

E-Newsletter – 9th February 2024

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1) Information Corner



BERA Coffee Morning

Where: **Thorpe Bay Methodist Church** (corner of The Broadway and Johnstone Road)

When: **Thursday 15th February 2024 at 10.00am to midday**

Our next coffee morning is Thursday 15th February, so please join us again for engaging chats and laughter, accompanied by free tea, coffee, and homemade cakes.

Bring along a friend and we look forward to welcoming you.

Renewal of your BERA Membership 2024

Thank you to all of the members who have already renewed and if you have not yet done so, please renew as soon as possible by completing the below membership form and making payment by one of the three following ways:

- a) cheque (made payable to Burges Estate Residents Association)
- b) cash
- c) online (bank details - Metro Bank 23-05-80, 47536154, Burges Estate Residents Association)

Thank you for your continued support.

BERA – The Residents’ Association

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM for new and existing members

January - December 2024

Please pay £10 by cash or make cheques payable to:

“Burgess Estate Residents Association”

Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms, Dr, Rev):

First Name:

Surname:

Address:

..... Post Code:.....

Telephone:

E-mail:

Please include your email address, to enable us to send you weekly E-Newsletters.

Please return the completed form with payment to:

**Ron Woodley, Chair BERA
91 Tyrone Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 3HD**

Anglian Water – Flood Questions

On the 15th January 2024, we had a council meeting with Anglian Water and we put the below questions to them. Please see their answers:

Q) What can be done to stop the flooding issues along Thorpe Hall Avenue, especially when there is heavy rain?

Response:

- The flooding in Thorpe Hall Avenue and Thorpe Hall Close is caused by a mix of surface water getting into our foul sewer network, and higher than normal tides meaning the final effluent mixed with storm water cannot escape into the sea from our long sea outfall.
- Recently, we have seen flows between as much as 3,000 and 5,000 litres per second going into the long sea outfall. This is a substantial amount of water and makes any solution substantially more difficult to implement. Investigations are and have been for some time ongoing here to look at realistically can be done.
- To stop the flooding, we would have to store the water somewhere until the tide levels recede, and at a flow of the lower 3,000 litres per second, attenuating for an hour we'd need storage of over 10,000 cubic metres and the space at Southend simply does not exist.
- Our long-term strategy for this is our advanced WINEP (Water Industry National Environmental Programme). We have asked OFWAT for £50 Million as part of our PR24 (next five-year business plan from 2025-2030) submission to work in partnership with Southend-on-Sea City Council to remove as much surface water from our foul and combined networks as possible. This has multiple benefits such as reducing or in some cases eliminating CSO spills, reducing flooding within the catchment, and greatly reducing the flooding within the Thorpe Ward.
- Put simply, this programme aims to ensure that as far as possible, only foul flows enter the foul sewer system, and we remove as much surface water as practicably possible from our combined sewers.
- As other agencies also have a responsibility for surface water flooding, the WINEP programme will require contributions from other organisations and government to make it a real success.

Further description of the issue and short-term solutions:

- Structurally the pipeline which runs under Thorpe Hall Avenue is in good condition. The issue occurs during heavy rainfall and high tide, which results in excessive amounts of surface water entering our system and overwhelming the pipeline.
- The flow in the pipeline is a combination of treated effluent and storm water. We have carried out several in depth surveys of this pipeline over the past 4 years to understand the hydraulics better, confirm the condition and inform our future strategy.
- Short term, using the monitoring data we have installed, and the information gathered, we are looking to relieve pressure on the pipeline by maximising our balancing capacity at Southend

WRC. We are also optimising the flow rates of our new terminal pumping station at the WRC which went live in November – coinciding with some recent flooding events.

- We will continue to model these changes with the aim of reducing the frequency of the flooding events. Our long-term strategy is to remove the excess surface water from our foul system (see above).
- We are also committed to working with Southend Highways to mitigate the impact of any flooding. For example, we are exploring with Southend Highways whether there is scope for them to raise curbs along and around Thorpe Hall Close to stem any flooding from entering the Close.
- We will also ensure our response is as effective as possible – for example sandbags will be deployed to protect properties in the likelihood of an event.

Q) There is a planned new development to be built in Shoebury on a flood plain, which will involve raising the ground. We have seen in storms last year that this can cause flood water to be displaced and cause problems elsewhere. Have we scrutinised the future flood risk to surrounding areas caused by this development, taking into consideration the Env Agency investigation into this practice?

Response:

- We are aware of a large development in Shoebury, application reference 20/01227/OUTM Land Between Barge Pier Road and Ness Road Shoeburyness. The outline application has conditions relating to surface water drainage. Within the adoption condition we are mentioned as a potential adopting body. If the developer wishes for us to adopt all or parts of the SuDS system they will need to contact us to ensure any strategy meets our adoptable standards.
- We will only comment on the surface water strategy if there is a connection proposed to our assets. When a connection for surface water discharge is proposed into the public network, we will require the developer to engage with us to ensure any risk of sewer flooding is understood and mitigated against. Any mitigation and network modelling will be funded entirely by the developer.
- If surface water is discharged via other means, such as to a watercourse, or infiltration we will not make comments on the proposed strategy. It is not within our remit to do so, this falls into the responsibility of the Lead Local Flood Authority and when the site falls within the flood plain the Environment Agency would also make comments regarding the strategy and risk of flooding outside the red line boundary.
- Also worth noting that we are obligated to accept the foul connection to our network under the Water Industry Act.

