

LOCAL COMMUNITY ACTION PANEL (L-CAP)

Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd February 2016 at 7pm.

This group meets every two months to address local crime, anti-social behaviour and quality of life issues. It is multi-agency and brings together Essex Police, Town Council, Borough Council, Essex County Council and Neighbourhood Watch.

Issues this month were:

1. Cars collecting together in Cross Lane in the evenings, and probably the drivers are dealing drugs to our local young people. Certainly the marijuana cigarette stubs found there are an indication. The Police and Zone Wardens have been there and constantly monitor it. Parents are asked to keep a watchful eye on their children. The Police presence has had an effect, and will continue.
Action: Police.
2. Residents of St. Peter's Road are constantly finding cars parked on the grass verges. This makes it very difficult sometimes to get out of their driveways. Also it churns up the soil. The grass also cannot be cut by the Council. Drivers are asked to be more considerate.
Action: Councillor Mogridge to highlight in local press.
3. Many elderly residents are finding that the state of the pavements in West Mersea are very poor, with lumps and dips every two or three metres. It is becoming a nightmare in some streets. Yorick Road is possibly the worst. This has been made worse by cars parking half on the road and half on the pavement. This often loosens the kerb stones, making it even more difficult.
Action: Councillor Mogridge to write to Essex County Council and also highlight in local press.
4. Some residents have complained about people riding bikes on pavements, often without lights.
If really little children ride bikes with parental control, that's different. However if it is older children and adults then that is anti-social behaviour, and can be very dangerous.
Action: Councillor Mogridge to contact Mersea Island School (again) and also write up in local press.
5. More concerns have been raised by residents about selfish and inconsiderate drivers parking on double yellow lines particularly between the bank and the butchers. As we all know this causes great difficulties at times and is really dangerous. There is a car park which is free for the first hour next to the library, and these inconsiderate drivers cannot be bothered to use it.
Action: Councillor Mogridge to write up in local press (again!!) and also have a quiet word with local shopkeepers to see if they can assist.
6. With the new surgery coming near to Queen's Corner, some residents asked if a zebra crossing on East Road near to the surgery would help to avoid a horrible accident or even death to pedestrians.
Action: Councillor Mogridge to consult with West Mersea Town Council colleagues and approach Essex County Council to construct one.
7. Dog owners have been taking their pets for walks in Cudmore Grove and the nearby seawall. Then they have been responsible and collected the dog mess but then rather than putting the waste into the bins provided, have just thrown the bags down.
Action: Councillor Mogridge to write up and highlight in local press.