

Report from District Councillor Iona Parker for May 2023 PC meeting

I am delighted to have been re-elected as member for Stour Valley North in the District Council elections and look forward to working with you over the next 4 years.

Just a few matters to which I would like to draw your attention:

1. If the verges in the parish are cut by BDC, do request cutting of any junctions and corners/bends which need cutting for highway safety reasons.
2. I am finding that potholes that I report are being repaired within a matter of days. Do encourage residents to report potholes on the Essex Highways website, preferably with a photo and a what 3 words location, but I appreciate this is not always easy when driving!
3. Under the new scheme of delegation, planning applications for 1 or 2 new dwellings are automatically dealt with by officers but there is a provision that applications can still be determined by committee if deemed significant by the development control manager. If there are any planning applications which are causing significant concern, do raise these with me.
4. Please be aware that the Ride London Classique, a women's cycle race, will be taking place on Friday 26th May and will be passing along the A1017 near Baythorne End and along the A1017 through Sible Hedingham to Halstead and along the A1124 to Chappel as well as via Finchingfield and Wethersfield. There will be road closures associated with this though only for a short period.
See <https://www.ridelondon.co.uk/the-classique/the-stages/stage-one>