Q) A few years ago, there was a major sewage leak into Southchurch Park Lake, what action has/will Anglian Water going to take to remove the sewage which is at the bottom of the lake?

Response:

- At the time of the high ammonia content entering the lake, Anglian Water had the catastrophic failure at our WRC on Stock Road. This and the excessive rainfall a few days later, caused the CSO to overflow, running to surface water gullies along Shaftsbury Avenue, which then flowed to the pumping station that discharges into the lake.
- We utilised tankers to remove as much of the contaminated water as possible, then aerated the lake for around four further weeks. This process resulted in reducing the ammonia readings to an EA acceptable level.
- The lake has since been fitted with aeration units placed around for best results.

Major Road Works

Address **CAULFIELD ROAD**
Start 28/06/2023
End 08/03/2024
Works Ref JR100-G-MAIN-00060502
L.A.Ref 133550
Works Status IN PROGRESS
Highest TM ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY

Address **HUNTINGDON ROAD**
Start 12/02/2024
End 12/02/2024
Works Ref JR004--HUNTINGDON-8976
L.A.Ref 142845
Works Status PROPOSED WORKS
Highest TM ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY

Address **THE BROADWAY, Thorpe Bay**
Start 05/02/2024
End 26/02/2024
Works Ref AZ502-1001281471
L.A.Ref 140489
Works Status PROPOSED WORKS
Highest TM MULTI-WAY SIGNALS - DELAYS LIKELY

Address **JOHNSTONE ROAD**
Start 22/01/2024
End 04/03/2024
Works Ref AZ502-1001280672
L.A.Ref 140364
Works Status IN PROGRESS
Highest TM ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY

Address **FERMOY ROAD**
Start 09/02/2024
End 08/03/2024

Works Ref AZ502-1001280566
L.A.Ref 140357
Works Status PROPOSED WORKS
Highest TM ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY

Address **PARKANAUR AVENUE**
Start 08/01/2024
End 04/04/2024
Works Ref AZ502-1001279887
L.A.Ref 140247
Works Status IN PROGRESS
Highest TM MULTI-WAY SIGNALS - DELAYS LIKELY

Address **NESS ROAD**
Start 12/02/2024
End 12/02/2024
Works Ref AD037-RO63028824
L.A.Ref 142315
Works Status PROPOSED WORKS
Highest TM ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY

Address **RICHMOND AVENUE**
Start 22/01/2024
End 07/03/2024
Works Ref AZ502-1001296720
L.A.Ref 142162
Works Status IN PROGRESS
Highest TM ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY

Address **WATERLOO ROAD**
Start 31/01/2024
End 08/03/2024
Works Ref AZ502-1001311656
L.A.Ref 143587
Works Status IN PROGRESS
Highest TM ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY

Address **QUEENSWAY SLIP ROAD NW**
Start 15/02/2024
End 16/02/2024
Works Ref JR100-FOOTBRIDGEINVEST-03
L.A.Ref 144684
Works Status PROPOSED WORKS
Highest TM ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY

Address **QUEENSWAY SLIP ROAD NE**
Start 15/02/2024
End 16/02/2024
Works Ref JR100-FOOTBRIDGEINVEST-02
L.A.Ref 144683

Works Status	PROPOSED WORKS
Highest TM	ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY
Address	QUEENSWAY
Start	14/02/2024
End	14/02/2024
Works Ref	JR100-FOOTBRIDGEINVEST-01
L.A.Ref	144682
Works Status	PROPOSED WORKS
Highest TM	ROAD CLOSURE - DELAYS LIKELY

2) National Corner

Pension age should rise

The retirement age will have to rise to 71 for middle-aged workers across the UK, according to research from the International Longevity Centre. The UK pension age of 66 is set to rise to 67 between May 2026 and March 2028. From 2044, it is expected to rise to 68. But the research suggests that this is not enough, and that anyone born after April 1970 may have to work until they are 71 before claiming their pension.

Dental recovery plan

The Government has announced higher payments for dentists who take on new patients and teeth-cleaning in schools as part of a plan to expand levels of dental care, as part of its dental recovery plan. As part of the plan, dentists who set up practice in areas of England with poor access to NHS care will be offered a £20,000 bonus.

Rotten teeth removals

Delays for NHS dentistry have seen the number of children requiring the removal of rotten teeth rise in the last year. Figures show that 31,165 under 18s were admitted to hospital with tooth decay, marking a 17 per cent rise since the previous year and 5 million children were unable to access dentistry check-ups. This procedure is only required if tooth decay is bad enough that general anaesthetic is needed for the removal.

Vape exploitation

Girls Out Loud, a charity which supports vulnerable teenage girls, has warned that vapes are being used to groom children amidst what they describe as an “epidemic of underage vaping”. The charity brought to light an experience of a 14-year-old girl, abused by an older man offering to buy her vapes over the internet. This comes after an announced ban on single use vapes hopes to curb the growing number of underage children vaping.

