

FOCUS

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Phil Coleman joins the team



● We are thrilled to welcome Mile End Road resident and former professional football player Phil Coleman to our team.

Phil brings with him a wealth of community experience. Phil has played professionally at Colchester United and Millwall FC as well as enjoying a long career as Head of Sport for a local secondary school. Phil has been involved in various community related sporting initiatives and is currently involved with the Rugby Club at Mill Road.

Phil told us:

"I have been impressed with the work the Mile End team undertake and I decided to become more involved to help the team further enhance Mile End. If I can be of any help please do not hesitate to contact me."

BUILDING UPDATE

NORTHFIELDS

There has been a lot of activity to deal with issues raised at the Northfields development. These include:

- Dealing with contractor parking in the Jade Gardens area
- Pushing Essex County Council (ECC) to fast track a parking scheme for the area ahead of adoption
- To get ECC to move on with the 20 MPH zone across the whole site and ensure signage is installed
- Pushing Linden Homes to pay the £8,000 required to repair the communal satellite system

- LATEST NEWS ON MILE END DEVELOPMENT

- Working with local residents and the school to help deal with the parking issues at drop off and pick-up times
- Poor broadband speeds and we have started an online petition for this at www.mileendbroadband.co.uk
- Chasing up the school pathway which will come from land inside the walk-in-centre car park. A revised planning application will be submitted shortly to amend the design. We anticipate ECC will build this sometime in 2016.

Rosewood

The Rosewood development off Mill Road continues to grow. We have been dealing with a number of issues on this development:

- Broadband speeds
- Management company questions and issues
- Yellow lines and bus stops being installed without notification

We will continue to work closely with the local residents on these issues.

Chesterwell

Development has started on the Mersea Homes development where a number of houses are being constructed as part of the first phase.

Changes are also underway on the A134 which will see changes made to Boxted Road, the existing A134 and Fords Lane.

The build of these 1,600 houses is likely to take up to 15 years.

Severalls Phase 2

The number of houses on Severalls Phase 2 (the brownfield site) has been reduced to around 750 houses, meaning that overall Severalls Phases 1 and 2 will be 1,000 houses as opposed to 1,500 in total.

Final negotiations are underway but we expect the sale of the land to be announced shortly. We will keep you updated.

Dog mess - Watch out!

Sadly we have to raise again the issue of dogs mess in particular areas of Mile End. The latest issues are near Myland School. Some was recently left on the zebra crossing and also at Colchester Rugby Club.

Most dog owners are responsible and clear up after their pets, but we still have a few hard-core owners who simply couldn't care

less and decide to leave their pets mess behind.

Patrols are being increased and fixed penalty notices have been handed out in Mile End to those caught not clearing up after their pets.

Dominic Graham said "This kind of behaviour is not acceptable and we will work hard to catch the culprits."

DOMINIC AND MARTIN NEED YOUR HELP



...to spend **£4,000** on your community!

As part of the local community budgets awarded to each Colchester Councillor, Martin Goss and Dominic Graham have a collective pot of £4,000 to spend on community related projects in Mile End.

We would really like to hear from you with your ideas. It could be you want to see some small improvements to a playground or a local group may wish to bid for some Astroturf.

Please contact us by email at gossmartin@hotmail.com with your ideas or call any

member of the team to discuss suggestions.

We will put the top 3 ideas to an online vote so the community can decide the overall winner.

Suggestions from young Mile End residents would be equally welcomed.

BUS SERVICE AXED AS ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CUTS FUNDING

WHILE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CUTS OUR BUS SERVICE...

Figures released in November found that the Conservative controlled Essex County Council has 61 employees earning more than £100,000 during 2013/14. This was an increase of 30 from the previous year.

It has been reported that the Conservative run Essex County Council has notched up a £1 million bill on private medical insurance for staff (and in some cases partners and family) over the last three years.

This private healthcare cover is only available to those earning over £46,000.

