

## **BERA – E-NEWSLETTER 9th February 2017**

1. Firstly some good news. Members between Eastern Esplanade and Thorpe Hall Avenue started a petition regarding the proposed parking charges to be introduced. They quickly managed to reach over 2,000 signatures showing the strong feelings of many in the area. BERA have been negotiating with the council and are pleased to confirm that the proposed charges have been cancelled. Let's hope this is not a yearly battle and that the council realise the negative impact these charges would have in this area.
2. BERA have been receiving information again that individuals have been spotted walking up driveways and checking whether cars are open in the middle of the night. Please ensure you lock up carefully and leaving nothing of value on view.
3. We have arranged for a council representative of Southend Energy to talk at the BERA AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> March as I know many of you are concerned about the price increase this year. They will be giving an update on the current situation and will then be answering any questions you may have. Another speaker at the BERA AGM will be from the Fire Authority and it will follow the same format as above.
4. **Update on Shoebury Common Sea Wall from Councillor Martin Terry**  
I have been invited to remain as Chairman of the Residents and Beach Huts Stakeholder Group. This will enable me to continue to progress the challenge for the least intrusive scheme for local residents. Test drilling of the soil and the condition of the ground underneath the existing sea wall were undertaken in the autumn of 2016, and we are currently awaiting the results of the tests before we can move forward with a definite recommendation, and a scheme that is acceptable to as many people as possible.
5. You may have noticed some work being carried out on the bottom of Thorpe Hall Avenue and Thorpe Esplanade. Ron has investigated this and it appears it is an electrical company doing some major repairs down there. This is due to finish today.