

Report from Cllr. Daniel Candon, North Ward Borough Councillor

- **Area on Mill Lane**

Planned work for September was a new gym, basketball court and climbing wall with surrounding landscape. A local manufacture was successful in securing several contracts that they put a tender in for, including Mill Lane. However, they now need to expand their premises to meet demand, but we are assured the Mill Lane project has been prioritised and work is planned to commence in December.

The quarterly play park inspection on equipment is now underway and notification signs previously requested for informing residents why the project has been held up should be on display.

Due to the delay on commencing work, cutting of the grass has now been completed.

- **The Street Canaries**

Although organisers have given this a good shot attendance has been disappointing. Where attendance is low all organisers revert to an `outreach model` by going out to find possible attendees. On occasions parents have turned up later than expected with no-one available to receive them. This is something that needs to be worked on. On average 4-5 attendees per week have been recorded with some weeks no attendance. There are three more weeks for this project to run and hopefully we will see more interest. The Parish Council kindly donated £500 to this project with the view of supporting young residents to avoid ASB incidents escalating.

- **Benches**

The arson on Mill Lane damaged a picnic bench which is the property of Bradwell Parish Council. To protect property and the community police and GYBC have requested these public provisions be removed and safely stored for the winter months. However, it was emphasised that no community should be put to detriment with anti-social behaviour by a small number of people.

- **ASB**

A meeting with the Police Crime Commissioner recently took place. Sarah Taylor is dedicated to serve in her capacity which includes budget but is not responsible for Police operations or decisions. Reporting any crime through 101 is paramount. Statistics taken from online and 101 calls will result in where resources are placed. This reporting line is frustrating with insufficient officers available to deal with reports in a reasonably time. It is a fine line juggling officers taking calls or putting them on the streets. A conundrum to be fixed. However, we are encouraged to keep reporting through the correct channels.

There was a covert operation recently in Bradwell, which included monitoring ASB levels. It is important that everyone works with the police and there is no excuse for crime. As a community we are committed to provide opportunities for our young to keep them safe and entertained, however past attempts i.e. a youth club, supervised activities and recently the Street Caneries initiative have seen little interest. Lynn Grove football pitch is floodlit and can accommodate activities which are available at night, but there is only so much the community can continue to offer.

Two benches have been repositioned. One is now on Laburnham Close where there was not a bench and the other has replaced a damaged bench while a new one is being fabricated.

GYBC are working very closely with the police to resolve the anti-social behaviour in our area.

- **Bins**

The underline cause of problems with bin collections is the mapping system and new bins not being recorded on the system. People are requested to use all bins. In places such as Mill Lane multiple bins are available but, so often people use one bin leaving rubbish and dog bags on the floor when this is overflowing and are reluctant to walk to the next bin. An open space review is underway over the next three-month period recording all bin positions and updating collection routes.

Cllr. Candon opened the floor to a Q & A session for parish councillors which was very informative.

One of the areas clarified was the growth of Bradwell and lack of infrastructure. Cllr. Candon explained that by law under the Town and Country Planning Act the Council must supply approximately 6,000 homes in Bradwell in accordance with the Government housing targets. This is not optional as we must adhere to legislation. The Council is responsible for supplying the land but not the infrastructure. Land and money are allocated for infrastructure such as schools, doctors, dentists etc. but is not released prior to population increase, i.e. new occupied houses.

Cllr. Candon welcomed anyone to contact him by telephone, email or social media where he will always try to help.