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL AXES 63 BUS SERVICE

The number 63 bus which runs up Bergholt Road and into the Braiswick Park estate where the Braiswick Academy is situated is now being axed from April 2016.

Essex County Council is to withdraw the subsidy for the bus and terminate at North Station, prior to it being redirected to Colchester Leisure World. We fully support a bus service calling at Leisure World, but not at the expense of a bus which stops near the Braiswick Academy.

Along with our own submissions a total of 44 people contacted ECC to raise their concerns about the

service being withdrawn. Anne Turrell also spoke against it at the recent ECC meeting.

We did contact Essex First Buses to see if they would redirect the number 66 service in place of the 63 given it also runs up Bergholt Road, but they refused to amend the timetable.

We understand ECC is currently tendering the 77 service which ceases operation by New Horizon buses in December and they are considering looking at some limited bus services to Braiswick Park.

We will keep you informed of any progress.

LATEST HIGHWAY UPDATES.... Keeping you informed all year

Mile End Road cycle lane

Thanks to the many residents who recently attended the Essex County Council consultation at Queen Boudica school so they could comment on the proposed cycle route for Mile End Road at a cost of £750,000.

We certainly support the improvement of cycle lanes in our area but we have much higher priority routes on our radar such as Mill Road to The Gilberd School, improvements to Turner Road and better cycle provision around the station.

We don't believe Mile End Road is a high priority at this time, especially as there are more pressing routes we require in Mile End. We have raised concerns about the proposed design and also the removal of mature trees in order to deliver the scheme.

Pedestrian Crossings update

We are still pushing for a proper crossing at the top end of Brinkley Grove Road so that children can cross safely and travel to The Gilberd. This is currently in the final stages of assessment.

We have also submitted a request to Essex County Council for a crossing from Wallace Road across the Northern Approach Road. We are awaiting feedback on this request.

Anne Turrell said: "The safety of children is absolutely paramount to me personally and I will fight hard to help push these crossings forward."

Mile End Road/Nayland Road parking changes

After requests from local residents a further parking scheme has now been implemented on Mile End Road with a mixture of single and double yellow lines to help combat commuter parking. The hours of operation are similar to the Mile End Road resident only parking scheme.

There is also a limited waiting bay outside the church and some double yellow lines on the bottom end of Nayland Road.

Residential Parking – Turner Road

A resident only parking scheme has now been implemented for all roads off Turner Road. This covers Beaumont Close, Fieldview Close, Kingswood Road, Hollymead Close, Lufkin Road and Wryneck Close.

The scheme came into operation on November 16th and it means only local residents or their guests can park in these areas. The hours of operation are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Colchester Hospital has increased capacity at their car park to allow for future growth of the hospital when services transfer from Essex County on Lexden Road.

20 MPH zone outside Myland School

Essex County Council are still looking at our various requests for safety improvements outside Myland School. This includes the introduction of a 20 MPH zone, more signage around the school

and a full safety check on the existing zebra crossing.

We are pressing ECC for an update on these requests as they were submitted up to 2 years ago.

Phil Coleman said: "Being a school teacher myself I am shocked at how long Essex Highways have taken to look at the speed outside the school. You can rest assured this is being followed up with ECC."



There are now around 43 pupils attending the Braiswick Academy which is situated at the New Braiswick Park estate off Bergholt Road.

The Early Years centre building has been completed and the main school build is still being completed. The main school building should have been ready for September, but it will now be handed across in January to the Academy Trust.

Pupils are currently being educated in the Early Years building until they move to the main school building.

HAVE YOU LOST AN IPAD?

A resident has found an Ipad on New Braiswick Park off Bergholt Road and despite trying various avenues to reunite it with their owner, several avenues of investigation have proven fruitless.

If you believe you might have lost an IPAD in this area, please contact Martin Goss.

Can we help you?



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Have an issue?

Let us know if we can help

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