

Belchamp St Paul and Belchamp Otten Parish Council

Details of e-mails received from County Councillor Peter Schwier, since the November PC meeting

Item 5 on the Agenda

6 Jan 25

Regular e-mails have been received from County Councillor Peter Schwier since the last meeting. Please find below a list of the mails with brief details. If you have an interest in any particular mail listed, please let me know and I will forward the full document to you. *John*

1. **Essex residents urged to plan ahead with new Flood grant** - Mary Long-Dhonau OBE has urged Essex residents to [apply for thousands of pounds](#) to better protect their homes after her own experience of surface water flooding.
2. **Unpaid carers in Essex encouraged to find out more about their rights** - Carers' Rights Day (21 November) is a national campaign that aims to raise awareness of what rights carers have and signpost to information and guidance.
3. **Autumn Climate Summit takes place in Essex** - A climate summit took place earlier this month that focused on achieving net zero new homes in Essex.
4. **Report It - A major update -easier to report highway defects** - Residents and road users have more options when reporting road defects following a major update by Essex Highways.
5. **Commissioner's engage with Essex communities to transform public service outcomes** - Leaders from the NHS, Salvation Army and other organisations are preparing to set out how health, social care and wellbeing outcomes can be transformed for Essex residents.
6. **Essex calls on Govt to 'go back to the drawing board' on budget** - Essex needs a national budget that "delivers for the residents and businesses of the county".
7. **Highways - One-of-a-machine trialled to prevent flooding in Essex** - A new method to drain high water levels is being trialled by Essex Highways to combat seasonal flooding in rural parts of the county.
8. **Climate Action Report for Essex** - A new report that details the county's journey to cut carbon emissions is now live.
9. **Highways Highlights Nov/Dec 24** – Highways Highlights Report.
10. **East Coast Council allies demand fairness for rural areas** - A united cross-county call to protect the East Anglia and Lincolnshire countryside from an invasion of pylons has been made by Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk and Lincolnshire councils.
11. **The Future of Essex to come under the spotlight in extraordinary meeting of Essex County Council** - Essex County Councillors are set to debate Essex's participation in the Government's devolution priority programme, including local government reorganisation, on 10/1/25.

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12. **Reminder Primary School Places 15th Jan 25** - Parents and carers are reminded that they have until 15 January 2025 to apply for their child's primary school place.