plant everything twice a year, at the beginning of the summer and the end of the summer, so hopefully there is some colour and interest in Coggeshall throughout the year, and before the Pandemic always did very, very well with our entry into the Anglia in Bloom competition, and had graduated from being awarded a bronze certificate the first year to a Silver and then a Silver Gilt. These certificates are on display in the Coggeshall Museum.

However, as can be appreciated, although all the work is carried out on a voluntary basis, the plants have to be bought and we very much rely on donations in order to maintain our usual standards and wondered whether the Parish Council would be in a position to give a donation to the Coggeshall in Bloom group for the plants that will be required at the end of the Summer.

We have in the past also held a Coggeshall in Bloom competition for residential dwellings and businesses in Coggeshall, which has proved to be very popular and certainly added lots of interest from residents and visitors.

Many thanks"

2. Rivenhall Site Liaison Meetings – CPC forwarded emails.

Councillors may wish to comment?

3. Email from Parishioner re speed limit on West Street

Hi - I contacted Essex Highways about the speed limit on West Street and they referred me to yourselves.

With the development on the old Dutch Nurseries site, and people parking now outside of the new houses that front on to West Street, the 40 MPH limit along that stretch of road is becoming concerning.

The fact it is a downhill run once cars come off the A120 just exacerbates the issue and is making it dangerous to cross the road in places due to restricted visibility with parked cars.

Can I ask if the Town Council has any plans to revisit where the 30 MPH speed limit starts, to bring West Street more into line with St Peter's Road and East Street?

