

## **APPENDIX D – Parish Council Updates**

The Panel requested information from Parish and Town Councils to demonstrate their perceptions of crime in more rural communities.

This request was passed on and feedback below received. To add to this, a regular meeting is co-ordinated by CBC for Parish and Town Clerks and the police have a standing agenda item to share information and address any concerns raised. ASB and speeding features most regularly in these discussions and very often the localised issues are picked up by the Community Policing Engagement Officers who work with Communities.

Colchester Borough Council also developed a Rural Toolkit in partnership with the Police and Partnership which aims to enable communities, funding supported the implementation of this.

### **Wormingford & Chappel Parish Council**

The main issue for Chappel Parish Council is the speed of traffic through the village, especially on the A1124 and this was also the main issue highlighted for Wormingford.

### **Wivenhoe Town Council**

The perception of crime in our community is that whilst we compare favourably with Colchester, Wivenhoe has experienced increased antisocial behaviour and drug issues. I think this was borne out in the crime figures discussed at the last CALC meeting. Last September, our Chair and I met with Chief Insp Huddleston and Insp Jon Evans to discuss what we could do to engage further. We have also set up a new Neighbourhood Watch scheme which is slowly expanding.

I would say that our engagement has improved- last week I reported an issue to the Community Policing Team and they did follow it up. Also, I set up a council Facebook page last year and I use this to share information and the police updates. We hope to hold some events where residents can meet with the Community Policing Team once restrictions are lifted.

### **West Bergholt Parish Council**

We have had an issue with black bags of green waste from cannabis plants being dumped at intervals all along the roads through the village and out the other side. I had been given some information on the possible perpetrators and passed it on to the Community team - they got back to me quickly yet again and reported that although there wasn't enough evidence for a warrant they were aware of the situation and keeping an eye on it. Which is all we ask really - communication and responses. In general, during the past year, crime has been mainly based around drugs - cars hanging out during the early hours in the village hall car park and waste (including NO2 canisters), from youths again congregating, left on farmland slightly outside the village. Both reported to the Community Team, who added sites to patrol routes. Also the CCTV which we upgraded at the Orpen Hall thanks to the Safer Colchester grant really helped us identify the problem around the hall (and helped us when we thought they had come back and were digging the posts up, but it turned out to be a fox caught on camera!).