

Frinton and Walton of which 800 have already been approved. Robert encourages residents to write objections to TDC and Town Council, so that TDC officers are aware of local feelings BEFORE making their professional recommendations.

There are a number of outstanding, major controversies such as the proposed Garden Village on the border between NE Colchester and NW Tendring. The infrastructure implications have still not been fully addressed. For example, there is a fund of £3 million for primary school development, but there is no specific plan for school building extension. Robert expressed great concerns regarding the traffic light proposals for Halstead Road. Essex County Council still maintains its policy of not objecting to any planning application on highway grounds. After Robert referred to pending repairs to Pork Lane, one member stated that she had specific information that the whole of the road would be resurfaced after the holes were repaired. Robert talked about his attempts to arrange repairs to various bollards which had been damaged or removed. Robert confirmed that significant changes were being made by Essex County Council (E.C.C.) to the type and quantity of rubbish committed to be disposed of at the Kirby Le Soken site.

## **6. Planning Report**

In the absence of John Poulton, Eddie Forrest kindly agreed to summarise to the meeting the extent of the planning applications that had been made in the last couple of years within the village. He did this by using a village map on an OHP kindly prepared by Denys Strich. Eddie began by explaining how the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) operates to the detriment of local opinion where no local plan is in force and the difficulty faced by local authorities in that situation to know that appeals are likely to succeed. In Little Clacton Road, there has been quite a lot of development but that was largely replacement or extensions of existing dwellings.

Eddie systematically outlined the planning applications, starting with Little Clacton Road and proceeding through the village, ending with the three detached houses recently built along Kirby Road and the refusal of permission for a number of plots on the opposite side of the road and in Hamilton Road. This was a well presented and valuable exercise, enabling local residents to see the overall picture and not simply to pick up individual applications as they arise. Although the emerging local plan retains green gaps, this carries very little weight until a new local plan is in force.

The Halstead Road development gives great cause for concern. In particular, it is remotely possible that the 28 units being built opposite the Fish and Chips shop, behind existing dwellings, might also provide access from (52) Frinton Road to the 240 unit site, of which a separate 28 dwellings will access Frinton Road via Willow Avenue and Elm Grove. This could provide an alternative access to Halstead Road and proposed traffic lights, but would require successful negotiations between respective developers and Essex County Council.

A further major cause of concern is the current application to build three houses in Pork Lane, the outcome of which will be known shortly. Eddie explained that there were several junctions in the area regarded as particularly intractable traffic problems and Halstead Road is one of these, notwithstanding the appeal inspector's dismissive approach.

The next local planning committee meeting is on 3rd November in Clacton Theatre at 6.00 pm and the public is allowed to attend.