3) Crime Report 29th January to 4th February 2024

Ward Southchurch
Crime Reference Number 42/15289/24
Offence Description Theft if not classified elsewhere
Reported Date and Time 29/01/2024 11:47
Committed Date (From) 28/01/2024 10:00
Street partial postcode **CANTERBURY AVENUE SS2 4**
Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN REMOVED A STRIP LIGHT FROM THE DEFIBRILLATOR CABINET.

Ward Thorpe
Crime Reference Number 42/16418/24
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a building - business and community (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 31/01/2024 07:49
Committed Date (From) 31/01/2024
Street partial postcode **LIFSTAN WAY SS1 2**
Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN THREW BLACK PAINT OVER BUSINESS PROPERTY DOOR AND HAS PUT A TREE BRANCH THROUGH THE LETTER BOX.

Ward Thorpe
Crime Reference Number 42/17162/24
Offence Description Other criminal damage to a vehicle (Under £5,000)
Reported Date and Time 01/02/2024 13:11
Committed Date (From) 01/02/2024 12:08
Street partial postcode **THE BROADWAY SS1 3**
Offence Details (MO)
 SUSPECT UNKNOWN SMASHED THE WINDSCREEN TO A WHITE 2021 PEUGEOT PARTNER 600, USING HIS FISTS. SUSPECT - WHITE MALE, 5FT10, STOCKY BUILD, BALD, GREY HOODIE, ORANGE FLORESCENT JACKET, BLACK TROUSERS, BLACK TRAINERS, APPROX. 40 YEARS, TATTOO'S ON HIS FINGERS.

4) Scam Alert

Scammers bypass Google ads rules

Scammers have exploited Google's advertiser vetting process and obtained 'verified status' to target the public with convincing fake ads.

One rogue advertiser, with the name 'Vodafone Finance Management', had been verified by Google. But in reality, it had no affiliation with Vodafone. These verified ads were used to appear at the top of search results when people searched for the phone network Lyca Mobile.

It can be difficult to distinguish authentic ads from fake ones, especially now there's evidence of scammers abusing Google's platform as verified advertisers.

Watch out for email phishing scams

Emails, texts and mobile calls are the most used communication methods and have the highest frequency of suspicious activities. A recent survey revealed that almost half of UK adults receive suspicious content through email at least once a week, making email one of the most common channels for scams in the UK.

5) List of Applications Registered Week Ending 9th February 2024

Application Number: 24/00052/FULH

Ward: Thorpe

Officer: Hayley Thompson

Erect single storey rear and side extension and convert garage for use as annexe, alterations to elevations and install rooflights to side elevations

26 St James Avenue Thorpe Bay Essex

Application Number: 24/00183/CLP

Ward: West Shoebury

Officer: Tinotenda Mangwanda

Hip to gable roof extension to form habitable accommodation in loft, with dormer to rear and rooflight to front (certificate of lawful development - proposed)

1 Ulster Avenue Shoeburyness Southend-on-sea

6) List of Decisions Issued Week Ending 4th February 2024

APPLN. NO: 23/01892/BC4

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Abbie Greenwood

DEMOLISH EXISTING STRUCTURES AND ERECT A ONE AND A HALF STOREY BUILDING AS REPLACEMENT COMMUNITY CENTRE, SOLAR PANELS TO SOUTH FACING ROOF SLOPE, ASSOCIATED BIKE AND BIN STORAGE AND LAYOUT GARDEN AREA

LIFSTAN BOYS CLUB LIFSTAN WAY SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission Date Decision Issued: 31st January 2024

Decision Type: Delegated Decision

APPLN. NO: 23/01911/FULH

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Tinotenda Mangwanda

ERECT SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION

45 STEYNING AVENUE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA ESSEX

Decision: Grant Conditional Permission

APPLN. NO: 23/01921/CLP

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: Tinotenda Mangwanda

DORMER TO EAST ELEVATION TO EXTEND HABITABLE ACCOMODATION IN ROOF (LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE - PROPOSED)

23 PLYMTREE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Grant Lawful Dev Certificate (Proposed)

APPLN. NO: 24/00137/ROT

Ward. Southchurch

Officer: James Benn

INSTALL 10M LIGHT WOODEN POLE SIDE OF 21 GLYNDE WAY

FOOTPATH ADJACENT TO 21 GLYNDE WAY SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Decision: Telcom notice - Do not register

APPLN. NO: 23/01708/FUL

Ward. Thorpe

Officer: Hayley Thompson

ERECT TWO STOREY DETACHED DWELLINGHOUSE ON LAND ADJACENT 29

PARKANAUR AVENUE WITH GARAGE TO SIDE AND VEHICULAR ACCESS

ONTO PARKANAUR AVENUE (AMENDED PROPOSAL)

29 PARKANAUR AVENUE THORPE BAY ESSEX

Decision: Refuse Permission Date

Decision Issued: 1st February 2024

Decision Type: Development Control Committee

DC Committee Date (if applicable): 31st January 2024

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